

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

City Secretary, Susie Quinn, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Scott Bradley
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Berthiaume
Councilmember Chris George
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Don Reilly

Absent: Councilmember Owais Siddiqui

3. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Discuss the Texas Ethics Commission slide presentation regarding advocacy in bond elections. - *Regina Edwards, Assistant City Attorney*

Assistant City Attorney Regina Edwards presented to Council bond election laws information. Reviewed Section 255.003 Unlawful use of public funds for political advertising, Section 251.001 Definitions and Words Matter. A pamphlet was distributed from the Texas Ethics Commission on "A Short Guide to the Prohibition Against Using Political Subdivision Resources for Political Advertising in Connection with an Election." Presentation also explained Political Advertising Defined with examples of violations, the city's role along with examples allowed and how to form a Political Action Committee (PAC).

COUNCIL ACTION (3.A.)

NO ACTION (DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY)

- B. Consider and/or act upon Capital Project Advisory Committee (CPAC) recommendations. - *Mike Castro, City Manager*

Mayor Scott Bradley distributed two handouts representing:

- a. Priority One items with total dollar amount
- b. Other items that did not make the Priority one list grouping

City Manager Mike Castro explained that all CPAC recommendations must be presented to Bond Council for their review of the categories and if the proposals presented are within legal

requirements. New category has been added Technology Initiatives \$405 thousand and Improvements to Municipal Buildings \$6.2 million. Reducing the original categories of Public Safety \$2.8 million, Parks & Recreation \$2.3 million and Roads, Drainage & Infrastructure \$15.6 million.

Discussion continued among Council and Staff as to what should remain or be removed from the recommendation list:

- Information Technology items such as servers, uninterrupted power supply, etc. should not be included on a bond list. Staff to provide Lease versus Buy information to Council.
- Improvements to Municipal Buildings items such as carpet/paint/flooring should not be included on a bond list. Determine if reserve funding over several years or a future certificate of obligation could be an option.
- Recommendation to staff is to remove the following items from the list:
 - 40.02 – Remodeling – carpet/paint/flooring (Fire)
 - 51.05 – Remodeling – carpet/paint (Facilities)
 - 51.23 – Remodel – carpet/paint/floors (epoxy) (Facilities)
 - 60.04 – Remodeling – carpet/paint (Police)
 - 60.10 – Remodeling – pillars and walls cleaning (Police)
 - 80.01 – Remodel lobby office renovations (Recreation)
 - 80.02 – Remodel – carpet/paint/refinish floors (Recreation)

Items to remain a priority and Staff to present to Council at a later date and time financial and timing recommendations to complete outside out the bond.

- Recreation and Parks items discussion only (no action for staff)
- Roads, Drainage & Infrastructure items discussion only (no action)
 - McWhirter Road (removed from the list, culvert and drainage improvements remain)
- Public Safety items discussion only

Council requested to add the following items that were not originally on the approved CPAC recommendation list:

- 85.05 - Travis Farm Park \$750,000
- 85.23 - Railroad Crossing Completion – North Maxwell Creek Road \$300,000

Water and Sewer projects will be Certificates of Obligations only.

COUNCIL ACTION (3.B.)

NO ACTION

- C. Discuss possible ballot language for bond proposal. - *Karen Montgomery, Finance Director*

Finance Director Karen Montgomery distributed a red-line version sample of a ballot language ordinance for discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION (3.C.)

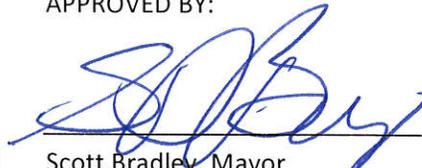
NO ACTION (DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY)

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion was entertained by the Mayor Bradley and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

APPROVED BY:





Scott Bradley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susie Quinn, City Secretary