

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021  
6:00 PM

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Mayor Amy Ware called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Amy Ware, District 4

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1  
Jennifer Truelove, District 3  
Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2  
Vernia Calhoun, District 5  
Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent  
Dawn Jones, Finance Director  
Chris Miles, Assistant Public Works Director  
Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director  
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator  
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director  
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant  
Veronique Ramirez, Main Street Manager  
Christol Hall, Human Resources Manager  
Cliff Carruth, Police Chief  
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Councilmember Bonner

122. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Reba Godfrey, 509 Wesson, spoke regarding the condition of streets in her area and asked for them to be paved.

Tom McClurg, Housing Authority, spoke regarding the PILOT Program and provided a copy of the annual report to the Council.

Ella Flowers, 1300 Norwood, spoke regarding sewage backup in her yard.

Dr. Blair Blackburn, 701 Harvey Dr., ETBU President, spoke in support of the ordinance regulating the speed on FM 1997.

Kenneth Moon, 2500 University, spoke regarding flooding issues, erosion and sewage issues on Elm and Sanford Streets.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, addressed Mr. Moon's concerns explaining the plan in place for infrastructure improvements.

Jerry Cargill, 16877 Hwy 80 E, thank the Council for their work on the adoption center.

123. **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Items B and G were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

124. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

- A. Consider approval of the minutes from the May 13, 2021 Regular meeting.
- C. Fire Department Activity Report. (Fire Chief)
- D. Police Department Activity Report. (Police Chief)
- E. Community & Economic Development Activity Report. (Community & Economic Development Director)
- F. Monthly Financial Report. (Finance Director)

125. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE**

- A. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending the official zoning map from C-3 (General Business), and A&E (Agriculture and Estate) to MF (Multi-Family) located in the 2500 Block of East End Boulevard South.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, asked for approval of an ordinance amending the official zoning map from C-3 (General Business), and A&E (Agriculture and Estate) to MF (Multi-Family). He stated the applicant requested the zone change to build a housing complex. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the change by a vote of 5:0.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Michael Fogel, Trinity Housing Development, provided information for the Marshall project.

Council members engaged in further discussion.

Mayor Ware opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Ware closed the public hearing.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the official zoning map from C-3 (General Business), and A&E (Agriculture and Estate) to MF (Multi-Family). Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATIONS**

126. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 31, 2021 AS "WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY" IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS.**

Mayor Ware read a proclamation declaring May 31, 2021 as "World No Tobacco Day" in the City of Marshall, Texas.

**ORDINANCE**

127. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING NO PARKING ORDINANCE.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, asked for approval of an amendment to the existing No Parking Ordinance. He stated this amendment was requested by the Marshall Independent School District, to be effective at the Early Childhood Center on school days between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve an amendment to the existing No Parking Ordinance. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

128. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ON AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES UPON A CERTAIN SECTION OF FM 1997 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, AUTHORIZING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT SIGNS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PASSAGE.

Cliff Carruth asked for approval of an ordinance requested by TxDOT regulating the speed of motor vehicles upon a certain section of FM 1997 within the corporate limits of the City of Marshall, Texas. He stated the ordinance will extend the 35 MPH & 45 MPH zones, with no changes to the 55 MPH zone.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Fenton made a motion to approve an ordinance regulating the speed of motor vehicles upon a certain section of FM 997 within the corporate limits of the City of Marshall, authorizing the Texas Department of Transportation to erect signs, prescribing penalties, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing a savings clause; and declaring an emergency passage. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

129. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE CITY AS TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; CONTAINING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ZONE.

Fabio Angell, asked for approval of an ordinance designating a geographic area within the City as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. He explained the five step process for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and stated this is the third step.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve an ordinance designating a geographic area within the City as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

130. **PRESENTATION OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT BY THE MARSHALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

Rush Harris, Executive Director of MEDCO, presented the semi-annual report for Marshall Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

131. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON REMAINING ADOPTION CENTER EXPENSES.**

Mark Rohr, provided information regarding the remaining Adoption Center expenses. He stated completion of the project is close.

Cliff Carruth provided information on needed furniture, fixtures and equipment for the building.

Council members engaged in discussion with City Staff regarding this item.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$65,000 to complete the shelter including FF&E. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion.**

Council engaged in further discussion regarding this item.

**This item passed with the following vote:**

**Ayes: 6, Mayor Ware, Council members Truelove, Abraham, Morris, Bonner and Fenton**

**Nays: 1, Councilmember Calhoun**

132. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY DEFINING THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES, ADDRESSING FUTURE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PAYMENTS, AND REITERATING THE COUNCIL'S PREVIOUS RESOLUTION THAT NO PILOT TAXES ARE DUE FOR THE YEARS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney, asked for approval of an Interlocal Agreement which sets out the nature of the parties' relationship and their respective roles. The agreement also addresses future Payment In Lieu of Taxes Payments going forward, and reiterates the Council's previous resolution that no PILOT taxes are due for the years prior to December 31, 2020.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Marshall and the Housing Authority. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

133. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

B. Public Works Activity Report (Public Works Director)

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for withdrawing this item.

Chris Miles, Assistance Public Works Director, provided information regarding this item.  
Council members asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Item 5B of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

G. Consider approval of a temporary contract extension between the City of Marshall and Texas Bank and Trust. (Finance Director)

Councilmember Morris stated his reasons for withdrawing this item.


Dawn Jones, Finance Director provided information regarding this item.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to postpone this item to the next meeting. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**


134. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**APPROVED:**

  
Amanda Abraham  
Mayor Pro-Tem of the City Council  
of the City of Marshall, Texas

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary

**Ordinances: O-21-09  
O-21-10  
O-21-11  
O-21-12**