



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY MAY 12, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held remotely by teleconference. Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

George Spencer, Mayor
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Rodney Thompson, Councilmember
Zac Carroll, Councilmember

and all said persons were present thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith May and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills and Angela Beck, POA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

Secretary Smith moved approval of April 14, 2020 Regular meeting minutes; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance/Treasurer's Report for April 2020

The Finance/Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The city is on track to balance the fiscal year budget.

Secretary Smith moved approval of the Finance/Treasurer's Report for April 2020; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement

The April Law Enforcement was reviewed showing 10 warnings.

2. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reviewed her written report including:

- The POA purchased an electric Leaf vehicle for rounds in The Hills but will remain parked until a charger is installed
- Angela Beck is now the POA Liaison
- The sale of transponders has been suspended during COVID 19. Only Toll tags will be activated; a form can be found on Nabr website & mailed with a check for \$30.

3. Park Liaison

The April meeting has been moved to Wednesday evening. The park remains closed.

4. City Manager's Report

Ms. Smith reported the draft audit has been delivered and is being reviewed. The audit presentation is scheduled for June. The website update is progressing.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Spencer complimented everyone a great job well done throughout this difficult time. It appears that The Hills will not be as adversely affected as many cities by COVID 19.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on Local Disaster Declarations, Travis County Orders, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to COVID 19.

Secretary Smith moved approval to extend the Disaster Declaration until June 15 and the authority for the Mayor to extend the Declaration further; Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2. Review and discussion of the FY 2019-2020 Budget year-end projections, and appointment of a budget committee

Wendy Smith May informed the Council that the economic effect of the global pandemic nationally and locally is yet unknown. Utilizing educated estimates and assumptions to predict the potential impact to the FY 19-20 budget, staff projects a 4.40% decrease in total revenues and recommends reducing expenses by 9.35%. This allows for growth in fund balance to accommodate unforeseen or continuing effect from the COVID19 outbreak and response, as we enter the next fiscal year on October 1, 2020.

Councilmembers Carroll, Thompson and Nelson were appointed to a committee to prepare the FY 2020-2021 budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to approve the Budget Committee appointments; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action establishing a rate for an addition residential solid waste cart

Currently Waste Connections charges for one of each bin – trash and recycling – per residence. Likewise, the City’s residential billing is for one of each at \$22.00 per month. Contractual and financial software limitations have prevented the provision of second bin service for the for the few households in need of additional capacity.

Pending completion of the billing piece, a charge of \$15 per month for one additional bin is recommended. Relative to the current total of \$22.00, this is roughly the amount of the trash bin versus recycling. The City of Austin charges \$43.50 for the same size bin.

An additional recycling bin will also be researched.

Secretary Smith moved approval of a \$15 per month charge for one additional bin; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Update on Walking Trail Project VTH .002

Ms. May reported that the contractor has been available; however, there are some delays in getting material among other challenges due to COVID19. Driveways will be repaired at the end of the trail construction and will be coordinated with the homeowner and POA to arrange for parking during construction. The POA suggested putting reflectors to delineate the walking trail from the road. The Mayor asked that this or other solutions be researched.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

- New business items to be included on the next agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich commented that green belt/common areas need to be mapped and residents along these areas apprised of the rules of usage and maintenance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- Law enforcement update

The City Council went into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

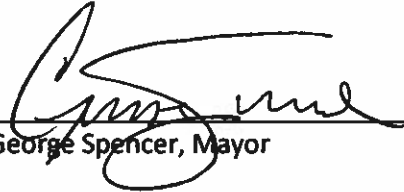
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Signed this 9th day of June 2020.

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George Spencer, Mayor


Linda Lunney, City Secretary