

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor, Ward 3

Michael S. Bancale, Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large – **Vacant**, Council Member, Ward 1

Johnny Stephens, Council Member, Ward 1 – **Johnny Price**, Council Member, Ward 2

Bob Potter, Council Member, Ward 2 – **Erica Bruce**, Council Member, Ward 3

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum was present.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING ZONE CHANGE REQUEST (AGENDA ITEM 4).

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford. Mr. Lankford briefed the Council on the zone change request.

2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF HEWITT'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2028.

- Community Development, Police, and Fire

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced each Department Head who presented their respective Strategic Plan.

Community Development - Presented by Community Development Director Tracy Lankford

Fire Services - Presented by Fire Chief Jonathan Christian

Police - Presented by Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:30 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

3. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF POLICE CHIEF JOHN MCGRATH.

Mayor Fortenberry administered the ceremonial oath of office. After his badge pinning, Chief John McGrath expressed appreciation to all present in support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic not already scheduled for a public hearing. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from discussing, responding to, or acting on any comments or items not properly posted on the agenda. (Note: Members of the public who wish to speak must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting.)

Mayor Fortenberry read the statement above and requested Ryan "RJ" Pase to step to the podium to address the Council. Mr. Ryan "RJ" Pase, 133 Oklahoma Avenue, spoke in response to the Strategic Plan. He suggested Council consider needs versus wants. The City Secretary received no other public comment forms.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A PORTION OF THE JAMES SPROWL SURVEY, ABSTRACT 817, 16.572 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF IH-35 FRONTAGE ROAD AND SOUTH HEWITT DRIVE FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-O OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM and called for those wishing to speak in favor. Mayor Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak against. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancalé moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-03 rezoning property known as a portion of James Sprowl Survey Abstract 817, being 16.572-acre tract located at the southwest corner of IH-35 Frontage Road and South Hewitt Drive from R-1 Single-family residential to C-O Outdoor Commercial.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancalé, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2023.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

6. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the March Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review and inquired if Council had any questions. Council raised no questions or concerns.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2023.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the investment report prepared by Valley View consulting, L.L.C.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report as of March 31, 2023.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WACO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the annual payment of \$5,000.00 to the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF HEWITT'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2028 (CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM WORKSHOP, IF NEEDED).

Presentations and discussions were completed during the Workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:33 PM.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancala

AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancala, and Fortenberry

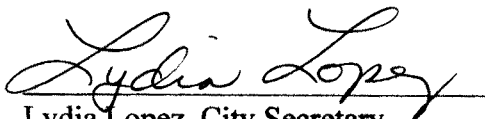
NAYES: None

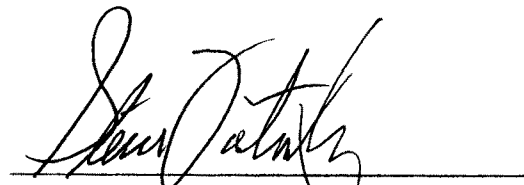
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 05-01-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor