

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 6, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers at the Ennis City Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Taylor, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Howerton, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, and Patrol Lieutenant Pontley.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Taylor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

ROLL CALL to determine the presence of a quorum: The City Secretary called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTES of the April 15, 2013, workshop were approved on a motion by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Taylor with all members present voting AYE. Minutes of the April 15, 2013 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Searcy with all members present voting AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION NO. 13-04-02 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A "PROPOSED PROJECT" (ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE AND WALKING PATHS- APPROXIMATELY 71.968 ACRES) PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.151- 505.161.

Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. City Manager Howerton explained that the resolution was initially approved on April 9, 2013 by the Ennis Economic Development Corporation. The resolution allows the expenditure of \$300,000.00 in 4-B Sales Tax Revenue to acquire approximately 71.968 acres. The resolution was then approved on April 15, 2013 by the City of Ennis Commission on the first reading. Tonight a second public hearing is being held with an opportunity to approve Resolution No. 13-04-02 upon second reading. The Mayor entertained a motion. Commissioner Holley moved that the Commission table this issue and send the project back to the Ennis Economic Development Corporation for a more comprehensive plan that will include updated financials and a realistic timeline. At such time, bring it back to the City Commission. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. Mayor

Thomas opened the meeting to public comment. The following citizens in attendance spoke as proponents and opponents to the project: Derry Essary, Jimmy Boon, Julie Hejny, Jerold Nichols, Harold Blake, Bernard Martinek, Scott Hejny, Rafael Casanova, Victor Pochobradsky, Raymond Lowrance, Scott Rider, Susan Hoffer, Melinda King, Ryan Hollingsworth, Gloria Morgan, Judy Sanders, Ginger Daniels, and Amelia Alvarez. At 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to close the public hearing and Commissioner Haupt seconded, all members in attendance voted AYE. The Mayor called for a vote on the motion to table Resolution No. 13-04-02 and all members in attendance voted AYE. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-04-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-05-01 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS;
caption of which follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-04-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-05-01 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGMEENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on second reading with a motion by Commissioner Salik, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and all members in attendance voting AYE.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 HISTORIC REINVESTMENT TAX REFUNDS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 89-04-06 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-02-01 Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the 2012 Historic Reinvestment Tax refunds pursuant to Ordinance 89-04-06 for twenty-seven (27) properties for a total of \$22,553.26. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members present voted AYE.

2013 HISTORIC LANDMARK TAX EXEMPTIONS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 89-04-09 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-02-01 Commissioner Salik moved to approve the one hundred and three (103) 2013 Historic Landmark Tax Exemptions pursuant to Ordinance 89-04-06 as amended by Ordinance 94-02-01. The exemption is up to twenty-five percent of the value of the property, not to exceed \$25,000.00 per property. The maximum exempt amount for the one hundred and three (103) exemptions is \$2,575,000.00. The tax revenue loss is \$17,896.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Searcy. Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Salik, Frazier, Haupt, Taylor, and Holley voted AYE.

RESOLUTION 13-04-04 DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO TRANSMIT FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT IN TEXPOOL/TEXPOOL PRIME Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 13-05-01 designating Authorized Representatives to transmit funds for investment in TexPool/Tex Pool Prime to include the Director of Finance, Renee

Mitchell, to the authorized representatives list. Commissioner Haupt seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF ENNIS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There was no action taken.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUNDTABLE: Commissioner (Mayor Pro-Tem) Taylor made a statement thanking the Citizens of Ennis for allowing him to serve 18 years as Mayor Pro-Tem. “To each member of the City Commission and Mr. Mayor, I enjoyed serving with each and every one including those Commissioners that are no longer with us. A personal thank you to Mr. Howerton, all the City Staff, and all the City Employees for the outstanding job that everyone does.” The Mayor and each member of the Commission expressed their sentiments.

With no further business, Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Russell R. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

