

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
MAY 12, 2020 AT 5:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. SPECIAL SESSION

A. ROLL CALL

Participating via VideoConference: Mayor Brian Johnson; Josh Altom, Place 1; Chris Pugh, Place 2; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Chad Wandel, Place 5; **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Place 3. **Staff Participating via VideoConference:** City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary and Communications Coordinator Leslie E. Galloway, City Attorney Drew Larkin, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Fire Chief James Brown, and Administrative Assistant Rosie Ericson.

B. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 697, amending Chapter 15, "Nuisances" by adding provisions regulating noxious and invasive plants

City Manager George Campbell stated that staff had been made aware of issues related to bamboo in recent weeks and was now offering this ordinance as a way to classify the planting and cultivating of those invasive species of the plant as a nuisance as well as mitigating issues and offering guidance for planting that would aim to protect adjoining properties. He added that, because it would be classified as a nuisance, that existing bamboo plantings would not be grandfathered.

There was some discussion regarding invasive bamboo's potential to affect multiple adjoining properties and Council's desire for staff to consider the development of a process by which individual cases could be evaluated and potentially offered variances.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Ordinance 697, amending Chapter 15, "Nuisances" by adding provisions regulating noxious and invasive plants, **Moved By** Altom, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passed unanimously**, with a vote of 4-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Lee being absent.

Melissa Almond, 1001 Little School Road, and **Al De Arana**, her landscaper, requested to speak following the vote; each spoke in opposition to the item.

Mayor Brian Johnson asked that they reach out to staff for further discussion, if desired.

2. Discuss and take action as may be required regarding issues relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency

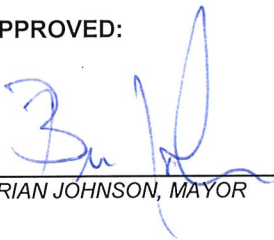
City Manager George Campbell stated that there was no action necessary at this time, and gave updates regarding funding via the CARES Act that the City expected to receive from the County. There was some discussion of when types of businesses might soon be allowed to re-open under the Governor's Open Texas plan.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Adjourn. Action Adjourn, Moved By Altom, Seconded By Pugh. Motion passed unanimously, with a vote of 4-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Lee being absent.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

