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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 20th day of June, 2016, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Regular Council meeting at the regular meeting place thereof in the city hall there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Holton
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery
Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen

and Councilman Les Hosey being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

WORK SESSION:

Consider amendments to the Sign Ordinance, Council asked to add electronic sign regulation; Have Planning Commission to make a recommendation for final approval by the Council for any variance. Set ordinance for July approval.

Consider discussion and reconsideration of proposed Burn Ban Ordinance. Martin Vela, County Fire Marshal met with Council, ICVFD representative recommended approval of the ordinance. Staff and Council discussed ramifications of not approving the ordinance.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Strategic Partnership Agreement with Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 32 (Sierra Vista Development)

Mayor Holton opened the public hearing.

Comment: One person asked if the property was going to be annexed? Answer was not now and it only applies to the MUD 32 boundary area.

Mayor Holton closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

3. Citizens Input: Michael Byrum-Bratsen addressed the Orlando shooting, and the violence and hate crimes targeting the LGBT community. Requested Council to approve an equal rights ordinance covering many areas much broader than what are protected by the Federal Laws.

Steven Byrum-Bratsen addressed to encourage the Council to approve the Burn Ban ordinance and provided many reasons why it should be approved.

4. Consider approval of minutes of May 16, 2016, Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.
5. Mayor's Comments or reports. Mayor Holton reported the overpass on SH 288 to open by November 16, 2016. Need to get roads in better shape. He reported hurricane season is here. He recognized Officer Padilla and the success of the Kid Safe Program.
6. Council comments or reports:: Councilwoman Cottrell updated on remodel of city hall starting with the kitchen area and bathrooms. Police Department will be moving to the back of the building.

Councilman Byrum-Bratsen suggested an environmental department be considered. If not, suggested an ordinance to post health scores in the City to be posted on public doors. Planning for movies this summer on Septembet 24th in the park. Received \$1,500 in cash donations, and Rise Development donating screen and other items for the event.

Councilwoman Smajstrla addressed the open carry presentation she attended at BCCA meeting by the District Attorney. Thanked Officer Padilla for her work for the kids.

7. Staff Reports:
8. Election of Mayor Pro Tem for one-year term, Mayor Holton recommended to re-appointment Councilwoman Cottrell. Council Byrum-Bratsen moved to re-appoint Councilwoman Cottrell. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved with 3 AYE'S and 1 abstaining. Councilwoman Cottrell abstained.
9. Re-appointment of Municipal Court Judge for two-year term and authorize amendment to contract. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to re-appoint Judge Atkinson as Municipal Court Judge and authorize the amendment to his contract effective September 2016 for a two year term. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Burn Ban ordinance, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
11. Consider authorizing an amendment to the budget to reflect amended cost estimates for repairs of Iowa Colony Boulevard (CR 48) and Cedar Rapids (CR 57) from Highway 288 to Iowa Colony Blvd. previously authorized at the May 16, 2016 meeting. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve additional appropriation of \$50,000 and amendment to FY 16 budget to cover the additional costs of repair to CR 48 (Iowa Colony Blvd.) and CR 57 (Cedar Rapids).to reflect costs estimates. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
12. Consider authorizing waiving permit and inspection fees for the construction of a Great Houston Builders Association Benefit Homes Project, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve waiving permit fees and inspection fees for the Trendmaker home to be constructed through the Greater Houston Builders Association Benefit Homes Project. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
13. Consider approval of an Ordinance establishing School Zones and Stop Signs for Meridiana Elementary on Iowa Colony Boulevard (CR48) and Meridiana Parkway, Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve ordinance establishing school zones and stop signs for Meridiana Elementary Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
14. Discussions and direction for staff to pursue bond requirements for developer affecting city streets, Council authorized City Attorney and staff to prepare an ordinance requiring a cash deposit for the repair of existing streets when a developer begins development of a residential or commercial tract.
15. Consider conditional approval of infrastructure for Sterling Lakes Section 20, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve subject to conditions recommended by City Engineer and an acceptable maintenance bond being received and authorized the City Engineer to release Section 20 for recordation when conditions are met. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved with 3 AYES. Councilwoman Brad bery abstained.
16. Consider approval of infrastructure in Meridiana Development for the following:
 - * Conditional approval for the one-year maintenance period of water, sewer drainage and paving improvements subject to completion of punch list items and receipt of maintenance bond for Meridiana Parkway Phase 1.
 - Conditional approval for the one-year maintenance period of storm sewer drainage and paving, subject to completion of punch list items and receipt of maintenance bond for Discovery Drive North (north of Meridiana Parkway).

- Conditional approval for the one-year maintenance period of storm sewer drainage and paving subject to completion of punch list items and receipt of maintenance bond for Discovery Drive South (south of Meridiana Parkway).
- Conditional approval for the one-year maintenance period of water, sewer drainage and paving subject to completion of punch list items and receipt of maintenance bond for Meridiana Parkway Phase 1 Bridge.

Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the City Engineer's recommendations for all agenda items for the one-year maintenance period, subject to the punch list being completed, and subject to an acceptable maintenance bond and "close out package." Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approve with Councilman Byrum-Bratsen abstaining due to conflict of interest).

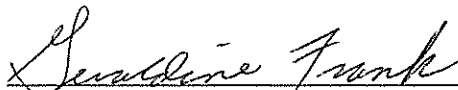
17. Consider variance for directional kiosk signs in the ROW for Meridiana, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to approve signs in the ROW subject to recommendations by staff: (1) Developer sign permit under one permit according to the master sign plan provided by the staff; (2) Developer submit a written commitment the signs will be removed at completion of the current development within the IC at no cost to the city; (3) Developer or HOA will maintain the signs or removed at no cost to city; (4) That all signs be constructed with a break-away base; (5) Subject to a variance being approved by the Planning Commission to meet on July 5; and (6) The city may require the removal of the signs at 90% of completion of the development. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
18. Consider entering into Executive Session in accordance with the following provisions;
 - * Texas Government Code section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase and value of cemetery property and access to it.
 - * Texas Government Code section 551.071 to consult with City Attorney concerning limited legal aspects of Right of Way Ordinance and Pipeline Ordinance.
 - * Texas Government Code section 551.074 to deliberate concerning employment and compensation of Municipal Court Clerk.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:29 p.m. for the stated purposes on the agenda.
Council returned to open session at 8:58 p.m. pending outcome of Executive Session.
19. Action to authorize extension of compensation for Municipal Court Clerk, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to extend compensation to Municipal Court Clerk for an additional 30 days and then re-evaluate. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.

20. Action to authorize an offer to purchase approximately .218 acres of property known as the Duke Cemetery. No action taken. 1
21. Action on ordinance amending Pipeline Ordinance to clarify that grantee is liable for all damages and the permit will be issued by staff based on compliance with ordinance. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve the ordinance as recommended by the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
22. Action on ordinance amending Right-of-Way Ordinance could construe that any permit issued to CenterPoint Energy Gas might be considered a traditional franchise. This ordinance amendment will rectify that possible misconception. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve amendments as recommended by City Attorney. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
23. Action to negotiate and obtain natural gas franchise with CenterPoint Energy gas. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to authorize the City Attorney and staff to negotiate with CenterPoint Energy, Gas for a franchise. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
24. Being no further business, Councilwoman Bradbery moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF July 2016.

ATTEST:


City Secretary, Geraldine Frank


Mayor Michael Holton