

SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor
Carol Barton
Elaine Jenkins
Monte Montgomery
Aubrey Jones

Pam Burton, City Administrator
Pam Watson, City Secretary
Conor Bateman, City Attorney

others present: Glen Herriage, Gary Crecelius, Buddy Hill, John McQueary, David Hopkins, Haven Cox, Sherri Skeeters and other interested citizens;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

HEAR/DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING NEW HAVEN APARTMENTS

A representative from Nautical Affordable Housing, Inc. ("Non-Profit") appeared before the Council and explained that they purchased New Haven Apartments two (2) years ago and applied for Housing Tax Credits both years, however, they have been unsuccessful. He explained that their plans include demolition of the entire property which consists of 50 units, relocation of the residents to other housing in the City at no additional cost to the residents, construction of a maximum of 80 units, and at the time of completion they will enforce new higher standards for residents. He explained that their current strategy is to work with the City of Athens to obtain higher scoring, proposing that the City convey the vacant lot at Block 7, Lot 3, T. Parmer Survey, located adjacent to the Project, to Nautical Affordable Housing, Inc. for the sum of \$1.00 to be considered an in-kind contribution and establish the City's support. He explained that this would allow a larger site for the Project, stating that they are also hoping to acquire the Putnam Homes Property which is located adjacent to this property from Henderson County.

After discussion, it was determined that a Resolution concerning the item will appear on the agenda Monday, February 24, 2014.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;

- A) DISCUSS A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAY 10, 2014 CITY OF ATHENS GENERAL ELECTION. *DISCUTA UNA RESOLUCIÓN ORDERNAR EL 10 DE MAYO, 2014 LA CIUDAD DE ATHENS ELECCION GENERAL*

City Administrator Pam Burton explained that a Resolution Ordering the May 10, 2014 City of Athens General Election, for the purpose of electing Council Member, Place 2; Council Member, Place 3; and Council Member, Place 4 will appear on the agenda Monday.

- B) DISCUSS A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES

Ms. Burton stated that this Resolution will authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County for early voting and election day services for the May 10, 2014 General and Special Election, with voting being conducted at the Henderson County Election Center located at 201 East Larkin St. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

C) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ALPHA-LEE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR JULY 4, 2014 FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING

Ms. Burton explained that this Contract is for the Annual July 4th Fireworks Display at a total contract price of \$11,250.00, with the funds to be raised by the Light Up Athens Committee. She stated that the City has budgeted \$2,000 toward the project, however, the City will be responsible for any funding shortfall. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

D) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING SOLUTIENT GEOSCIENCES, INC. TO PERFORM ANNUAL POST-REMEDIATION MEASURES PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE LANDFILL GAS REMEDIATION PLAN

Glen Herriage, Director of Utilities, explained that this is the required annual gas monitoring of the old landfill and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

E) DISCUSS ADOPTING INVESTMENT POLICY

David Hopkins, Director of Finance, explained that this is the required annual adoption of the Investment Policy and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

F) DISCUSS AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE (1) NEW CURRENT MODEL COLD PLANER WITH QUICK ATTACH MOUNTING SYSTEM FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Mr. Herriage explained that the purchase of a Cold Planer is included in the current budget and staff is requesting authorization to advertise for bids. The item will appear on the agenda Monday.

G) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO ZONING COMMISSION

Mr. Burton reminded the Council that a vacancy remains on the Zoning Commission.

H) DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDING COMMISSION

Ms. Burton explained that a vacancy remains on the Substandard Building Commission, however, she has visited with Tilo Galvan concerning the possibility of serving on the Board and the item will appear on the agenda Monday.

DISCUSS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA;

A) DISCUSS APPROVING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014 REGULAR SESSION; FEBRUARY 5, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION; AND FEBRUARY 10, 2014 REGULAR SESSION

These items will appear on the Consent Agenda on Monday.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CONSULTATION
REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 2013A-1145, ATHENS
MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY V. CITY OF ATHENS IN THE 173RD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

The City Council did not enter into Executive Session.

CONSIDER ACTION RESULTING FROM DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 2013A-1145,
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173RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

Jerry D. Vaught, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary