

REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022, 6:00 P. M.
CITY HALL, 105 BALLARD DRIVE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCILMAN RICK THELEN WHO STOOD IN AS MAYOR PRO TEM
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT RICK THELEN, YVETTE MARTIN, AND GAVIN RASCO

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: MAYOR JEFF DAUGHERTY AND COUNCILWOMAN/MAYOR PRO TEM GINGER SIMS

JUDGE COWART SAID THE INVOCATION AND COUNCILMAN RICK THELEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITIONS: CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, PRESENTED A CHECK FROM JOHN DEEPAK FOR \$5,000. THE DONATION IS FROM GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH TO BE USED FOR THE PARKS.

F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE COUNCILWOMAN GINGER SIMS FROM THE JUNE 7, 2022, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. YVETTE MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE COUNCILWOMAN GINGER SIMS ABSENCE FROM JUNE 7, 2022, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. SECOND BY GAVIN RASCO. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PLAYGROUND DESIGN FOR A GRANT PROJECT APPLICATION FOR POOL PARK. DAVID CRAFT, FINANCIAL DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE GRANT APPLICATION. THE PARKS BOARD MET AND WERE HAPPY WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SELECTED FOR POOL PARK. THE ENGINEERS CAME OUT AND LOOKED AT THE CURRENT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAID IT WOULD NEED TO BE REMOVED. YVETTE MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PLAYGROUND DESIGN FOR A GRANT PROJECT FOR POOL PARK. SECOND BY GAVIN RASCO. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE USE OF THE IB RICE FUNDS FOR THE BOY SCOUTS BUILDING. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED THE IB RICE FUNDS ARE RESTRICTED FUNDS DONATED FROM WILLIE TUCKER ESTATE IN 1989. THE FUNDS WERE RECEIVED WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS EXCEPT THEY WERE TO BE USED FOR THE YOUTH SCOUT BUILDING AT POOL PARK. THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL AT THE TIME DECIDED TO PLACE THE FUNDS INTO A CD AND USE THE INTEREST TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$21,562. THE SCOUT LEADERS AND BOY SCOUTS WOULD LIKE TO DO WORK ON THE BUILDING AND USE SOME OF THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE MATERIALS TO HELP REPAIR THE BOY SCOUT BUILDING. GAVIN RASCO APPROVED THE USE IB RICE FUNDS FOR THE BOY SCOUTS BUILDING. SECOND BY YVETTE MARTIN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL FULL TIME MUNICIPAL CLERK AND ADJUSTMENT TO JUDGE PAY. JUDGE COWART STATED THE STATE LAW CHANGED SOME PROCECURES THAT REQUIRED IN COURT. THE NEW REQUIREMENTS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STEPS FOR THE COURT CLERKS TO FOLLOW. HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER FULL TIME COURT CLERK. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED OUR REVENUE NUMBERS ARE GOOD IN THE COURT AND WOULD LIKE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADDING AN EMPLOYEE. SHE HAS DISCUSSED WITH THE JUDGE REGARDING THE CLERK'S WORKLOAD. JUDGE COWART HAS SERVED AS THE CITY MUNICIPAL JUDGE SINCE 1984. HE IS PAID \$14,000 A YEAR WITH NO OTHER COMPENSATION. SHE RECOMMENDS INCREASING HIS PAY TO \$20,000 A YEAR. YVETTE MARTIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE FULL TIME AND ADJUSTMENT TO JUDGE'S PAY TO \$20,000 YEAR. SECOND BY GAVIN RASCO. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY REQUESTED RATE CHANGE. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED WE ARE PART OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS PASSING A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE RATES. SHE RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF THE ATTORNEY. GAVIN RASCO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION R08-2022** SUSPENDING ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUEST RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES. SECOND BY YVETTE MARTIN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF TREES IN DARDEN HARVEST PARK. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED SHE SPOKE WITH THE PARKS BOARD REGARDING THE TREES. THEY AGREE WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENTS ASSESSMENT OF THE TREES. THE TREE NEXT TO THE GAZEBO SIDE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED. THE OTHER TREE ON THE CORNER NEEDS THE UPPER DEAD LIMBS REMOVED. COUNCIL DISCUSS OPTIONS. GAVIN RASCO MADE A MOTION TO LEAVE THE TREES AND TO REMOVE THE DEAD LIMBS ON TREES AT DARDEN HARVEST PARK. SECOND BY YVETTE MARTIN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY WORKSPACE AGREEMENT WITH GULF SOUTH PIPELINE FOR THE USE OF 0.13 ACRES OWNED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED AT 702 W SOUTH ST. IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FM-16 WIDENING PROJECT, WITH PROVISIONS THAT GULF SOUTH PIPELINE WILL PROTECT FROM HARM ANY TREES OR BRUSH IDENTIFIED AS NECESSARY BY CITY STAFF. GAVIN RASCO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY WORKSPACE AGREEMENT WITH GULF SOUTH PIPELINE. SECOND BY YVETTE MARTIN. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

F-8 CITIZEN TALK TIME: (TIME LIMIT 5 MINUTES. NO DISCUSSION BUT MAY BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION). NONE.

F-9 REPORTS: CITY COUNCIL, CITY MGR., CITY STAFF (NO DISCUSSION, INFORMATION UPDATE ONLY). CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, UPDATED ON VINTAGE MARKET DAYS UPCOMING EVENTS.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY, TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION. COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:31 P.M. COUNCIL ENTERED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 6:54 P.M. NO ACTION TAKEN.

H. ADJOURNMENT. MEETING ADJOURNED 6:54 P.M.


MICHELLE WIESE, CITY SECRETARY


JEFF D. DAUGHERTY, MAYOR