

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION,
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MAY 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman.

City Council Roll Call: Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman
Councilmember IV Hoke
Councilmember Fidencio Leija, by telephone conference
Councilmember Jason O'Brien, by telephone conference
Councilmember Corey Jannett, by telephone conference
Absent: Mayor Jason Tabor, excused

Planning & Zoning Commission Roll Call: Wanda Wagner
Ronnie Willoughby
Gary Smith
Patsy Cook
Absent: Vince Megale
Glennie Hefner

SF Economic Development Corp Roll Call: Fidencio Leija, by telephone conference
Robert Bracknell, by telephone conference
Gregg Vicknair, by telephone conference
Absent: Bobby Wylie
Matt Crable
Ashley Carner
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In accordance with the Orders of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, and March 19, 2020, and in compliance with the recommendations of the CDC and other governmental agencies, to limit meetings to less than ten persons to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City Council conducted the Meeting by Zoom telephone and video conference and by video on the City of Santa Fe City Hall Facebook Live.

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman.

Citizens' Comments: None

Workshop: Presentation by Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, P.C., Attorneys & Counselors at Law, regarding public improvement districts (PIDs)

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist introduced Charles Zech of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, PC, Attorneys & Counselors at Law, who serves as the city's lead city attorney. Mr. Zech said a public improvement district (PID) is a special purpose district created as a statutory legal mechanism to fund public infrastructure and other authorized projects. The regulations can be found in Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. A PID covers a contiguous area of land created by a petition of the landowner(s), and within that area of land, the property owners pay a special assessment for the improvements in the area. Examples of authorized projects include landscaping; erection of fountains, lighting, and signs; acquiring, constructing, improving, widening, narrowing, closing, or rerouting of sidewalks, streets, other roadways, or rights of way; construction or improvement of pedestrian malls; acquisition, construction, or improvement of libraries, off-street parking facilities, mass transit facilities, water, wastewater, or drainage; establishment or improvement of parks; and other similar projects. The City Council may make findings as to the advisability of the proposed improvements, the estimated cost and method of assessment, and the apportioned cost between the PID and the City. Mr. Zech reviewed the possible advantages and disadvantages of a PID development, and explained the types of PIDs and the developer benefits of each type. He also reviewed policies that should be developed to address size limitations, assessment limitations and terms, administration and financing guidelines, bond size and developer interest, criteria for projects, the application and review process, and the requirement of Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Announcements: None

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

FIDENCIO LEIJA, PRESIDENT OF SFEDC

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary