



The City of West University Place

A Neighborhood City

CITY COUNCIL

Bob Higley, Mayor
John P. Barnes, Councilmember
Lauri Lankford, Councilmember
Ed Sobash, Councilmember
Kevin Trautner, 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 in a workshop and regular session on **Monday, June 10, 2019**, in the Municipal Building, 3800 University, West University Place.

Call to Order. Mayor Higley called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Bill Watson Conference Room. Council and Staff in attendance were: Councilmembers Barnes, Lankford, Sobash, and Trautner, City Manager Beach, City Secretary Gilliam, and City Attorney Petrov.

WORKSHOP (6:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room)

1. Executive Session

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:

Section 551.071 Consult with legal counsel to seek or receive legal advice.

Section 551.072 Discuss the value, sale, purchase, exchange or transfer of real property with the City.

Councilmember Sobash moved to recess the Workshop and convene into executive session in accordance with Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Councilmember Trautner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash

Noes: None

Absent: None

2. Close Executive Session and Adjourn Workshop

With no action taken, the executive session closed, the workshop reconvened and then adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING (6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers)

Call to Order. Mayor Higley called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Council and Staff in attendance were: Councilmembers Barnes, Lankford, Sobash, and Trautner, City Manager Beach, City Secretary Gilliam, City Attorney Petrov, Finance Director Kalka, Police Chief Walker, Interim Public Works Director Barrera, and Building Official Clay Chew.

City Secretary Gilliam confirmed that the Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law.

Resident and Eagle Scout Bob Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Pastor Jeff Smith, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will lead an invocation.

Pastor Smith led the invocation.

4. Remarks from City Council

Matters related to remarks from City Council.

Mayor and City Council made brief remarks regarding being elected to serve on City Council.

~~5. Reconvene Regular Meeting and Take Any Desired Action~~

~~Matters related to action, if any, as a result of Executive Session.~~

This item was inadvertently included on this agenda.

6. Public Comments

Comments were made from the following:

- Alida Drewes, 6112 Fordham Street, spoke regarding fees, senior citizens, and her opposition of the Poor Farm Ditch project design.
- Alan Arnold, 6421 Virginia Court, spoke in opposition of the proposed Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) project design for Poor Farm Ditch.
- Susan Bickley, 6401 Virginia Court, deferred her comment until discussion of the resolution relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Kevin Boyle, 6425 Virginia Court, deferred his comment until discussion of the resolution relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Eddie Matthews, 5906 Fordham, spoke in opposition of the proposed HCFCD project design for Poor Farm Ditch.
- Teri Bolin, 3830 Rice Boulevard, spoke regarding her neighbor raising bees and the dangers of him doing so.
- Bob Scott, 6401 Virginia Court, deferred his comment until discussion of the resolution relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Lynn Rosas, 6433 Virginia Court, deferred her comment until discussion of the resolution relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Alex Rosas, 6433 Virginia Court, deferred her comment until discussion of the resolution relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Christian McMurray, 6413 Virginia Court. City Secretary Thelma Gilliam read an email from Mr. McMurray into record regarding his opposition to the project design proposed by HCFCD relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Kathryn McMurray, 6413 Virginia Court. City Secretary Thelma Gilliam read an email from Ms. McMurray into record regarding her opposition to the project design proposed by HCFCD relating to Poor Farm Ditch.
- Bruce Beneke, resident at 2304 Tangley and an environmental scientist, spoke in support of Ms. Bolin and her concern regarding bees being raised by her neighbor. He recommended that Council amend the current ordinance to prohibit someone from raising bees in the City.

7. Selection of the Mayor Pro Tem

Matters related to the selection of the Mayor Pro Tem. *Recommended Action: Discuss and take any desired action.* **Mayor Bob Higley**

Councilmember John Barnes moved to select Kevin Trautner as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Sobash seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

8. Resolution for Poor Farm Ditch

Matters related to a resolution regarding Poor Farm Ditch. *Recommended Action: Discuss and take any desired action.* **Mayor Bob Higley**

Before taking comments from those that deferred to speak until discussion of this item, Mayor Higley stated that Council would consider tabling the resolution.

Comments were made from the following residents:

Susan Bickley, 6401 Virginia Court, spoke to say she would have no objection in tabling the resolution and expressed her opposition of the HCFCD project design of Poor Farm Ditch.

Lynn Rosas, 6433 Virginia Court, spoke to express her opposition of the HCFCD project design of Poor Farm Ditch.

Kevin Boyle, 6425 Virginia Court, spoke to express his opposition of the HCFCD project design of Poor Farm Ditch.

Bob Scott, 6401 Virginia Court, spoke to express his opposition of the HCFCD project design of Poor Farm Ditch.

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After hearing from the public, Councilmember Sobash moved to table the resolution for at least one session to review more information in order to see if needs to go back on the table and to also take a look at engineering studies. Councilmember Trautner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

9. Suspension in City Council's Compensation

Matters related to an ordinance suspending City Council's compensation. *Recommended Action: Discuss and take any desired action.* **Mayor Bob Higley**

Councilmember Trautner moved to adopt the ordinance on first reading suspending the compensation for councilmembers with a provision for each councilmember to opt in or out. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

10. Alcohol Variance Request for 6119 Edloe (Pizza Motus)

Matters related to approving a variance for an alcohol permit to Pizza Motus, 6119 Edloe. *Recommend Action: Approve variance. Mr. Dave Beach, City Manager and Mr. Alan Petrov, City Attorney*

Councilmember Sobash moved to approve the application for a variance granting an alcohol permit to Pizza Motus at 6119, Edloe. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

11. Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule

Matters related to an ordinance amending the City's Fee Schedule. *Recommended Action: Adopt ordinance amending the City's Fee Schedule on the first and final reading. Mr. Gerardo Barrera, Interim Public Works Director*

Councilmember Trautner moved to adopt the ordinance amending the fee schedule on the first of two readings. Councilmember Sobash 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 City Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019, Special Meeting of May 30, 2019, Workshop of June 1, 2019, Workshop of June 2, 2019, and Workshop of June 3, 2019.

B. Existing Elevated Structures in a Special Flood Hazard Area

Matters related to the second reading of an ordinance regarding maximum height of existing elevated structures in a special flood hazard area. *Recommendation: Approve ordinance on the second and final reading. Ms. Debbie Scarcella, City Planner*

Councilmember Trautner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes: Higley, Trautner, Barnes, Lankford, Sobash

Noes: None
Absent: None

13. Adjourn

With no other business before the Council, Councilmember Sobash moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. Councilmember Lankford seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Prepared by: Thelma A. Gilliam, TRMC, City Secretary

Council Approved: June 24, 2019