

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING  
Monday, August 23, 2021  
WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members, Eddie Allen, Darlene Hilton, Melinda Reeves, Will Carpenter.

**ABSENT:** Ben Bennington and Jake Hayes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Brett Shannon, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Fire Chief Nate Mara, Finance Director Ana Cañada, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, EDC Executive Director Kevin Holzbog, Conference Center Business Manager Tim Hightshoe, Library Director Dawn Wilbert, Main Street Director Frieda Lasater, Deputy City Secretary Asucena Garcia, City Secretary Diane Cockrell, City Attorney Emily Bolin, and Kristen Tribe representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: City Engineer Earl Smith and Planning Director Dedra Ragland.

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Mayor McQuiston called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Conference Center, Library, Main Street and Police Department

**Conference Center** report by Tim Hightshoe Conference Center Business Manager, including relevant information and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff regarding operations.

**Library** report by Library Director, Dawn Wilbert including relevant information and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff.

**Main Street** report by Main Street Director, Frieda Lasater including relevant information and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff regarding the following items:

- Organization
- Promotion
- Design
- Economic Vitality

**Police Department** report by Police Chief Delvon Campbell including relevant information and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff regarding operations. Reports were provided.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McQuiston called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor McQuiston declared a moment of silence.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council member Allen led the pledge.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

No public comments.

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.581692.

No public comments.

3. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THE ADVISABILITY OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF VISTA PARK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF DECATUR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 372, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY 89.66 ACRES OF LAND ALL OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF W. THOMPSON STREET AND S. DEER PARK ROAD.

No public comments.

#### **Close Public Hearing**

4. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-3-08 BY REPEALING SECTION 4, "ORDERS ADOPTED", IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO REMOVE MANDATORY REGULATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council member Carpenter moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Council Member Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE BUDGET AS REPRESENTED IN "SCHEDULE A"; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First reading held.

6. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS APPROVING THE 2021 CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR 2021 AT \$0.581692 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First reading held.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DECATUR AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.

Council member Reeves moved to approve the agreement as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute. Council member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 9, 2021. Council member Hilton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council member Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A SHORTENED CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS BONDS REQUIRED FOR PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECTS.

City Engineer Smith informed Council the following items had been removed from the list of projects for bond issuance consideration as discussed on August 9, 2021 Council meeting.

1. Do NOT reimburse Impact Fee account for projects/engineering already accomplished.
  - a. 16" Water Main Thompson to Eagle Summit.
  - b. Engineering fees for Thompson Elev. Tank, Walmart Sewer Line D.
2. Take out Mulberry St. Improvements.
3. Take out Conference Center Improvements.
4. Take out aerial ladder fire truck.
5. Only consider new PD building.

The remaining projects include the following:

Water System Projects total \$5,683,050

Thompson St. 1.0 MG Elevated Water Storage Tank  
 16" Water Main Thompson to Eagle Summit Drive  
 Sunset Tank Paint Project

Wastewater System Projects total \$4,403,200  
 Engineering Study and Design of Plant Expansion  
 Walmart Sewer Line D  
 GAGE Lift Station and Force Main Upgrade

Facilities Improvements total \$18,873,000  
 Development Services Offices (303 E. Walnut)  
 NEW Police Department Building

Parks Improvements total \$3,420,000  
 Harmon Park Playground Equipment  
 Harmon Park Splash Pad  
 Harmon Park Skate Park  
 Harmon Park Dog Park  
 Land Acquisition: 7.89ac; Blks 110,118,109,117 & 119; 200 E. Charles

The grand total for these projects is \$32,379,250. Council member Allen stated he would like to see all these projects accomplished due to increasing construction costs and are essential for community growth. Council member Hilton expressed concern that the citizens would vote against the projects due to the entire amount. Mayor McQuiston recommends staff proceed with the projects listed.

10. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATING THE PARKLAND DEDICATION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING NEEDED DATA.

Mayor McQuiston and Council member Reeves agreed staff should proceed with obtaining data.

11. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR AUTHORIZING AND CREATING THE VISTA PARK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, PROVIDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT, ESTIMATED COSTS OF AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council member Hilton moved to approve the resolution as presented. Council member Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:

- a) § 551.071 (1) and (2): Consultation with Attorney. To consult with the City's Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act and for Council to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation: Reimbursement from Universal AdCom

12. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council member Hilton made a motion for city attorney to proceed with legal action as discussed. Council member Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


- 13. COUNCIL TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT (please complete a Speaker Registration Form before speaking) each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, the Open Meeting Act does not allow for discussion in response to the comments, comments should be directed to the Council as a whole rather than to individual members, and no action will be taken by the Council.

No public input.

- 14. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

  
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Mike McQuiston, Mayor

  
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Diane Cockrell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

