

CITY OF ENNIS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 3, 2015, in the City Commission Chambers of the City of Ennis Municipal Building, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis, Texas 75119.

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hernandez, Hackney, Walker, and Holley, City Manager Ewing, City Attorney Wilson, City Secretary Batchler, Chief Erisman, Chief Aycock, Director of Finance Welch, Economic Development Coordinator Nelson, and Chief Building Inspector Richardson.

Commissioners Salik and Searcy were not in attendance.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Thomas.

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 20, 2015, workshop were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Holley and seconded by Commissioner Hackney with all members in attendance voting AYE. Minutes of the July 20, 2015, regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Holley with all members present voting AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measures carried.

CITIZENS REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Sandra Turner appeared in regards to her rental property at 1500 Lynndale. Turner stated that she was in the process of evicting the renter and had problems. City Manager Ewings stated that city staff will look into the situation.

CONSENT ITEMS

RESOLUTION 15-08-01 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 311 E. Freeman St. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$1,800.

RESOLUTION 15-08-02 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 1300 Daffan Ave. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$2,100.

RESOLUTION 15-08-03 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 700 S. Owens St. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$2,300.

RESOLUTION 15-08-04 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 601 E. Loggins St. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$2,750.

RESOLUTION 15-08-05 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property known as a portion of Lot 4, Block 35 of the Smith Addition on Freeman St. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$2,250.

RESOLUTION 15-08-06 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property known as a portion of Lot 3, Block 35 of the Smith Addition on Faulkner Ave. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$1,500.

RESOLUTION 15-08-07 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property known as a portion of Lot 4, Block 35 of the Smith Addition on Freeman St. to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$1,500

RESOLUTION 15-08-08 approving the sale of tax foreclosure property located at 75 Old Highway 75 to NextLots Now, LLC., in the amount of \$3,000.

RESOLUTION 15-08-09 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the City of Ennis and Ellis County for FY 2015-2016.

Commissioner Holley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hernandez seconded. Commissioners Hernandez, Hackney, Walker, and Holley voted AYE. Mayor Thomas ABSTAINED 4-AYES, 0-NOES 1 NON VOTE Measures carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing regarding a proposed Specific Use Permit to allow a Bed & Breakfast Facility in the existing single family home located at 400 W. Denton St. Ennis, Ellis County, Texas. Requested by Sam and Joanne Ventura. P&Z Case 15.07.01 Comments were requested and there were none. At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing regarding the approval of the FY 2015-2016 Ennis Economic Development Corporation Budget. Comments were requested and there were none. At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Thomas closed the Public Hearing.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A BED & BREAKFAST FACILITY IN THE EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 400 W. DENTON ST. ENNIS, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS. REQUESTED BY SAM AND JOANNE VENTURA. P&Z CASE 15.07.01 First reading of the ordinance occurred and no action was taken.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FY 2015-2016 ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET.

Version 4 (Approved by the EDC 7-14-15)	
ANNUAL BUDGET	
ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016	
Approved	
Effective	10/1/2015

REVENUE

Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$6,054,458.00	fb
Restricted Fund Balance	\$695,150.00	fb
(bond reserve 105-1201)		
Restricted Fund Balance for Future SYSCO or AIRPORT (construct national drive or 10% of airport project cost)	\$2,000,000.00	fb
Cash Balance - Capital Project Fund (bond proceeds - restricted for industrial park development)	\$600,000.00	fb
Anticipated Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,556,500.00	
Interest Income	\$40,000.00	
Miscellaneous Income (merchandise sales, lease income, donations & sponsorships)	\$15,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,961,108.00	

EXPENDITURES

DEBT SERVICE

Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 (payments begin 8/1/2025)	\$0.00
Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2008	\$501,450.00
Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	\$225,750.00
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$727,200.00

FUNDED COMMITMENTS

Certificates of Obligation, Series 1998 (2012 Refunding) (I-45 Secondary Access Road, ends 2018)	\$115,800.00
Texas Capital Fund Repayment	\$140,000.00
FUNDED COMMITMENTS TOTAL	\$255,800.00

OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Restricted Fund Balance (bond reserve 105-1201)	\$695,150.00
Restricted for industrial park development (bond proceeds)	\$600,000.00
Restricted for Future SYSCO or AIRPORT	\$2,000,000.00
Administrative Services to City (ED, Downtown and FM Coordinators)	\$190,000.00
Lights of Ennis	\$30,000.00
Farmers Market	\$25,000.00
Downtown Façade Grants	\$100,000.00
Kaufman Façade Grants	\$50,000.00
Downtown Revitalization (Main Street)	\$50,000.00
Industrial Park Maintenance	\$200,000.00
Historic Preservation Grants	\$1,000,000.00
Economic Development Activities (Operations & Marketing)	\$50,000.00
Catalyst Projects	\$2,000,000.00
Property Acquisition	\$1,850,000.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$1,137,958.00
OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TOTAL	\$9,978,108.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,961,108.00

First reading occurred and no action was taken

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 15-08-10

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF ENNIS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2015

Commissioner Walker moved to approve Resolution 15-08-10 directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Ennis Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015 and stipulated that specific projects and expenditures shall come back to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Hackney seconded. Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hernandez, Hackney, and Walker voted AYE. Commissioner Holley voted NO. 4-AYES, 1-NO Measure carried.

RESOLUTION 15-08-11

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$00.69 PER \$100 VALUATION AND DECLARING PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ON AUGUST 17, 2015 AND AUGUST 25, 2015; SUBMISSION OF THE CERTIFIED TAXABLE VALUE AND THE CALCULATED EFFECTIVE AND ROLLBACK TAX RATES.

The Certified Taxable Value and the calculated Effective and Rollback Rates were not submitted to the Commission due to the debt service amount remaining to be determined. Commissioner Holley moved to propose a 2015 tax rate of \$0.69 and set the public hearing dates for August 17th and August 25th. Commissioner Walker seconded. Mayor Thomas, Commissioners Hernandez, Hackney, Walker, and Holley voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Commissioner Holley moved to reappointment for August 2015 Term Expiration Joseph Brown to the Parks Board. Commissioner Walker seconded and all members in attendance voted AYE. 5-AYES, 0-NOES Measure carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Ann. §551.074 (Texas Open Meetings Act "Personnel Matters") City Secretary. Mayor Thomas adjourned the Open Session and Convened into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

ACTION AS A RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Open Session was reconvened at 7:27 p.m. Mayor Thomas announced that City Secretary Batchler has submitted her notice of retirement to the Commission. City Staff to conduct a search to fill the vacancy.

CITY COMMISSION REQUEST AND ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Holley requested a monthly financial report moving forward to next year. Commissioner Walker reported complaints regarding the loose gravel resulting from the recent chip seal of city streets. City Manager stated that the street sweeper is being repaired. As soon as repairs are complete, the streets in question will be swept. Commissioner Hackney asked questions regarding FY 15-16 budget CCPD fund.

Mayor Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew K. Walker, Mayor Pro-tem

Donna Batchler, City Secretary

