

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JULY 20, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-tem Walker, Commissioners Hernandez, Hackney, Searcy, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Captain Anthony, Director of Finance Welch, Main Street Director McCarty, and Chief Building Inspector Richardson.

Mayor Thomas and Commissioner Salik were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Searcy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Pro-tem Walker

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 6, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Searcy with all members in attendance voting AYE. Minutes of the July 6, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Searcy. Seconded by Commissioner Hackney with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

No comment was made.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL USES IN CENTRAL AREA ZONING DISTRICTS

The current ordinance does not permit property owners in the downtown Central Area Zoning District to have residential uses on the ground floor if the property faces the street. Staff recommends amending the zoning ordinance to permit residential uses on the ground floor in the rear 50% of the buildings with commercial use in the front 50% of the structures. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

ORDINANCE 15-07-05

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 85-6-8, ARTICLE XII COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REGULATION, SECTION 12-100 RESIDENTIAL USES EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL USES IN CA (CENTRAL AREA) ZONING DISTRICT. Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt on second and final reading. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-1 AND ADDING SECTION 16-7 OF THE CITY OF ENNIS CODE OF ORDINANCE

This proposed amendment will permit police bicycles to utilize sidewalks in downtown and also amends the sidewalk ordinance to permit sidewalk cafés in downtown. With the opportunity for additional restaurants, the potential for outdoor seating becomes available and this amendment will permit the issuance of a license to downtown restaurants for said use.

ORDINANCE 15-07-06

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-1 AND ADDING SECTION 16-7 OF THE CITY OF ENNIS CODE OF ORDINANCE ADDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES AND PERMITTING SIDEWALK CAFES BY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass, Approve and Adopt on second and final reading. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-07-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH AMR FOR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The City of Ennis participated with Ellis County and the cities of Red Oak and Waxahachie in selecting an ambulance service provider. The committee reviewed multiple proposals and recommends AMR be selected to provide this service. Commissioner Holley moved to Pass and Approve the resolution accepting AMR's proposal. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance vote AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-07-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH XMARK FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DIGITAL SIGN AT THE ENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass and Approve the resolution. There was discussion regarding a conflict with the city sign ordinance. Commissioner Hackney withdrew his motion. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION 15-07-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, PETITIONING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF NAVY, AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO TAKE ACTION THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE AWARDING OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR POSTHUMOUSLY TO MESSMAN ATTENDANT SECOND CLASS DORIE MILLER.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson has requested that the City of Ennis adopt the resolution. She is seeking support for the award of the Medal of Honor posthumously to Dorie Miller. Commissioner Searcy moved to Pass and Approve the resolution. Commissioner Holley seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-07-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,458.26 UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AT 210 NORTH DALLAS STREET; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Hackney moved to Pass and Approve the resolution. Commissioner Searcy seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Holley moved to reappoint the following to their respective positions expiring August 2017. Commissioner Hernandez seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

Jim Ferguson  
Cathie Morales  
Nora Puckett  
Joanne Ventura

MUSEUM BOARD

John McIntosh  
Jim Templin  
Dane Williams

HOSPITAL BOARD

Russell R. Thomas

PARKS BOARD

Cathie Morales  
Mark Novy

AIRPORT BOARD

Adam Hejny  
John Paul Honza

Bill Lewis  
Matt Walker

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

William Davis  
Glen Hejny  
Jerold Nichols  
Kevin Culpepper

BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Silvestre Garcia, Jr.  
Lane Grayson  
Buddy Markham  
Leonard Morton  
Mohamad Pishanidar  
Clint Sublett

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Ann. §551.074 (Texas Open Meetings Act “Personnel Matters”) appointment of an Associate Municipal Court Judge and Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Ann. §551.087 (Texas Open Meetings Act “Economic Development Negotiations”) Project Firebird. Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned open session and convened into executive session at 7:22 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned executive session and reconvened into open session.

ACTION RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Commissioner Holley moved to appoint Wesley Gene Knize to Associate Municipal Court Judge to serve in the absences of the Municipal Court Judge. Commissioner Hernandez seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

No action was taken on Project Firebird.

REQUEST FROM CITY COMMISSION AND ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Searcy commended Sergeant Alan Eddins for his outstanding public relations. Commissioner Walker asked that the Resolution approving the Notice of Intent to Issue 2015 COs be reconsidered with the notice wording to be edited removing park improvements and event facilities.

With no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Matthew K. Walker, Mayor Pro-tem

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Donna Batchler, City Secretary



