

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via virtual teleconference. Those present were Mayor Mike Felix, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Paul Watkins, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; Parks and Recreation Director, Lance Whitworth; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Strategic Services Manager, Lauren Rose; Public Works and CIP Director, Corey Nesbit; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Police Chief, Bryan Sylvester. Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Howarth was absent.

Mayor Felix opened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman King announced upcoming Chamber of Commerce events as a part of this year's Fallfest that includes a Walk to End Alzheimer's, a car parade for Cars under the Stars that recently took place, and a large regional food drive. Residents may visit their website or Facebook page for additional information. He also commented that it is Fire Prevention and to be careful around the kitchen, which is where most fires start.

Mrs. Nash stated the City has been selected to receive the Recreation Design Excellence award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society for the design of the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mayor Felix read into the record the following comments.

Jeanie Marten, Sachse Fallfest Chair:

"Mayor Felix and Council, I want to share with you a bit about the Sachse Fallfest Kickoff Saturday night with the Car Show Parade. First, it was a huge success! The car participants think this was more fun than our normal show and want to do it again and there were so many families all along the route. Huge smiles, waves and cheers were everywhere. A big thank you to Northplace Church for allowing us to use their facility. CERT did all the lifting for the parade staging, and we appreciate so much how they are always there for

us! Sachse Police Department and their VIPs group controlled all the intersections for a smooth run! It literally could not have run smoother (I know I saw one officer at 3 different lights....so they were hustling). We owe them a huge thank you! And finally, to our title sponsor and the kings of parade blocking, Big Bass Towing! They helped keep us safe too and were sooooo much fun! Thankfully there were no breakdowns so we didn't need them in that capacity but I was personally located at the back of the parade and there was no getting past that truck. It was a beautiful night and a great kickoff....this note can't capture what I saw on that route but the best description I can give is pure joy to be out on a gorgeous evening watching beautiful cars and having fun with our Sachse families.

Check our website, www.sachsefallfest.com, for all the updates on what's happening throughout October but next up is Drive-In movie night this Saturday at LA Fitness parking lot with Lion King on that 35ft screen. See ya there!"

Jennifer Lackey, 3405 Georgetown Drive, Sachse, Texas stated:

"I am honestly scared stopping at the stop sign off Bunker Hill and Concord because the cars are parked all along the road so I am scared when someone pulls in that they will dodge the cars and I'll end up in a head on collision. It's super dangerous and something needs to be done to enforce towing of said cars."

Brad Ford, 3605 Potomac Drive, stated:

"1. Many Garland residents from the Domain at 140 are parking on Concord due to inadequate parking at the complex. When trying to enter Concord from Bunker Hill, cars parked very close to the intersection create a safety issue. I was nearly rear ended due to this problem. The reviews online show the Domain at 140 residents complaining about the lack of parking and having to park in our neighborhood. These cars are not visitors of anyone in our neighborhood. 2. Myself and the residents along Concord are constantly picking up beer bottles, fast food sacks, and other trash discarded by these cars. I believe I sent you pictures of this example. 3. No residents in our neighborhood use this area for parking! 4. A no parking zone would not affect our residents, and solve the safety and trash issue!"

Denise Johnson stated:

"I will not be able to attend the zoom meeting concerning the cars parking at the corner of Concord and Bunker Hill. However this is a big problem on many levels. It appears the cars are coming from the Garland apartment across the street. They remain there night and day. The turn in there is already an almost blind turn as you turn right into Concord from Bunker Hill. Now, if you turn you must try to avoid the cars parked there and swerve into oncoming cars coming out of the neighborhood on Concord, Along with people entering or exiting their cars being in danger of being hit by cars coming into the neighborhood this is a dangerous situation for both drivers and pedestrians. Please put a No parking sign there. It would be a gold mine for tickets issued and would pay for the sign in a week at the rate cars are currently being parked there. Thank you for looking into this matter."

Mayor Felix stated the last three comments pertain to the agenda item regarding parking along Concord Drive. Mrs. Nash confirmed these comments would be addressed during the item's presentation.

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 September 21, 2020, combined meeting.**
- 2. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending August 31, 2020.**
- 3. Approve the renewal of an agreement with Valley View Consulting for the purpose of investment advisory services for an additional two years.**
- 4. Approve moving the second regular City Council meeting in October to Monday, October 26, 2020.**

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilman King 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 CARES Act.

Mrs. Nash provided an update on the Community Outreach projects including 5 Loaves, the building modification project, telecommuting enhancements, and public safety. Staff is continuing to work on these items and working under the new submission deadline of October 31, 2020. Staff is closely monitoring the guidance and participating in weekly calls with Dallas County.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked if there had been any update on the HEROES Act and possibility of additional funding. Mrs. Nash replied that there hasn't been one, but yes, there is a possibility for additional funding.

Councilman King asked if any items submitted had been denied. Mrs. Nash replied no.

Consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the City of Sachse Code of Ordinances titled "Traffic Regulations" to prohibit a person to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle along any curb along Concord Drive from a distance of 40 feet northeast of Bunker Hill Road.

Mr. Nesbit introduced this item stating that residents in the Hudson Crossing subdivision have concerns regarding the residents of the Domain at the One Forty apartment complex are parked in a manner that blocks and restricts turning onto Concord Drive. Staff has contacted the apartment managers and requested the residents to park within their own facility. Sachse Police have even cited numerous vehicles for blocking the road and parking too close to a stop sign. In order to provide a safer entrance into the subdivision, staff recommends amending the parking restrictions to allow better visibility. If the City Council approves the ordinance presented, staff would install "No Parking Here to Corner" and "No Stopping, Standing, and Parking" signs at designated locations.

Councilman Franks stated that the ordinance is a good first step, but would like to see more than 40 feet. Councilman King agreed. Councilman Lindsey also agreed and asked if they should consider time of day and hour restrictions.

Councilman Bickerstaff stated he is in favor of the ordinance as written. He commented that Councilman Franks makes valid points and suggested exploring impacts of extending once the ordinance is in place.

Councilman Watkins agreed with comments made thus far. He asked if staff had received comments from the apartment complex and if staff has conversed with the residents on the corners of the intersection.

Mrs. Nash noted that the complex would like to build additional parking. However, the land available is located in Sachse, not in Garland, which is where the apartment complex is located. Building a parking lot on that land would require annexation, which would be a lengthier process.

Mayor Felix expressed his frustration of it creating issues for Sachse residents, even though the property is located in Garland. He asked how the City would enforce. Police Chief Sylvester replied that it would be enforceable through parking citations with a fine only once all the signs were in place.

Chief Sylvester noted they would continue to evaluate to improve the safety at the intersection.

Councilman Lindsey made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the City of Sachse Code of Ordinances titled "Traffic Regulations" to prohibit a person to stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle along any curb along Concord Drive from a distance of 40 feet northeast of Bunker Hill Road. Councilman Watkins seconded that motion.

Councilman Franks reiterated that he would like to re-visit this item with a possible extension.

Motion is unanimously approved.

Consider a resolution accepting and approving a preliminary service and assessment plan and preliminary assessment rolls for the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1 at the Station and call for a public hearing to be held during the Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020, regarding the levy of assessments against property in such Public Improvement District. (This item was tabled at the September 21, 2020 City Council meeting.)

Mrs. Nash stated the next two items are regarding the Public Improvement District No. 1 at The Station. This item is to call the public hearing for the levy of assessments for the preliminary service and assessment plan with the next item to also call a public hearing for the operation and maintenance of the Sachse Public Improvement District No. 1. A public hearing on these items is required in order to move forward.

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Mrs. Nash stated same comments apply from the previous item.

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Consider an agreement between the City of Sachse and Goddard Enterprises in the amount of ninety-four thousand and fifty-four dollars and zero cents (\$94,054.00) for electrical component and software upgrade to the Outdoor Warning Siren system.

Chief Wade stated the City of Sachse has eight outdoor warning sirens. The sirens are activated manually through Sachse dispatch. The testing is conducted by RACES every month at each siren site. Chief Wade indicated that over the years, pieces of the system have been replaced individually, as needed. At this time, all sirens are functional. Chief Wade outlined the specifics of the proposed upgrade along with new features the upgrade would provide which include 24/7 remote monitoring, multiple activation points, and the availability to tie into Nixel.

Councilman Franks asked if it would have the capacity on tornado threats, etc. to narrow down the focus area. Councilman Bickerstaff shared same concerns.

The City Council also discussed the automatic testing and the frequency of activation.

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Discuss and make a recommendation on the 2020 Christmas Extravaganza event.

Mr. Whitworth stated for the past several years, the Christmas Extravaganza event has been planned for the first Wednesday in December. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions and the current executive orders enacted by the Governor, staff has determined that the best course of

action would be to modify the event. Staff is recommending an alternative to the traditional format of the Christmas Extravaganza in order to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions while still providing residents with an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas festivities. Staff has researched companies that will set up a Christmas light display around the City Complex for citizens to drive through and enjoy. The proposed display will be set-up from the week after Thanksgiving and would run through the New Year. Mr. Whitworth presented the themes to be used across the complex as well as examples of the displays. The proposed light display cost would be \$47,000. If approved by the City Council, the City would enter into an agreement with Christmas Décor to provide the holiday lighting display for 2020.

Councilman King asked about the cost to buy versus lease, setup, and maintenance.

Mrs. Nash noted that normally the City budgets \$10,000 each year for the Christmas Extravaganza. The Sachse EDC will reallocate its normal sponsorship of the Red, White, and Blue Blast to the Christmas Extravaganza this year, which would be another \$20,800. The City is working on additional sponsorships to cover the remaining costs between what was budgeted for the event and the new event cost.

Councilman Franks requested using multiple platforms to do a virtual tree lighting.

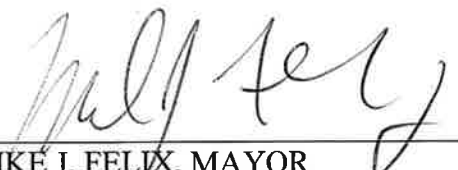
Matt Robinson with Christmas Décor stated the popularity of drive-thru events are very high and would recommend considering traffic when planning. He also compared the costs of purchasing versus leasing. He noted that the advantage of not owning the lights is that entities may change themes each year and stay fresh with the newest displays.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Christmas Décor to provide a holiday lighting display on the City Municipal Complex for the 2020 season. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

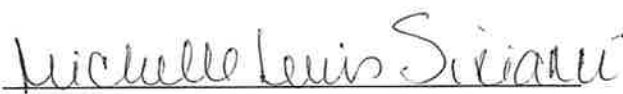
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Felix adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.




MIKE J. FELIX, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary