

MINUTES OF REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MAY 16, 2013

The City Council of Olmos Park, Texas held a regular meeting on May 16, 2013 commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Kenneth Farrimond presided and Council members present were Enzo Pellegrino, Ernest Locker and Gayle Girdley. Councilwoman Sharon Plant and Councilwoman Patricia Semmes were not in attendance. Staff present was City Manager Michael W. Simpson; City Secretary, Celia M. DeLeon; Fire Chief John Surber; Public Works Director Gilbert DeLeon; Jim Raby, Building Official and Police Chief Fritz Bohne. Also present were Frank Garza, City Attorney; Dr. Jack Williamson, 303 Park Hill Drive; Don Philbin, 208 Luther; Toni Goldsmith, 200 Paseo Encinal; Candy Gardener, 334 Paseo Encinal; James Boston, CPS Energy; Emory Hamilton, 303 East Mandalay; Susan Farrimond; 210 Parklane; Gene Allen, 204 Wildwood; Deb Prost, 130 Stanford; Rob Craig, 921 East Contour; Jessica Worth, 407 East Wildwood; Nicole Lewis, 520 Lamont; Lee Stevens, The Koehler Company; Tony Weigand, Lewis Energy Group; Mark Rittenhouse, 633 Contour Drive; Diana Durbin, 222 Primera; Sandy and Ronald Hornberger, 215 Belvidere and Sandy Ryan, 250 Belvidere.

Mayor Farrimond called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

Citizens to be heard:

No citizens to be heard.

Canvass Results of General Election held May 11, 2013

Mayor Farrimond announced the results of the General Election held May 11, 2013.

Councilwoman Girdley moved to accept the results of the General Election held May 11, 2013. Councilman Pellegrino seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Issue Certificate of Election to newly elected officials

The City Secretary issued Certificate of Election to newly elected officials, Enzo Pellegrino, Sharon Plant and Ronald Hornberger.

Issue Statement of Elected Officer to newly elected officials

The City Secretary issued Statement of Elected Officer to newly elected officials, Enzo Pellegrino, Sharon Plant and Ronald Hornberger.

Appoint four Board of Adjustment members to serve a two-year term expiring May 31, 2015; take possible action

This item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

Public Hearing concerning the extending the time for a building permit and all necessary permits to complete construction at 330 Paseo Encinal, including a showing of good cause for the extension and safeguards necessary to ensure the safety of the job sites and completion of the projects. (Building Official)

Mayor Farrimond announced a Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Candy Gardner, 334 Paseo Encinal stated she supports granting the extension so that they can meet their goal for completion and that we can have the peaceful serenity of our neighborhood back.

Dr. Mark Rittenhouse, 633 Contour Drive stated he supports granting the home owners a building permit extension.

Mayor Farrimond reported the City has received about 17 emails supporting the granting of a building permit extension.

Mayor Farrimond closed the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

Receive and consider an application concerning extending the time for a building permit and all necessary permits for completion of construction at 330 Paseo Encinal, requiring a showing of good cause and with such safeguards necessary to ensure the safety of the job site and completion of the project; take possible action. (Building Official).

Councilwoman Girdley recused herself from discussion and voting on this item.

Councilman Pellegrino moved to extend the building permit and all necessary permits at 330 Paseo Encinal through March 31, 2014 and to apply applicable fees as per our ordinance. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Receive and discuss a proposal from the Roundabout Committee to engage Horton Horticulture to add plants to the roundabout make necessary modifications to the ground layout and watering system at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 to improve the vegetation cover of the roundabout in lieu of previously approved improvements; take possible action. (first reading)

Councilman Pellegrino moved to amend the amount not to exceed \$3,000 for modifications concerning the roundabout with the expectation the Economic Development Corporation reimburses the City and authorize the City Manager the authority to sign the contract. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discussion all aspects regarding re-locating CPS poles on McCullough Avenue as part of the CPS Pole Replacement Program; take possible action (Deb Prost)

Deb Prost provided a CPS Pole Replacement Project.

Councilman Pellegrino moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for improvements to the aesthetics of the McCullough business corridor through the Sign Project, with the intention of the Economic Development Corporation reimburse the City should the funds be needed. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Councilman Pellegrino moved to approve the Economic Development Corporation Project to establish a \$10,000 sign improvement fund for businesses access to improve their signage with the purpose of improving the aesthetics of the McCullough business corridor or for the purpose of promoting economic development. Councilwoman Girdley seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discuss and consider waiving building permit fees associated with the Economic Development Corporation Sign Project; take possible action. (EDC)

Councilwoman Girdley moved to waive building permit fees associated with the Economic Development Corporation Sign Project. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discuss and consider cost to remove and reinstall current electrical boxes that supply power to the Christmas Angels from the current CPS poles to the new poles; possibly purchasing additional electrically boxes; and possibly purchasing additional Christmas Angels; take possible action.

This item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

Receive a briefing on the building permitting process and recommendations for modifications to the permitting provisions of Chapter 8 of the Olmos Park Code of Ordinances concerning expiration of building permits and fees; take possible action. (Building Official)

City Manager presented a briefing on the building permit process. No action was taken.

Receive a report and recommendation from Building Official concerning permitting software; take possible action. (Building Official)

This item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

Receive and discuss proposal from Economic Development Corporation and Beautification Committee on utility and roundabout beautification; take possible action (first reading)

This item was tabled for the next regular meeting.

Receive and discuss Streetlight Committee report and proposal options and deliberation concerning a Resolution requesting CPS to fund electrical infrastructure project using CIED Funds; take possible action (Street Light Committee)

Councilwoman Girdley moved to adopt the CIED Resolution 2013-05 requesting CPS Energy to install five pendant street lights previously agreed upon with CPS and that the City of Olmos Park place the remaining CIED monies in a CD fund to pay for the electrically billing. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discuss mosquito control plan for the City; take possible action (Semmes)

Councilman Pellegrino moved to implement the mosquito control plan for the City, if necessary and give the City Manager the authority to implement the plan. Councilwoman Girdley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous by all City Council members present.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- a) Approve minutes for regular meeting held April 18, 2013
- b) Accept Disbursements for April 2013.
- c) Adopt Resolution 2013-06 to add an additional fee to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes; take possible action
- d) Approve and receive proposal from the EDC to proceed with using the EDC's engineering firm Bain Medina Bain to immediately proceed with their plan of placement of CPS poles for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, contingent on the EDC approving the reimbursement of funds to City Council. (Second reading)(First reading March 21, 2013)
- e) Approve and receive proposal from the EDC to engage Horton Horticulture to add 13 plants to the roundabout make necessary modifications to the ground layout and watering system at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00 to improve the vegetation cover of the roundabout. (Second reading)(First reading March 21, 2013)
- f) Excuse Councilman Ronald Hornberger from regular meeting to be held June 20, 2013

Councilman Pellegrino moved to approved items a, b, c, d and f consent items as submitted. Councilman Locker seconded the motion. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Departmental Reports:

City Council received the reports.

City Manager reported he will begin work on an RFP for webmaster services for the City's website.

City Manager and Fire Chief Surber agreed that the after-hours emergency email blast will be done by the Fire Department, as needed.

There was no further business and meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Kenneth Farrimond
Mayor

ATTEST:

Celia M. DeLeon
City Secretary