

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via virtual teleconference. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Howarth, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Paul Watkins, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Strategic Services Manager, Lauren Rose; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Public Works and CIP Director, Corey Nesbit; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; and Fire Chief, Marty Wade.

Mayor Felix opened the workshop meeting at 6:31 p.m.

BULK TRASH: Discuss potential revisions to the City's current bulk trash ordinance.

Mrs. Rose presented the City Council with an overview of this item that included context of the current regular and bulk trash ordinance. She outlined challenges with the current ordinance that include the timeframe the bulk trash is permitted to be placed out and the multiple complaints from residents about this issue. Data and pictures of multiple examples were provided. Mrs. Rose stated when the City negotiated the contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD), the City required that CWD provide bulk trash collection for residents on their normal trash pick-up days. This gives residents greater specificity on when their bulk trash will be collected and it is also designed to prevent bulk trash from sitting out for extended periods of time. Mrs. Rose previewed the interactive map available by CWD for residents in order for them to look up their day. Staff is asking for input based on the four options presented. Mrs. Rose noted that an enforcement period would begin after an education period, using the new interactive map as a point of reference for residents who are unaware of their specific bulk trash collection day.

Councilman King stated he preferred the 24-hour prior to collection option or consideration for weekend prior.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he also likes the 24-hour prior to collection option. He asked what the timeframe staff was considering as a grace period before enforcement occurred. Mrs. Rose replied they are recommending six months. Councilman Bickerstaff stated six months was a long duration and recommended a shorter timeframe such as three months.

Councilman Lindsey stated he would like to see the weekend before for brush but the 24-hour prior option is reasonable for the other items. He also would like to see considerations if a storm was to occur and clean-up of other elements within the ordinance to improve enforcement of the ordinance.

Councilman Franks stated he would prefer nothing less than a 48-hour window. He stated concerns of enforcement, asked about course of action and a timeframe of compliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth stated the 48-hour option seems fair, but also liked the consideration of the weekend before for landscaping items such as brush. She also noted specific concerns in her neighborhood.

Councilman Watkins stated the communication on this item will be important and suggested using a postcard to communicate the information to residents as well as sharing the information on the website and social media. He selected the 48-hour prior to collection option and would like staff to pay special attention on how to handle brush/limbs.

Mrs. Rose read into the record a comment received by Richard Cho, 7504 Meadow Run Lane. Mr. Cho stated that he does not necessarily see an issue with the current ordinance and shortening the time frame would not solve the issues of complaints, but rather exasperate it. He would prefer to see the City make no changes to current set-out parameters and step-up enforcement. Mrs. Rose responded to Mr. Cho's comments. She indicated that the bulk trash set-out parameters have actually proven to be a large issue for the City's Neighborhood Services division, with staff receiving more than 850 complaints about the matter last year. So far this year, staff has received more than 400 complaints, indicating that it remains an issue for residents. For a community with 8,000 residences, this represents a significant issue. The challenge is that the way the ordinance is currently written, staff cannot respond to residents' concerns because the issues are currently allowed based on the set-out parameters. Staff brought this item forward for the Council's consideration and input after observing a trend of the issue during the last year. This is an opportunity for the Council to weigh in and potentially change policy, especially now that the transition between Republic Services and CWD is complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the workshop at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAGS:

Councilman Bickerstaff offered the invocation and Councilman Franks led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks reminded residents that the Community Center was opening on June 2 by appointment only. Members may call or email Community Center staff to schedule a visit.

Councilman King thanked those for all the donations received at the Animal Shelter.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mayor Felix read the following comments received for Citizen Input into the record:

Matthew Holboke, 511 Oakridge Circle, asked what is the timeframe for repair work on Sachse Road east of City Hall or does the city even have one. Mrs. Nash replied stating Sachse qualifies for a 50/50 match with Dallas County. Due to the Bond 2020 being on hold, the City is looking to budget this 50/50 match in the next fiscal year.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

1. Approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020, regular meeting.

2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending April 30, 2020.

Councilman King made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilman Bickerstaff seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Receive an update regarding actions taken by the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and any future measures that may be necessary including city operations and facilities, public safety, financial employee impact, and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Mrs. Nash stated City facilities will begin opening on June 2. City Hall will resume normal business hours, the Library and Community Center have been reduced from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and the Animal Shelter and Public Safety will remain closed to the public with staff available by appointment only. The Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. Mrs. Nash also outlined the other safety measures in place at all facilities. Lastly, Mrs. Nash indicated that this would be the last ZOOM City Council meeting.

Councilman Franks stated he is concerned about going back into the Council Chambers and being open to the public based on the spacing at the dais, inside of the Council Chambers, and the conference room if an Executive Session would be on an agenda.

Councilman Watkins agreed with Councilman Franks. He stated he also prefers ZOOM City Council meetings right now.

Councilman King stated as long as residents can see what they are doing and have a way to possibly participate, he is okay with ZOOM City Council meetings or conducting them at City Hall.

Councilmembers Bickerstaff, Lindsey, and Howarth were in agreement to continue doing via ZOOM City Council meetings.

Mayor Felix concluded that they would continue conducting City Council meetings via the ZOOM platform until further notice.

Consider an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County under the County's Emergency Program for Direct Costs Expended by Municipalities located in Dallas County to address and respond to COVID-19.

Mrs. Nash stated the CARES Act funding for Dallas County is different from Collin County to where the City will receive a 20% initial disbursement of the funds and may receive the remaining 80% disbursement once pre-approval is received from Dallas County staff. Mrs. Nash added that Dallas County has additional guidelines and restrictions on what and how the money can be spent, and has a shorter window on using the funds. Mrs. Nash stated she is putting together a plan based on the guidelines set by Dallas County and Collin County to bring back to the City Council.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County under the County's Emergency Program for Direct Costs Expended by Municipalities located in Dallas County to address and respond to COVID-19. Mayor Pro Tem Howarth seconded that motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Councilmembers Bickerstaff and King did not vote as they had already left the ZOOM meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071(2) to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the following: the proposed purchase and use of land generally located off of Elm Grove located within the City of Sachse.

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.087(1) Economic Development Negotiations: to deliberate regarding a business prospect that the City desires to have locate in the City: Project Dig.

The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section §551.074 Personnel: regarding the mid-year review of the City Manager.

At 8:05 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 10:09 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the regular meeting.

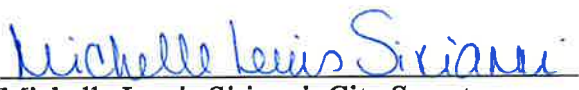
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.


MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

