



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2020
MINUTES**

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 except Zac Carroll, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith May and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills; Angela Beck, POA; Deputy Christian Oehler; residents Miguel Gamino and Mona Gazal.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Miguel Gamino, a new resident introduced himself and described his background in municipal work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of July 14, 2020 Regular meeting minutes; Secretary Robert Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance/Treasurer's Report for July 2020

The Finance/Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The city is still on track for revenues to exceed expenditures in the fiscal year budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the Finance/Treasurer's Report for July 2020; Secretary Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement

Wendy Smith May introduced the new deputy, Christian Oehrle. The July Law Enforcement report was reviewed showing 0 warnings, 2 citations: of which 1 was a resident, and 1 a club employee. The Council asked the Deputy to keep an eye out for golf-cart misuse.

2. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reviewed her written report including:

- The road sealing project and challenges with parking while each section is closed during the day was discussed
- The Board has decided to put the question of amending the Master Declaration (Mandatory Club Membership) on the ballot at the Annual Meeting in January
- The possibility of golf-cart type vehicle registration is being researched
- The creation of a "Preferred Vendor Rate Directory" was requested

3. Park Liaison

Secretary Smith reported the following:

- The parking lot improvements are scheduled for September and will be completed in-house through the Interlocal Agreement
- The crack in the sidewalk from cars parking during paving will be repaired
- A fence post at the dog park was damaged and is scheduled for repair

4. City Manager's Report

Wendy Smith May reported on the following:

- Wild fire mitigation was completed on 8 ½ acres of the Stillmeadow Greenbelt
- A controller in the Park's irrigation system was going bad and has been replaced
- Tree trimming at the Park is scheduled for September. Eleven acres of common area trees will be evaluated for trimming in September

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Spencer thanked the Council for the continuing good work and welcomed the new deputy. The Mayor is continuing to monitor the impact of COVID 19 on the community. Virtual meetings will continue until further notice.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

Item will be discussed in Executive Session.

2. Walking Trail Project VTH.002 Update

Secretary Smith reported that construction is running behind schedule because of availability of materials due to COVID 19. The POA has decided to halt the paving until the toe wall on the Trail is completed. Sod restoration will be completed in September when the weather is more moderate.

3. Greenbelt Maintenance/Wildfire Mitigation Update

The Council was updated in the City Manager's Report. Ms. May is looking for a GIS professional to help map out the greenbelts and evaluate them in the new year, ranking them in terms of wildfire mitigation and general maintenance.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Wendy Smith May reviewed the proposed budget. The Budget Committee's recommended tax rate remain at \$0.10. Treasurer Nelson explained to visitors the policy of the council to not incur debt by paying for projects using current available funds.

There will be no increase from the solid waste collection vendor and therefore it is recommended to keep resident cost at the current amount.

The budget and rate will be proposed for adoption in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

- New business items to be included on the next agenda

There were no requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into executive session at 10:27

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).

- Homeland Security Deliberations

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 10:39 a.m.

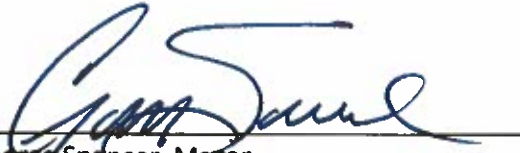
Business Item #1

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to take action as discussed in Executive Session and to extend the Disaster Declaration for 30 days; Treasurer Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Signed this 8th day of September 2020.


George Spencer, Mayor

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Linda Lunney, City Secretary