

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
6:00 PM

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
Christol Hall, HR Manager
Anna Lane, Library Director
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney
Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator
Chris Miles, Assistant Public Works Director
Glenn Barnhart, Performance Center Manager
Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent
Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief
Dawn Jones, Finance Director

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

238. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jerry Cargill, 214 E. Houston, spoke in support of streetscaping the 100 block of E. Houston and stated several property owners asked him to relay their support of streetscaping the 100 block of E. Houston. Jerry Cargill also provided a comment from Jason Workman stating he, Mr. Workman, would provide materials to property owners in the 100 E Houston block at his cost.

Marcial Avelar, 314 W. Austin, spoke in support of streetscaping the 100 block of E. Houston.

Miguel Lopez, Miguel's Authentic Mexican Food, spoke in support of streetscaping the 100 block of E. Houston.

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 **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item G was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

240. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Fire Department Activity Report.

- C. Police Department Activity Report.
- D. Community & Economic Development Activity Report.
- E. Monthly Financial Report.
- F. Consider approval of investment report for the first and second quarters of 2021.
- H. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Harrison County for the Wonderland of Lights.

PRESENTATION

241. PRESENTATION OF THE KEEP MARSHALL BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Anna Lane, Library Director, stated the winners of the Keep Marshall Beautiful Beautification Award for the month of September are; residential property at 401 Fisher Drive owned by Doris Davis & the commercial property 111 E Travis The Brass Trunk, who were unable to attend.

Anna Lane stated there are three (3) more months for this award for 2021 and the program would begin again in April 2022.

Doris Davis thanked the Council and the Keep Marshall Beautiful Board for recognizing her.

RESOLUTION

242. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY OF MARSHALL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY OF MARSHALL MATCHING SHARE IS READILY AVAILABLE; AND DEDICATING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR PERMANENT (OR FOR THE TERM OF THE LEASE FOR LEASED PROPERTY) PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, provided an overview of the project and stated this project addresses storm drainage, the HWY 59 hurricane evacuation route, sediment in Parker Creek, and a new recreational area for the City. The application is due October 1, 2021 and has a 50% matching component. The estimated project cost is \$300,000, the City's portion would be \$150,000.

Mark Rohr introduced Stan Hayes who provided information regarding the T&P Pond Park Project phases and a detention pond project.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the T&P Pond Park Project. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 4, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Calhoun, Bonner and Morris
Nays: 3, Councilmembers Abraham, Fenton and Truelove

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

243. **DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION ON NEXT BLOCK OF STREETS CAPING FOR THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (100 BLOCK OF E. HOUSTON).**

Mark Rohr provided information regarding the streetscaping of the 100 block of E. Houston. Mark Rohr stated this block is recommended because it geographically balances out the theme in downtown, will stimulate business interest around the square, produces an area for outdoor activity, extends the linkage between N. Washington and Memorial City Hall, and the buildings have a greater architectural appeal which provides a greater impact on attraction of the area. The engineer's estimate for the 100 block of E. Houston is \$479,000. The engineer's estimate for the 300 block of N. Washington is \$340,000.

A discussion was held regarding which block, the 100 block of E. Houston or the 300 block of N. Washington, to streetscape next.

Councilmembers asked questions of Stan Hayes and City Staff.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the next block of streetscaping for the Downtown Redevelopment Plan to be the 300 block of N. Washington. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which failed with the following vote:

Ayes: 3, Councilmembers Abraham, Truelove and Fenton
Nays: 4, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Bonner, Calhoun and Morris

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the next block of streetscaping for the Downtown Redevelopment Plan to be the 100 block of E. Houston. Councilmember Morris seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 4, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Calhoun, Morris and Bonner
Nays: 3, Councilmembers Abraham, Fenton and Truelove

244. **STAFF REPORT ON VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRY.**

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, provided information regarding a Vacant Property Registry. Fabio Angell stated this registry could be outsourced or managed in-house.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

A presentation will be made regarding outsourcing the Vacant Property Registry at a future meeting.

245. **CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER PLANT MECHANICAL BAR SCREEN.**

Chris Miles stated the mechanical bar screen at the Wastewater Plant is no longer operable, pumps are being used at a cost of approximately \$17,000 per month. Chris Miles asked for approval to award a contract to Duperon Corporation at a cost of \$301,000 for the purchase of a mechanical bar

screen for the Wastewater Plant. If approved, Duperon Corporation has 160 days to complete the project.

Matt Rymel, Chief Wastewater Plant Operator, stated the mechanical bar screen can be received in approximately 12 weeks.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve awarding a contract to Duperon Corporation at a cost of \$301,000 for a mechanical bar screen for the Wastewater Plan. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

246. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD.

Mark Rohr asked for approval of the appointment of Mary Lynn O'Neal to the Main Street Advisory Board.

Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Lynn O'Neal to the Main Street Advisory Board. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

247. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

G. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety to allow the exchange of information to deny renewal of driver's license for a person who has outstanding citations, fines, etc. with Municipal Court.

Councilmember Bonner stated his reasons for pulling this item.

Dawn Jones, Finance Director, stated this would assist Municipal Court with clearing out cases.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Item G from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

248. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS: ANNUAL EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0. The time was 7:59 p.m.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session, the time was 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED:



**Mayor of the City Council
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Resolution: R-21-21