



The City of West University Place

A Neighborhood City

CITY COUNCIL

Bob Higley, Mayor
Kevin Trautner, Mayor Pro Tem
John P. Barnes, Councilmember
Lauri Lankford, Councilmember
Ed Sobash, Councilmember

STAFF

David J. Beach, City Manager
Alan Petrov, City Attorney
Thelma Gilliam, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

The City Council of the City of West University Place, Texas, met on **Monday, February 10, 2020**, in the Municipal Building, 3800 University, West University Place.

1. Call Workshop to Order

Mayor Higley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All Council present. City Manager Beach, City Secretary Gilliam, Public Works Director Barrera, and City Attorney Petrov were also present.

Mike Shelton, an engineer with Kimley-Horn, was also present.

2. WWTP Efficiency Study

Matters related to WWTP Efficiency Study. *Recommended Action: Discuss and provide staff direction, if desired. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works, Director.*

Mr. Mike Shelton with Kimley-Horn presented a report on the findings related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Efficiency Study.

A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Secretary's office.

3. Adjourn Workshop

With no further discussion, Mayor Higley adjourned the Workshop at 6:16 p.m.

Regular Meeting (6:30 PM in the Council Chambers)

4. Regular Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Higley called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council and Staff in attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Trautner, Councilmembers Barnes, Lankford and Sobash, City Manager Beach, City Attorney Petrov, City Secretary Gilliam, Public Works Director Barrera, and Police Chief Walker

Also present were Chair of the Zoning and Planning Commission Richard Wilson, David Beard with Kendig Keast Collaborative, and Eleni Pappas with Traffic Engineers, Inc.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Robert Day, Troop 266, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Public Comments

This was an opportunity for citizens to speak to Council relating to agenda and non-agenda items.

David Cole, 4104 Cason, spoke regarding the city-wide speed and safety study. He said the proposal seems to be a solution in search of a problem and said he would rather see funds spent on innovative ways for traffic calming.

Alida Drewes, 6112 Fordham, spoke on several topics including traffic study, bees, senior assistance and exemptions, and pesticides.

Eddie Matthews, 5906 Fordham, spoke regarding the city-wide speed and safety study. He recommended that the consultants examine and make recommendations on certain safety issues such as parking on dangerous curbs and double-parking by contractors on narrow streets.

Fiona Gilmore, 6624 Rutgers, spoke regarding the traffic study. She said she thinks there needs to be a study and is in favor of reduced speed limits or speed bumps.

7. Subdivision Ordinance

Matters related to an ordinance amending Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relating to subdivisions. *Recommended Action: Approve ordinance on the first of two readings. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director and Mr. Richard Wilson, ZPC Chair*

Mr. David Beard with Kendig Keast Collaborative presented and stated that the comments mentioned and discussed at the January 27, 2020 meeting, and other minor revisions that were not specifically discussed, have been captured and included in this proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Lankford moved to approve the ordinance with the changes discussed amending Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances, Subdivisions. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

8. Bee Ordinance

Matters related to the first reading of an ordinance relating to bees. *Recommended Action: Approve ordinance on the first of two readings. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director.*

Public Works Director Barrera presented and said that the comments mentioned by Council at the previous meeting have been incorporated and included in the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Trautner stated that he had originally proposed striking “or side-yard setback” on the hive location, but upon further thought he would like to request that the wording be put back in (at the end of Section 14-102).

In response to Councilmember Lankford’s suggestion that there be a way for a person to revoke his or consent allowing a neighbor to have bee hives, Mayor Pro Tem Trautner suggested adding “may be revoked by the consent granting neighbor at any time” to the end of Section 14-105. City Attorney Petrov stated that would suffice.

Councilmember Lankford noted that in the middle of Section 14-105 it references Section 14-02, which should be Section 14-102.

Mayor Pro Tem Trautner moved to approve the ordinance relating to bees with the recommended amendments on the first of two readings. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

9. **Water System Disinfection Upgrade**

Matters related to approving contract for Water Disinfection Upgrades. *Recommended Action: Approve contracts and authorize the city manager to execute the contracts. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director*

Councilmember Barnes moved to approve awarding a contract to Ixom Watercare Inc., for the purchase of the solar power mixers in the amount of \$202,000 and authorize the city manager to execute the contract for the purchase of the equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Trautner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

10. **Weir Replacement**

Matters related to approving a contract for Clarifier Weir Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. *Recommended Action: Approve contract and authorize the city manager to execute the contract. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director.*

Mayor Pro Tem Trautner moved to award the contract to JTR Construction for removal and replacement of the weirs in the amount of \$600,000 and to authorize the city manager to execute the contract. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

11. **City-wide Speed and Safety Study**

Matters related to implementing a city-wide speed and safety study. *Recommended Action: Approve contract and authorize the city manager to execute the contract. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director.*

Anne Furse, 6430 Wakeforest, spoke in favor of commissioning the study.

Ms. Eleni Pappas, Traffic Engineers Inc., noted this study will provide solutions not only for today but will give the City tools that can be put in a “toolbox” for use in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Trautner moved to approve contract with Traffic Engineers Inc., for the city-wide speed and safety study. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

12. **Consent Agenda**

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

A. City Council Minutes

Approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of January 27, 2020.

B. Weeds/Property Condition

Matters related to an ordinance regarding weeds/property condition. *Recommended Action: Approve ordinance on second and final reading. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works and Mr. Richard Wilson, ZPC Chair.*

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Efficiency Study Acceptance

Matters related to accepting the WWTP Efficiency Study. *Recommended Action: Accept WWTP Efficiency Study. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Public Works Director.*

Councilmember Lankford removed Item 12(B) from the Consent Agenda for discussion and City Manager Beach pulled Item 12(C) from the Consent Agenda to be brought back before Council at a later date.

Councilmember Lankford moved to approve the Minutes – 12(A). Councilmember Sobash seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

Councilmember Lankford voiced concern regarding Sec. 42-49(a)(4), which if approved as proposed would read: *Any brush or rubbish allowed to remain in one place for the greater of 72 hours or the number of days until the next scheduled yard waste pickup day.* She said her concern is that it would allow trash to be able to sit on a person's property 7 days a week every week.

After discussion, Councilmember Lankford moved to approve the ordinance with a change to (a)(4) to say the *lesser* of 72 hours or the number of days until the next scheduled yard waste pickup day. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

13. Recess Regular Meeting to Convene Executive Session

Mayor Higley recessed the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. to convene executive session per Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

14. Real Property

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will convene into executive session in accordance with the following provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:

City Council met in Executive Session per Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Session closed at 8:15 p.m.

15. Reconvene Regular Session

Reconvene regular meeting and take any action resulting from executive session.

Mayor Higley reconvened the regular session at approximately 8:13 p.m.

16. Adjourn Regular Meeting

With no other matter before council, the meeting will adjourn.

With no other business before Council, Councilmember Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Lankford seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash
Noes: None
Absent: None

A complete audio of this City Council meeting is available on the City's website or contact the City Secretary's office for a copy.

Prepared by: City Secretary Thelma A. Gilliam

Approved by City Council on: February 24, 2020