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KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
DECEMBER 15, 2020 at 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Review of applicants, discussion of the board appointment process, and/or discussion of potential appointments to the Board of Adjustment/Building Board of Appeals, Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission, Kennedale Economic Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Library Advisory Board, Utility and Infrastructure Board, TownCenter Development District, and the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

   After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council was to schedule interviews of all applicants that the Council was unfamiliar with.

B. REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

In response to a question from Councilmember Mitchell regarding Item IV.F.3., Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital stated that the refinancing would be at a fixed interest rate

In response to a question from Councilmember Altom regarding Item IV.F.2., Mayor Johnson stated that his recommendation was to postpone that item, but allow those who would like to speak to do so during this meeting.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council did not recess into Executive Session during this meeting.

A. **PURSUANT TO §551.071** — *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 of any item posted on the agenda or legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act*

IV. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson opened the Regular Session at 5:36 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Participating via VideoConference: Mayor Brian Johnson; Josh Altom, Place 1; Gary Mitchell, Place 2; Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Place 3; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Chad Wandel, Place 5; **Absent:** NONE. ***Staff Participating via VideoConference:*** *City Manager George Campbell, City Attorney Drew Larkin, Director of Finance and Information Technology Lakeita Sutton, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Library Director Amanda King, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Danielle Clarke, Director of Planning and Economic Development Melissa Dailey, Administrative Assistant Rosie Ericson;* ***Consultants:*** *Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital*

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

The invocation and pledges were not carried out due to the meeting being held remotely.

C. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

There were no requests to speak at this time.

D. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Updates from the City Council

   - **Gary Mitchell, Place 2**, thanked the staff for the detailed meeting packets.
   - **Josh Altom, Place 1**, reminded everyone of "Santa Around Town" and thanked staff for their work on this program; and announced that he helped with the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge.
   - **Linda Rhodes, Place 4**, thanked frontline personnel for their dedication during these difficult times.
   - **Chad Wandel, Place 5**, wished everyone Merry Christmas and encouraged support of charities including WhenWeLove.org and the local Senior Citizen Angel Tree at Red's Roadhouse.
   - **Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Lee, Place 3**, thanked Sara Bishop Cotton for her work with Senior Outreach Kennedale and encouraged support of the organization; thanked Mayor Johnson for allowing her to help with the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge; and thanked staff and Council for their dedication.

2. Updates from the Mayor

   Mayor Brian Johnson thanked Councilmember Altom, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Laurie Sanders for volunteering their time for the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge; and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Lee for her service and wished her well in her newly-elected role as Constable.

3. Updates from the City Manager

   City Manager George Campbell stated that an announcement was forthcoming regarding the transfer of utility billing and customer service to the City of Arlington, and that staff had begun working on TCEQ requirements necessary to begin purchasing water from the City of Arlington as well.

4. Financial Reports for the City

   Finance Director Lakeita Sutton noted that the final page of the financials showed the usage of the City's CARES Funding allocation thus far and that this information would be

included until the funds were exhausted. She added that a portion of public safety salaries would, in fact, be eligible for reimbursement, resulting in a healthier General Fund balance.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2020 special meeting at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2020 regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.
3. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority ("Trinity Metro") for Administrative Cost Funding for Section 5310 Program

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve the Consent Agenda, with a correction to item IV.E.2. to include the actual call to order time as 5:30 p.m. (rather than 5:00 p.m.), **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Wandel. **Motion passes unanimously.**

F. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Consider appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. IT WAS CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ITEM IV.F.2.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve appointment of Chad Wandel as Mayor Pro Tem, **Moved By** Mitchell, **Seconded By** Altom. **Motion passes 4-0-1, with Wandel abstaining.**

Mayor Johnson thanked Councilmember Lee for her service as Mayor Pro Tem; and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wandel on his appointment.

2. Consider approval of an Ordinance, amending Section 22-48 "No Parking Zones" of Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" of the Kennedale City Code by establishing a no parking, stopping, or standing zone on a portion of Mistletoe Drive (from Paula Lane to Reeves Lane)

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. IT WAS CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONSENT AGENDA, BUT BEFORE ITEM IV.F.1.

City Manager George Campbell stated that during the November meeting, Council adopted Ordinance 718, allowing staff to update school zone times surrounding James A. Arthur Intermediate and James F. Delaney Elementary schools and officially designating Mistletoe Drive a one-way street. If adopted, the current Ordinance would disallow parking on Mistletoe Drive between Reeves Lane and Paula Lane in efforts to facilitate traffic flow. Campbell added that the Ordinance included in the packet would prohibit parking at all times (rather than only during school zone hours), but that staff had also drafted an Ordinance that would only apply during school days during school zone hours.

- **Dan Hippman**, *106 W Mistletoe Drive*, spoke in opposition to this item.
- **Ed Fosman**, *Reeves Lane*, spoke in opposition to this item.
- **Jonathan Beranek**, *619 Reeves Lane*, spoke in opposition to this item.
- **Kelly Turner**, *313 Creekwood Court*, spoke in opposition to this item.
- **David Green**, *201 W Mistletoe Drive,* spoke in opposition to this item.

Mayor Johnson noted that the City is working on sidewalks in the area via the Safe Routes to School Program. Councilmember Altom stated that he had not observed an issue with parking on Mistletoe Drive and would concur with the speakers to discuss this item further with the residents in the area before taking action.

Motion Postpone. **Action** Postpone consideration of an Ordinance amending Section 22-48 "No Parking Zones" of Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" of the Kennedale City Code by establishing a no parking, stopping, or standing zone on a portion of Mistletoe Drive (from Paula Lane to Reeves Lane), **Moved By** Altom, **Seconded By** Mitchell.

Councilmember Chad Wandel recommended involving a representative from the schools in the continued discussion. City Manager George Campbell echoed the need to include the school district. Councilmember Mitchell thanked those who took time to join the meeting and speak on this item.

Motion to postpone passes unanimously.

3. Consider approval of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of approximately $1,555,000 in aggregate principal amount of City of Kennedale, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2020A; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including an escrow agreement, a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase contract and investment letter

   Finance Director Lakeita Sutton stated that this item, if approved, would finalize this refunding that was originally presented to Council during the October regular meeting, noting that the actual savings would be more than projected. Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital offered a brief presentation showing a savings of $202,364 via refunding.

   Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Ordinance 720, authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of approximately $1,555,000 in aggregate principal amount of City of Kennedale, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond, Series 2020A; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including an escrow agreement, a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase contract and investment letter, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wandel, **Seconded By** Altom. **Motion passes unanimously.**

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings on this agenda.

H. TAKE ACTION NECESSARY, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED

There was neither action nor discussion at this time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Mayor Pro Tem Wandel. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Before adjourning the meeting at 6:23 p.m., Mayor Brian Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas, reminding everyone to remain vigilant as COVID-19 cases were at a peak.

APPROVED:

BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

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