



City of Mesquite, Texas

Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall | Council Chamber
757 N. Galloway | Mesquite, Texas

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Archer and Councilmembers Jeff Casper, Bill Porter, Dan Aleman, Greg Noschese and Dennis Tarpley, City Manager Cliff Keheley and City Secretary Sonja Land.

Absent: Mayor Stan Pickett.

PRE-MEETING - TRAINING ROOMS A&B - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA REVIEW

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Receive briefing regarding Employee Group Health Fund.
- 2 Receive briefing regarding the IH-635 East Project.

Council indicated support for the project with emphasis on interchange reconstruction.
- 3 Receive briefing regarding residential solid waste collection services.
- 4 Receive briefing regarding revised options for the Texas Department of Transportation's Noise Wall Program along IH-635 in Mesquite.

Council directed staff to submit Option 4, a simple end panel with the City name and year of incorporation, to TxDOT.

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 6:31 P.M.

- 5 Receive preliminary financial statements for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Debbie Mol, Director of Finance, presented the preliminary financial statements for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

The work session ended at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:05 P.M.

INVOCATION

Police Chief Charles Cato.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of Leadership Mesquite.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) Mr. Aleman announced that a new crime watch group for the Mesquite Park neighborhood will hold a meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 300 Paza Drive, at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone in the neighborhood to attend.

(2) Mr. Aleman stated that the American Heart Association recently kicked-off their annual "Go Red for Women" campaign. He encouraged citizens to wear red on Friday, February 3, 2017, to support women and their fight against heart disease.

(3) Mr. Noschese stated that the 85th Texas Legislature is now in session and expressed his disappointment in their attack on public schools. He encouraged citizens to support our public schools and teachers by attending the annual Lone Star Legacy Gala, a fundraising event for the Mesquite Independent School District Education Foundation, on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the Mesquite Arena with Grammy award-winning entertainer Rick Springfield performing.

(4) Mr. Archer announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at City Hall to discuss solid waste services and encouraged citizens to take this opportunity to learn more about our community.

CITIZENS FORUM

(1) Lauren Armstrong, 3410 Caracas Drive, expressed support for the revitalization of Heritage Square.

PRESENTATION

6 Presentation to Special Olympics Team Mesquite.

Wayne Larson, Director of Communications and Marketing, stated that the Special Olympics is a part of the Parks and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation program that provides opportunities for qualified athletes to compete in Special Olympics. The athletes are part of "Team Mesquite" and participate in many local competitions. A brief video was shown.

Kevin Smiley, Mesquite Police Officer, stated that he supports the Mesquite Special Olympics program and is a parent of a Special Olympics athlete. He invited everyone to attend the Polar Plunge which is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the City Lake Aquatic Center with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the Plunge beginning at 10:00 a.m. All of the proceeds from this event benefits Special Olympics of Texas.

The following members of "Team Mesquite" were recognized: Carlos Vertiz, Lukas Lindsey, Vincent Ramirez, Johnathon Starks, Suraj Narottam, Jesus Deza, Monica Perez, CJ Clardy, Warren Jacobs, Jr., and LaKeldrick Clark.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Aleman moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows. Motion was seconded by Mr. Casper and approved unanimously.

7 Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 3, 2017.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

8 An ordinance revising Ordinance No. 4250 thereby amending the meeting schedule for the Mesquite Housing Board.

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance No. 4470, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4250 THEREBY AMENDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATING RULES FOR THE MESQUITE HOUSING BOARD BY ESTABLISHING MEETINGS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. (Ordinance No. 4470 recorded on page _____ of Ordinance Book No. 108.)

9 Bid No. 2017-031 - Purchase of Light Duty Trucks.
(Staff recommends award to Caldwell Country Chevrolet, in Caldwell, Texas, through BuyBoard Contract No. 526-16, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, in the amount of \$456,225.00.)

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Noschese moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Casper and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Sonja Land, City Secretary

Bruce Archer, Mayor Pro Tem