

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING

1. Roll Call - Declaration of a Quorum

Council Present: Mayor Maxton and Council Members: Stroup, Elizondo, Koerner, Parker, and Muenchow

Council Absent: Council Member Hartpence

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge of Allegiance was led by Michelle Bliss.

CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM

3. Seth Mitchell asked Council to consider not requiring citizens to state their address during citizens to be heard, to consider keeping the property tax rate he referenced in an email to Council as is, and to confirm the advice they were given regarding communications with citizens.

Sharon Brimhall spoke about the utility rate pricing objectives and asked Council to postpone the Civic Center project.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Joanna Merrill, Director of Human Resources & Communications and Mayor Maxton presented to City Manager, Tobin Maples, AICP, an Employee Service Award for 5 years of service.
5. Director of Camp Bullis, Michael Waldrop and Installation Manager for Camp Stanley, Glenn Moore, introduced themselves to Council and the City and expressed desire to continue working closely with Fair Oaks Ranch.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **Approval of the June 17, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes.**

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stroup, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: 6-0; Motion Passed.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**7. Consideration and possible action setting Utility Rate Pricing Objectives to guide the Utility rate-setting process.**

Council received a survey to rank the priority of pricing objectives to guide the process. Council provided their surveys back to Angie Flores from Raftelis so that she could bring back the results at a future meeting for discussion.

8. Consideration and possible action on Utility Rate Study Panel appointments.

MOTION: Made by Mayor Maxton, seconded by Council Member Stroup, to appoint all 18 applicants to the Utility Rate Advisory Panel. (Tom Jaster, Seth Mitchell, Jorge Del Alamo, Jeff DeFranco, Gordon Jaehne, Ron Madura, Cynthia Mitchell, EJ Jaax, Chris Buonocore, John M. Sosa, David Warner, Steven Robertson, Gaylia Kelley, David Horwath, Brandi Crawford, Dana Krone, Laura Okey, and Gary Burkhardt)

VOTE: 6-0; Motion Passed.

Additional applicants from Zone A will be sought for appointment at a future date.

9. Consideration and possible action declaring excess City property surplus and authorizing disposal.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Elizondo, seconded by Council Member Stroup, to authorize the City Manager to sell, auction or dispose of equipment declared as surplus by the most practical and profitable means.

VOTE: 6-0; Motion Passed.

10. Consideration and possible action regarding an update on the Civic Center and City Hall Renovation project.

City Manager, Tobin Maples, informed Council that bids for the project came in higher than hoped. Council provided direction to set aside the Civic Center portion of the project and focus on City Hall renovations during the budget process.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council convened into Executive Session at 8:07 PM regarding:

Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) the City Council will meet in private consultation with legal counsel to seek the advice of its attorneys about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, and/or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code; to wit:

13. Cause No. 2018-CI-00202; the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas vs. Edward I. Hill, Robert E. Heckendorn, Craig M. Luitjen, Roger Fuentes, Wesley A. Pieper, Esther W. Hicks, William A. McDowell, Yolanda D. Ayala, PG Pfeiffer Ranches LLC, Maureen Pfeiffer Stevenson Family Trust.

Sec. 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

14. To discuss the hiring of the Director of Public Works and Engineering Services.

City Council did not convene into Executive Session regarding:

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11. To receive legal advice and to receive and deliberate an offer of settlement for claims made on behalf of a real property owner against the City's operation of well K-2.
12. To receive legal advice from Special Counsel and the City Attorney regarding the City's ground water rights.


RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Maxton reconvened into Open Session at 9:29 PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Maxton adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

ATTEST:


Christina Picioccio, City Secretary


Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor