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# KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**February 27, 2017**
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE**

**WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM**
**REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

## II. WORK SESSION

A. Presentation of the annual audit – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Finance Director Krystal Crump introduced Paula Lowe from Pattillo Brown and Hill. Paula Lowe provided an overview of the report, noting that the independent auditor's report states Pattillo, Brown and Hill performed the audit under all regulations and typical practices. She added that the last page of table of contents shows a 10 year overview.

B. Discussion of items on regular agenda

No items were discussed at this time.

## III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson recessed into executive session at 5:49 p.m.

A. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the City Manager.
1. Interview candidates for City Manager position

**RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 6:49 P.M.**
No action was taken

B. The City Council may meet in closed session at any time during the Work Session or the Regular Session, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct may conflict with the Open Meetings Act, including discussion on any item posted on the agenda and legal issues regarding litigation, settlement offers, and/or claims regarding the following matters:
1. Keith Kidwill vs. The City of Kennedale, Texas

Mayor Johnson recessed into second executive session at 7:42 p.m.

C. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the following:

1. 108 New Hope Road
2. 6727 Hudson Village Creek (Kennedale Speedway Park)
3. 6820 Oak Crest West

## IV. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED

Mayor Johnson reconvened into open session at 7:58 p.m.
No action required.

## V. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson opened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

## VI. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Frank Fernandez, Brian Johnson , Kelly Turner, Charles Overstreet, Michael Walker
**Absent:** Liz Carrington

## VII. INVOCATION

Pastor Greg Adams from Covenant Life Baptist Church provided the invocation.

## VIII. UNITED STATES PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

## IX. VISITOR/CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rockie Gilley, 220 South Dick Price Road stated that last September the City commissioned a survey be conducted by UTA. The overall respondents found Kennedale to be a safe place to live. Overall, they were unhappy with the quality of the water, the water and sewer rates, and said the city could use some cleaning up. There were 300 respondents, which is probably 5% of all adults. A question was asked, of the three services offered by Kennedale, which needs the most improvement? He provided percentages to this question. In closing, he asked Council to review the survey and listen to the citizens' concerns.

Jan Joplin, 204 Hilltop stated that she would like to respond to the reply given to her in the December letter. The biggest question she had was what happened to the $800,000 that was said to be used for sewer repairs. She added that this question was not answered. The Kennedale News followed up with Mr. Hart, where he addressed the $800,000 as an estimate. She stated that she is not going for that explanation and thinks this is a huge issue. We were told an amount of $800,000 and it wasn't a true statement. She added that Bob Hart mentioned that she asked about the SOBs; and she only wanted to make it clear that she was questioning the amount spent to close them. She also wants to know what the expected cost and timeline will be to close the racetracks and salvage yards,

Jack Thompson, 129 Sunny Meadows Drive, Burleson stated that he was here on behalf of the Kennedale Chamber. He announced that the Chamber would be hosting a candidate forum in April, and as soon as the venue and date are selected they will post the information on the Chamber's Facebook page and website.

## X. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Updates from the City Council

Councilman Kelly Turner stated that he had attended the bimonthly REPAC and EPPC meetings; noting that both of these are NCTCOG committees that meet regarding emergency preparedness.

B. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Brian Johnson stated that he and George Campbell attended the SETTP meeting. He noted that Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 in transportation funding will not be increased, as expected. This will once again push back the 20/820/287 interchange improvement project. Brian also expressed well wishes to Krystal as she leaves Kennedale for a position at White Settlement. And, on a sad note, he expressed condolences to Councilman Mike Walker, whose mother passed away Saturday.

C. Updates from the Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager George Campbell stated that in the last 21 days, he has met a lot of residents and heard a lot of great things. George also wished Krystal well. In closing, he stated that he has a lot to learn about the city, and that staff have been incredibly positive and supportive as he learns what's going on.

## XI. MONITORING INFORMATION

A. Monthly Financials – January 2017

B. Executive Limitations

C. Ends Review – Balanced Scorecard

Monitoring information updates are in the agenda packet for review.

## XII. INCIDENTAL ITEMS

A. Discuss and approve the budget calendar for FY2017

Finance Director Krystal Crump provided an overview of the budget calendar for the fiscal year 2016-17. She highlighted the dates for the budget workshop, the planning session, and the budget kickoff.

## XIII. REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEMS (CONSENT)

A. Consider approval of amended minutes from January 14, 2017 special meeting

B. Consider approval of minutes from January 23, 2017 regular meeting

C. Consider approval of minutes from February 11, 2017 special meeting

D. Consider approval of minutes from February 17, 2017 special meeting

E. Consider acceptance of the Vineyards subdivision (Phases 1 and 2)

F. Review and accept an amended racial profiling data sheet

G. Consider approval of an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County for roadway striping

**Motion** To approve all required approval Items on (Consent) agenda. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Kelly Turner, **Seconded By** Charles Overstreet.
**Motion passed Unanimously**

## XIV. DECISION ITEMS

A. **CASE # PZ 17-04** to hold a public hearing and consider approval of Ordinance 622 regarding an amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC), as adopted by Ordinance 605, to amend Article 10 General Provisions for All Districts Section 10.17 "Walls and Fences" and Article 13 Landscaping, Screening, and Lighting Sections 13.6 "Buffering" and 13.8 "Screening."

1. Staff presentation
2. Public hearing
3. Staff response and summary
4. Action by the City Council

City Planner Rachel Roberts provided the staff presentation stating that last month Council approved updates to the screening regulations; at that time Council members and Planning and Zoning requested specific updates to the screening regulations when you have topographical changes. The purposed changes would require the use of a berm or retaining wall when needed.

Public Hearing:
Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing; there was no one present requesting to speak. Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

There was no further discussion.

**Motion** To approve Ordinance 622 amending the Unified Development Code. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Frank Fernandez, **Seconded By** Kelly Turner.
**Motion passed Unanimously**

B. Discuss and consider approval of independent auditor's report (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016

Paula Lowe with Pattillo Brown and Hill provide the presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year end, September 30, 2016. She informed the Council that they have an unmodified opinion on these financial statements, and that is the highest opinion that can be written. There were no items to bring to Council's attention.

Councilman Mike Walker stated that there have been some feelings in the community that Patillo, Brown and Hill are in some way connected to our past city manager. He questioned if

she was aware of any kind of connection? Ms. Lowe replied no. Mayor Johnson asked how many cities they provide auditing services for. She replied 50 to 60 other cities.

Councilman Kelly Turner requested a 5th grade explanation of what the CAFR is? Ms. Lowe stated that their responsibility as auditors is to come in and look at the numbers and supporting documentation and to be able to say that the financial statements aren't misleading to the users. She continued, stating that as part of that process, there are standards that must be met, and normally they work in-house on the audit for 3-4 weeks. Councilman Frank Fernandez questioned how long the firm has been in business? She replied, since 1923. Frank asked if they have ever been asked to do a forensic audit. Paula stated yes, but it is not typical. Mayor Johnson stated that the city does follow standard accounting practices and internal controls. Paula stated that this was correct.

**Motion** To approve the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Charles Overstreet, **Seconded By** Frank Fernandez.
**Motion passed Unanimously**

APPROVED:

Brian Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Galloway, City Secretary