

ENNIS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Ennis City Commission was called to order on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Thomas asked the City Secretary to call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. City Secretary Angie Wade called the roll with a quorum present to wit:

Russell Thomas	Mayor
Matt Walker	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 6
Jeremie Salik	Commission Member, Ward 1
Marco Hernandez	Commission Member, Ward 2
Ken Hackney	Commission Member, Ward 3
Lola Searcy	Commission Member, Ward 4
Brian Holley	Commission Member, Ward 5

The following Staff members were present when the meeting was called to order:

City Manager	R. Scott Dixon
City Secretary	Angie Wade
City Attorney	Richard Wilson
Chief of Police	John Erisman
Fire Chief	Jeff Aycock
ED Director	Marty Nelson
Police Captain	David Anthony
Public Works Director	Robert Bolen
Finance Director	Joel Welch
Chief Building Official	Mark Richardson
Building Inspector	Troy Foreman
Human Resources	Diane Kellenberger
CVB Director	Gina Rokas

## **CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no speakers requesting to speak before the City Commissioners during the Citizens Public Comment Period.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Thomas read the Consent Agenda Items to be considered into the record.

- 1C. Approval of the City Commission Workshop Minutes of February 1, 2016.**
- 2C. Approval of the City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2016.**

Commissioner Hackney made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Mayor Thomas declared the Consent Agenda was approved.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

*First Reading*

- 3. A Public Hearing to consider approval of the Downtown Master Plan.**

City Manager Scott Dixon addressed the Commission regarding the process for approving the Downtown Master Plan. Economic Development Director Marty Nelson began the presentation by introducing the members of the Main Street Board and Mesa Plus Planner and ArchiTexas. An in-depth presentation was given to the Commission to include the implementation strategy and funding mechanisms. and a link to the Downtown Master Plan on the Economic Development website. Mayor Thomas thanked the Committee, Mesa Plus Planner and ArchiTexas for their work on the project.

{Mayor Thomas recused himself}

Mayor Pro Tem Walker opened the Public Hearing.

Lynn Moore spoke regarding the train.

- 4. A Public Hearing to consider approving Project Shirm USA and authorizing the EDC president to enter into an economic development agreement and certificate of resolution authorizing the sale of a certain parcel of land located on Oak Grove Road to Schirm USA in an amount of \$74,500.00 for the purpose of constructing a new building and expanding operations.**

No one spoke.

{Mayor Thomas returned to the meeting}

**5. A Public Hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas from "R-10" Residential District to "HC" Heavy Commercial district for a tract or parcel of land, situated in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the James Jackson Survey Abstract No. 578, and being a portion of a called 3.499 acre Tract 1 as conveyed to MB Morse Investments, LLC by deed recorded in Instrument Number 2015-14383 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County, Texas, said (1.998 Acres) acre tract being also known as 1004 S. I-45 Ennis, Texas. P&Z Case 15.12.05**

No one spoke

**6. A Public Hearing to consider the annexation of a 22.465 acre tract of land situated in the William A. Park Survey, Abstract No. 871, Ellis County, Texas and being part of a called 32.4316 acre tract of land (Tract One) described in deed to III Cardinals, LP, as recorded in volume 2325, Page 2178, Deed Records Ellis County, Texas, said 22.465 acre tract being more particularly described as Christian Rd. Ennis, Texas. Case 16.01.03**

No one spoke

Commissioner Holley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

## **SECOND READING**

**7. Consider approval of an Ordinance approving a Budget Amendment providing \$30,000 to fund a fireworks display for the Freedom Festival.**

Mayor Pro-tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holley, to approve Ordinance No. 16-0215-07 approving the Budget Amendment providing \$30,000 to fund a fireworks display for the freedom festival. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**8. Consider approval of an Ordinance approving Project Downtown TIRZ and an EEDC Budget Amendment providing \$35,000 to fund the project.**

Commissioner Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Salik, to approve Ordinance No. 16-0215-08 approving Project Downtoow TIRZ and an EEDC Budget Amendment providing \$35,000 to fund the project. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

## **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**9. Administer Oath of Office to City Manager Scott Dixon and City Secretary Angie Wade.**

Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Office to City Manager Scott Dixon and City Secretary Angie Wade.

**10. Consider approval of a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, authorizing the partial lien release by the Ennis Economic Development Corporation of a 1.1743 acre tract of land known as “Parcel 34” to Sterilite Corporation for the benefit of the Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of expanding the Highway 287 by-pass.**

Commissioner Holley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Salik, to approve Resolution No. 16-0215-10 authorizing the partial lien release by the Ennis Economic Development Corporation of a 1.1743 acre tract of land known as “Parcel 34” to Sterilite Corporation for the benefit of the Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of expanding the Highway 287 by-pass. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**11. Consider approving a public facilities use permit for the following events: Farmer’s Market, Bluebonnet Trails Festival, New Hope Gospel Concert, national Polka Festival and Parade, Unity One Summer Music Festival, Ennis Freedom Festival, Pre-Stage Fan Festival, Fall Festival, Monster Mash 5K Dash, Christmas Parade of Lights and Block Party, Lucky’s Car Show, and Toy Drive and Procession of our lady of Guadalupe.**

Commissioner Salik made a motion, seconded by Commission Searcy, to approve a public facilities use permit for the following events: Farmer’s Market, Bluebonnet Trails Festival, New Hope Gospel Concert, national Polka Festival and Parade, Unity One Summer Music Festival, Ennis Freedom Festival, Pre-Stage Fan Festival, Fall Festival, Monster Mash 5K Dash, Christmas Parade of Lights and Block Party, Lucky’s Car Show, and Toy Drive and Procession of our lady of Guadalupe. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**12. Consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Ennis, Texas authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Ellis County for election services for a General Election to be held on May 7, 2016; authorizing a Joint Election with the Ennis Independent School District by joint use of polling locations; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

Commissioner Searcy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hackney, to approve Resolution No. 16-0215-12, authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Ellis County for election services for a General Election to be held on May 7, 2016; authorizing a Joint Election with the Ennis Independent School District by joint use of polling locations; providing for a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**13. Consider approval of a Resolution approving the purchase of a Vac-Con Combination Truck Model Number VPD4211HE/1300 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$342,664.00.**

Commissioner Holley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Searcy, to approve Resolution No. 16-0215-13, approving the purchase of a Vac-Con Combination Truck Model Number VPD4211HE/1300 through the HGAC Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$342,664.00. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor- 0 against. Motion passed.

**14. Consider approval of an Ordinance providing for the annexation of a 44.251 acre tract of land (also known as 901 Rudd Road) in the Thomas McKinney Survey, Abstract No. 687, City of Ennis, Texas, for the purpose of a manufacturing plant extension (Sterilite Corporation).**

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Salik, to approve Ordinance No. 16-0215-14, providing for the annexation of a 44.251 acre tract of land (also known as 901 Rudd Road) in the Thomas McKinney Survey, Abstract No. 687, City of Ennis, Texas, for the purpose of a manufacturing plant extension (Sterilite Corporation). Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**15. Consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas from "T" Transition District to "M-2" Manufacturing District for a 49.295 acre tract of land situated in the Thomas McKinney survey, Abstract No. 687, City of Ennis, Texas, described in deed to Sterilite Corporation.**

Commissioner Hackney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve Ordinance No. 16-0215-15, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas from "T" Transition District to "M-2" Manufacturing District for a 49.295 acre tract of land situated in the Thomas McKinney survey, Abstract No. 687, City of Ennis, Texas, described in deed to Sterilite Corporation. Mayor Thomas called for a vote, the vote was cast, 7 in favor, 0 against. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items for Executive Session

**16. Action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.**

**COMMISSIONER'S REQUESTS**

**17. Requests from City Commission and Round Table.**

Mayor Thomas called on the Commissioners to speak:

Commissioner Salik – no comment

Commissioner Hernandez welcomed City Manager Scott Dixon and City Secretary Angie Wade and thanked the citizens for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Hackney thanked the citizens for attending the meeting..

Mayor Pro-tem Walker thanked the Mains Street Board for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Searcy thanked all for the hard work during the tornado of 2013; stating that it brought about the beautiful downtown changes. She also thanked the citizens for attending; and welcomed City Manager Scott Dixon and City Secretary Angie Wade.

Commissioner Holley welcomed City Secretary Angie Wade to the City and thanked City Manager R. Scott Dixon for his excellent communication during the meeting. He also thanked the Main Street board for all of their hard work, and the citizens for attending the meeting.

Mayor Thomas stated that there was no other business before the Ennis City Commission.

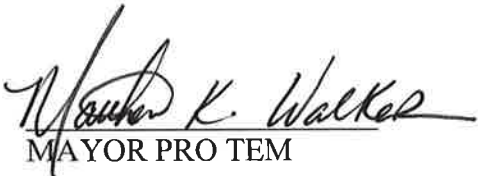
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, Mayor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR PRO TEM