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KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | January 12, 2018
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
WORK SESSION - 5:30 PM | REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. WORK SESSION

A. Discussion of items on regular agenda

There was no discussion at this time.

B. Discussion of potential board appointments to fill vacancies

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin recommended the following appointments:

- BOA/BBA: Move Josh Altom up from alternate, leaving his place vacant
- P&Z: Newly appoint Jadey James
- EDC: Newly appoint Stan Seat, Ralph Grimes, and Marsha Knox
- Parks: No current recommendation

Councilmember Gilley voiced his support of Stan Seat. Mayor Johnson suggested interviewing these candidates at the next Regular Meeting.

Mayor Johnson recessed into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. Council recessed from 6:10 p.m. until the Regular Session.

III. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson opened the Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Johnson; Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin, Place 5; Rockie Gilley, Place 1; Liz Carrington, Place 2; Sandra Lee, Place 3; and Kelly Turner, Place 4. **Absent:** None

Staff: *City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary and Communications Coordinator Leslie Galloway, Finance Director Brady Olsen, HR Director Kelly Cooper, Fire Chief Mike McMurray, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Public Works Director Larry Ledbetter, Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover, Library Director Amanda King, City Attorney Wayne Olson*

V. INVOCATION

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

VI. UNITED STATES PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

VII. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

- **Sandra Childres**, 121 W Mansfield Avenue, submitted a written opinion that she felt the petition for the recall of Sandra Lee should be disregarded.
- **Eric Elam**, 349 Kennedale Sublett Road, stated his dissatisfaction with the procedure for ordering items on the agenda, pointing out that City Attorney Wayne Olson had stated in a recent email to staff that acting consistently regarding policy and procedures

was in the best interest of the City.

- **Loree Boyd**, 321 W 3rd Street, stated her dissatisfaction with how the Councilmembers elected in May 2017 had been treated and concern with the ordering of the agenda.
- **Joe Palmer**, 4017 Sanguinet Court, Fort Worth, TX, began to speak about the petition, but was told by the Mayor that addressing items on the agenda was not allowed during the Visitor/Citizens Forum.

Motion To approve the suspension of the adopted parliamentary procedures of the Kennedale City Council for this meeting. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Gilley, **Seconded By** Mayor Pro Tem Joplin.

In response to Councilmember Turner's question, City Attorney Wayne Olson stated that while this would have been best considered by being listed as an agenda item, a majority of the Council can, indeed, choose to adopt alternative procedures for the meeting.

Motion passes 3-2, with Carrington and Turner voting against.

- **Joe Palmer**, continued stating that those circulating the petition gave, in his opinion, false information to those residents whose signatures they were soliciting. He added that the majority vote of the current Council should determine the direction of the City.

VIII. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Updates from the City Council

- **Councilmember Gilley** applauded the Public Works Department for their recent overnight repair of a water leak in Winding Creek during sub-freezing temperatures.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Joplin** stated that she was awaiting a response from Finance Director Brady Olsen regarding her questions about the monthly Financial Summaries. She stated that she also attended BOA/BBA and KKB meetings. She closed by saying that she chose to run for City Council after the water bill increase in 2016 and what she saw as a misrepresentation by then City Manager Bob Hart of the reasons behind that increase; and stated her frustration with what she felt was an inability to move forward on many issues that need to be addressed.

B. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager George Campbell had no updates at this time.

C. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Brian Johnson stated that the Southeast Tarrant Transportation Partnership (SETTP) would have a public meeting at the Arlington Board of Realtors building on Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m., which would include updates on funding for local transportation projects.

IX. MONITORING INFORMATION

A. Monthly Financials – December 2017

There was no discussion at this time.

X. INCIDENTAL ITEMS

XI. REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEMS (CONSENT)

A. Consider approval of minutes from December 18, 2017 regular meeting

Motion To approve all required approval items on consent agenda. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Turner, Seconded By Carrington. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

XII. DECISION ITEMS

Motion To approve the reordering of Decision Items, taking them in the order of D, C, B, A. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Gilley, **Seconded By** Mayor Pro Tem Joplin. **Motion denied** by Mayor Johnson**.**

City Attorney Wayne Olson stated that he was not aware of any adopted procedure allowing that change to be made. Councilmember Gilley stated that he felt Section 3.8 of the Charter would allow the Council to reorder these items to the chronological order in which they occurred, should a majority vote for such a change. Olson stated that he did not interpret the Charter in that manner, and that Council would need to adopt procedures to address such an issue, but at this time needed to follow the current adopted Parliamentary Procedures.

Motion To adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Gilley, **Seconded By** Lee. **Motion passed 3-2,** with Turner and Carrington voting against.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A. Certification by City Secretary of Citizens Petitions for recall under Article XI of the City Charter; and Consideration and/or action regarding Citizens Petitions for recall under Article XI of the City Charter

The meeting was adjourned before this item was discussed.

B. Consider approval of Resolution 516, calling a Special Election for May 5, 2018, pursuant to Article XI of the City Charter

The meeting was adjourned before this item was discussed.

C. Determination of violation of express prohibition of City Charter/Forfeiture of Office for Councilmember Sandra Lee, pursuant to Section 3.06 of the City Charter

The meeting was adjourned before this item was discussed.

D. Determination of Excused Absences/Forfeiture of Office for Councilmember Liz Carrington, pursuant to Section 3.06 of the City Charter

The meeting was adjourned before this item was discussed.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, public official liability insurance, legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act, interpretation of City Charter requirements regarding forfeiture of office, and the following litigation:

A. Ray v. Johnson, et al; Civil Action No. 4:17-CV-1006-Y

This item was taken out of order. Mayor Johnson recessed into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m., following the Work Session, but before the Regular Session.

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

There was no action at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Gilley, **Seconded By** Lee. **Motion passed 3-2,** with Turner and Carrington voting against.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brian Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Galloway

Leslie Galloway, City Secretary

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