



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Sugar Land City Hall
2700 Town Center Boulevard North
Sugar Land, Texas 77479

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

City Council Chamber

QUORUM PRESENT

All members were present.

INVOCATION

Mayor Joe Zimmerman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Joe Zimmerman

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens who desire to address the City Council, Board and/or Commission with regard to matters on the agenda will be received at this time. A "Request to Speak" form is to be given to the City Secretary, or designee, prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes, and speakers requiring a translator will have six minutes, regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed. Comments or discussion by the City Council, Board, and/or Commission Members, will only be made at the time the subject is scheduled for consideration.

No member of the public addressed the Council.

II. REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND RESOLUTION NO. 20-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, APPOINTING A HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.**

Doug Boeker, Fire - EMS Chief

- B. FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:** Consideration and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2196:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE LOCAL DISASTER DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR SUGAR LAND, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

Mayor Joe Zimmerman

Item III-B was pulled and considered following the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Zimmerman and City Attorney Riede gave comments and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-B, City of Sugar Land Ordinance No. 2196 extending the Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency for Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas due to the COVID-19 Virus, with Mayoral ability to call Special City Council Meetings to further extend actions of Ordinance No. 2196, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Himesh Gandhi, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

- C.** Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a Contract with Sequel Data Systems Incorporated, through the Texas Department of Information Resources Contracts (DIR-TSO-4176 and DIR-TSO-3763), in the amount of \$111,795.51 to purchase equipment for the Three-Tier Wireless System, High Site 2, CIP MU1911.

Robert Bowman, IT Manager

- D.** Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Contract with Sander Engineering Corporation, in the amount of \$299,821.30, for the design of the Distribution System Water Main Rehabilitation, CIP WA2002.

Idahosa Igbinoaba, Engineer III

- E.** Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Contract with Traffic Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$318,245.04, for the Mobility Master Plan – Phase 1.

Ruth Lohmer, City Planner - Long Range and Monique

Johnson, Transportation & Mobility Innovation Manager

- F. Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of Change Order No.5 to the Construction Contract with Wadecon, LLC, in the amount of \$100,080.00, for the removal and replacement of pavement for the Covington Woods Drainage Improvements at Sugar Mill Relief Line and 7th Street Reconstruction project, CIP DR1801. The total contract amount is \$4,069,067.69.

Jorge Alba, Senior Engineering Manager

- G. Consideration of and action on authorizing the acceptance of a Mediator's Proposal, in the amount of \$317,500.00, for Cause No. 17-CCV-060750, City of Sugar Land versus Lake Pointe Shopping Center.

Bryan Norton, Real Property Manager

- H. Consideration of and action on the minutes of the March 3, 2020 City Council meeting.

Thomas Harris III, City Secretary

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. Item III-B was pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

A motion to **Approve**, Item III-A and Items III-C through III-H Consent Agenda, was made by Himesh Gandhi and seconded by Carol McCutcheon, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

IV. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Consideration of and action on authorizing the execution of a one-year Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP, for the collection of delinquent Municipal Court fines, fees, and costs. This contract will automatically renew for an additional four (4) one-year terms.

Kendra Beverly, Municipal Court Administrator

Kendra Beverly, Municipal Court Administrator, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve** Item IV-A, a one-year Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP, for the collection of delinquent Municipal Court fines, fees, and costs; and the contract will automatically renew for an additional four (4) one-year terms, finding that (1) this Contract is necessary for the efficient collection of

delinquent municipal court fines, fees, and costs; (2) The City currently does not possess the necessary staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the City; AND (3) An hourly fee for delinquent collection work would likely exceed the amounts of delinquent bills due, was made by Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Naushad Kermally, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

- B.** Consideration of and action of authorizing the execution of a one-year Contract with MVBA, LLC dba Accounts Receivables Collections Group for the collection of delinquent emergency medical services and miscellaneous accounts receivable. The contract will automatically renew for an additional four (4) one-year terms.

Summer O'Brien, Treasury Manager

Summer O' Brien, Treasury Manager, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

Jennifer Brown, Director of Finance, gave comments and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve** Item IV-B, a one-year contract with MVBA, LLC dba Accounts Receivables Collections Group for the collection of Delinquent Emergency Medical Services and Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable; and the contract will automatically renew for an additional four (4) one-year terms finding that: (1) This Contract is necessary for the efficient collection of delinquent emergency medical services accounts and other miscellaneous receivables; (2) The City currently does not possess the necessary staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the City; AND (3) An hourly fee for delinquent collection work would likely exceed the amounts of delinquent bills due, was made by Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Naushad Kermally, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

V. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION:** Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2193:** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020.

Jennifer Brown, Director of Finance

Jennifer Brown, Director of Finance, gave a presentation, comments, and answered

questions from the Council.

Joe Morrow, Hilltop Securities, gave comments and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-A, First and Final Consideration City of Sugar Land Ordinance No. 2193 authorizing the issuance of City of Sugar Land, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, was made by Steve Porter and seconded by Carol McCutcheon, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

B. FIRST CONSIDERATION: Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2194:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI (MUNICIPAL COURT) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL COURT IN SUGAR LAND AS A MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF A JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL JURISDICTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENFORCING ORDINANCES ADOPTED UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 214 AND TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 683, SUBCHAPTER E; PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OF THE COURT WITH THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW FOR MATTERS INVOLVING THE ENFORCEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kendra Beverly, Municipal Court Administrator

Kendra Beverly, Municipal Court Administrator, gave a presentation, comments, and answered questions from the Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-B, First Consideration City of Sugar Land Ordinance No. 2194 amending Chapter 2, Article VI (Municipal Court) of the Code of Ordinances by establishing the Municipal Court in Sugar Land as a Municipal Court of Record; providing for the appointment and term of a judge of the Municipal Court of Record; providing for civil jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcing ordinances adopted under Local Government Code Chapter 214 and Transportation Code Chapter 683, Subchapter E; providing for concurrent jurisdiction of the court with the district courts and county courts at law for matters involving the enforcement of health and safety and nuisance abatement ordinances; and providing an effective date, was made by Stewart Jacobson and seconded by Carol McCutcheon, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

VI. CITY COUNCIL CITY MANAGER REPORTS

A. City Council Member Reports

- Community Events Attended or Scheduled

Mayor Zimmerman and Council Members gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

B. City Manager Report

- Community Events Attended or Scheduled
- Other Governmental Meetings Attended or Scheduled
- Council Meeting Schedule

Mike Goodrum, City Manager, gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to **Approve** was made by Himesh Gandhi and seconded by Carol McCutcheon, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Gandhi, Jacobson, Kermally, Lane, McCutcheon, Porter, Zimmerman

Meeting Vote Log

Thomas Harris III, City Secretary

