

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 28, 2020 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor
 Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman
 Councilmember Fidencio Leija
 Councilmember IV Hoke
 Councilmember Jason O'Brien
 Councilmember Corey Jannett

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.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

Mayor Tabor reported that our police officer Rodrick Simpson recently received a letter of commendation from a citizen.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Review and approve the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation's proposed qualifications and application to apply for a small business financial assistance grant through the city's allotment of funding by the State of Texas Coronavirus Relief Fund

City Manager Glen Adams said staff has revised the SFEDC proposed qualifications and application discussed at the last meeting and is making a recommendation that the SFEDC review applications and make funding recommendations to the City Council for approval of financial assistance grant funding to small businesses in the city. Councilmember and President of the SFEDC Board of Directors Fidencio Leija said the board has asked for guidance about applicant eligibility and if it is Council's intent to disqualify businesses that received a small business loan or financial assistance from another source. The consensus of Council was to make a note about other financial assistance loans or funding but not to make that a disqualifying factor. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to approve the staff recommendation that the SFEDC receive and review applications for small business financial assistance and make a funding recommendation to the City Council. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance ordering cancellation of the November 3, 2020, special election on the measure to expand the authorized use of the local sales tax for economic development projects

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance ordering cancellation of the November 3, 2020, special election on the measure to expand the authorized use of the local sales tax for economic development projects. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution establishing a Special Pay Policy for force account labor during emergencies and disaster events

City Manager Glen Adams said two weeks ago we had a flash flood event and the street department supervisor who is an exempt employee was not paid for additional overtime that was required to oversee the department's activities during the heavy rains. He said this policy will establish criteria for special pay during emergencies and disaster events to enable pay for exempt employees who are working after regular hours and for non-exempt employees who are required to maintain temporary residency at the emergency operations center. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to adopt the resolution amending the Personnel Policy, Section 5, Pay Plan, by adding Subsection 5.02, Special Pay During Emergencies and Disaster Events, establishing criteria for special pay for force account labor. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with a 4th of July celebration sponsored by the City of Santa Fe

City Manager Glen Adams said this community has suffered a lot over the past couple of years and he is recommending a social function on the 4th of July to encompass a parade, food trucks, a fireworks display, and other activities. He said staff is proposing to work with a committee to plan and prepare for the event sponsored by the City and through donations. Mr. Adams said he anticipates the city costs would be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 with donations covering the other expenses. Councilmember Jannett said we can control the function through social distancing, hand-washing stations, and other COVID-19 precautionary measures. Councilmember Leija expressed his hesitancy amid concerns about a potential spike in COVID-19 cases as the county re-opens. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Pittman to authorize staff to proceed with a 4th of July celebration sponsored by the City of Santa Fe. The motion passed the roll call vote. Those voting for: Councilmember Pittman, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Hoke, and Councilmember Jannett. Those voting against: Councilmember Leija.

Announcements: None

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

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary