

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2020
7286 Dietz Elkhorn
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

I. OPEN MEETING

A. Roll Call – Declaration of a Quorum

Present: Mayor Manitzas and Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo
Council Members: Havard, Koerner, Patel and Maxton.
Absent: Council Member Hartpence

With a quorum present, the City Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Mayor Manitzas gave brief announcements regarding the updated documents in the agenda packet.

II. CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM / PRESENTATIONS

- A. Ms. Andra Wisian, resident, voiced concern that the council would be voting on capital improvement projects during a time of economic uncertainty. She questioned whether moving forward with the civic center or water tower is necessary as sales tax revenue will likely be affected.
- B. Mr. David Thornally, resident, voiced concern that the country club and golf course are currently closed and is hopeful that if social distancing is enforced that the Council will allow the golf club to be reopened.
- C. The following residents voiced similar support of reopening the golf course:
- Mr. Charles Babb
 - Mr. William Fusco
 - Ms. Janice Dombi
 - Mr. David Craigo
 - Mr. Chuck Ellenwood
- D. Ms. Chesle Muenchow, resident, noted that surveying for the water tower is occurring on the south side of Amman Road where The Reserve will be built. She voiced concern that markers have been placed on her property and is wondering if the City is exercising eminent domain.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approval of the March 19, 2020 Regular City Council meeting minutes.**
- B. **Approval of the March 24, 2020 Emergency City Council teleconference minutes.**
- C. **Approval of the March 27, 2020 Emergency City Council teleconference minutes.**

The Mayor presented the Consent Agenda and with no discussion the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent. 6-0

Council Member Hartpence joined the call at 6:53 PM.

IV. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Studio S Architekts for Architectural Design Services.

MOTION: Made by Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo, seconded by Council Member Havard to authorize the City Manager to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Studio S Architekts at a cost of \$58,270.

At the request of Council Member Hartpence, the Finance Director, Sarah Buckelew provided an update on the state of the City's fiscal health.

Citizen Comments:

- a. Tim Corley stated he doesn't believe it is prudent to spend any new monies due to current uncertainty. He noted that most private companies are not beginning new projects and placing projects on hold that are not already 75% completed.
- b. Scott Rose noted that he believes there is a degree of uncertainty after hearing the Finance Director's explanation of the current fiscal situation for the City. He believes this should be put on hold as this investment doesn't seem urgent.

VOTE: 4-3; Motion passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo – For; Council Member Havard – For; Council Member Hartpence – Against; Council Member Koerner – Against; Council Member Patel – Against; and Council Member Maxton – For.

B. Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Murfee Engineering Company, Inc. for Solids Handling Consultant Services.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Hartpence, seconded by Council Member Maxton to authorize the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Murfee Engineering Company, Inc. for Solids Handling consulting services.

VOTE: 7-0; Motion passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo – For; Council Member Havard – For; Council Member Hartpence – For; Council Member Koerner – For; Council Member Patel – For; and Council Member Maxton – For.

C. Consideration and possible action for recommendations regarding the selection of benchmark cities to utilize in the market survey phase of the study and recommendations regarding the market level the City would like to compete at and target.

MOTION: Made by Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo, seconded by Council Member Maxton to approve the recommendations from city staff and Ray Associates, Inc. regarding the selection of benchmark cities (Alamo Heights, Live Oak, Helotes, Trophy Club, Boerne, Marble Falls, Leon Valley, Cibolo, Fredericksburg, San Antonio, Lakeway, Granbury) and the desired competitive market level which will allow staff and the professional consultant to advance the project.

AMENDED MOTION:

Made by Council Member Patel, seconded by Council Member Hartpence, to table approving the recommendations from city staff and Ray Associates, Inc. regarding the selection of benchmark cities and the desired competitive market level which will allow staff and the professional consultant to advance the project at least until the fall.

VOTE: 2-5; Motion failed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – Against; Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo – Against; Council Member Havard – Against; Council Member Hartpence – For; Council Member Koerner – Against; Council Member Patel – For; and Council Member Maxton – Against.

ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE:

5-2; Motion passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo – For; Council Member Havard – For; Council Member Hartpence – Against; Council Member Koerner – For; Council Member Patel – Against; and Council Member Maxton – For.

Council Member Hartpence left the call at 9:17 PM.

D. Consideration and possible action modifying and extending a declaration of local disaster; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; and restricting certain activities.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Hartpence, seconded by Council Member Maxton to approve an Ordinance extending the Declaration of Local Disaster to May 21, 2020; and establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster and restricting certain activities as discussed.

VOTE: 6-0; Motion passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo – For; Council Member Havard – For; Council Member Koerner – For; Council Member Patel – For; and Council Member Maxton – For.

V. REPORTS FROM STAFF/COMMITTEES/COUNCIL

- A. Council Member Patel suggested that city staff research ordinances and programs for ways to provide relief to citizens during this time.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem would like to discuss drip irrigation on an upcoming agenda and wants a rationale for the changes made to an ordinance in 2013 that referred to drip irrigation as well as a recommendation from staff since new technology has been considered favorable recently by other entities.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Manitzas adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.

ATTEST:



Christina Picioccio, City Secretary



Garry Manitzas, Mayor