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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of August, 2020, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. and a Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. Via teleconference/videoconference, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum- Bratsen
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilman Chad Wilsey

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

WORKSESSION- 6:00 P.M.

- Discussion and possible action on the proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 beginning October 1, 2020. Mayor Byrum- Bratsen opened the work session at 6:04 P.M. Council gave the Staff the direction of changes and adjustments they want to make to the proposed budget. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen closed the work session at 7:25 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum- Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- Hold a public hearing by the City Council on Crime Control and Prevention District 2021 budget. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen opened the public hearing at 7:33 P.M. Mr. Syed Hassan is a developer in Manvel. He owns the property on the corner of County Road 48 at 16377 Highway 6. He is proposing a duplex project on this property. He would like to present the project plans for this area. No other comments. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen closed the public hearing at 8:51 P.M.

4. Citizens Comments and Presentations. No comments from the public.

5. Mayor's comments or reports.

- Not much to report, has been consumed with COVID19 related issues. Encouraged everyone to keep staying home and continue wearing masks.

6. Council comments or reports.

- Councilwoman Cottrell stated that the high school construction is moving along rapidly. She mentioned the trash that had been dumped on Iowa Colony Blvd. right after Chocolate Bayou bridge. Public Works has the information to get this taken care of.
- Councilwoman Murray stated that she met with the Mayor, Ron, and Sterling Lakes Representatives to hear their concerns. She felt it was beneficial. She mentioned now is an important time to be wearing masks and gloves.
- Councilwoman Smajstrla stated that there have many dump trucks on Cedar Rapids Parkway and the road is getting torn up.
- Councilwoman Bradbery said she didn't have anything to report other than she hid about 35 rocks around the city for people to find.
- Councilman Wilsey stated he has had residents contact him about the ditches having trash in them. Dinh, Consultant City Engineer will send Council a map showing who maintains which ditches. If any requests need to be sent in send them to Jeremy in Public Works.

7. Staff Reports.

- A. City Manager discussed the proposed dates for the Council retreat to discuss issues and challenges and providing direction to staff on next steps for the year.
- B. City Engineer
- C. Police Department-Chief Bel stated that all items mentioned by Council are on their radar and they will be getting to them.
- D. Building Inspector said they are staying busy.
- E. City Secretary
- F. Senior Accountant
- G. Public Works
- H. City Attorney's report on pending application for specific use permit for a church at 2500 CR 62. Larry Boyd spoke to the laws related to churches and issuing a SUP in a residential neighborhood.

8. Consideration and possible action regarding the COVID-19 emergency. Chief Bell reported there are an additional 50 cases added since the last City Council meeting. Total cases are 166 which does not include recoveries. No action taken.

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Brazoria County joint election contract and amend amended election ordinances to expand early voting and election day polling locations for city officers and the home rule charter. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to approve the Brazoria County joint election contract and the amended ordinances of city officers and a home rule charter. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendations of the planning commission for the following request for variances.

- Check out gas station sign variance- Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the sign variance with the recommendation from Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.
- Sierra Vista Section 6 landscape variance- Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to approve the variance with the two alternative conditions; trees across the street or fund the value to the park, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.
- Sierra Vista Corner site variance- Councilman Wilsey moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the variance to provide for greater build to and setback lines., additional driveway access to be granted to allow better circulation and a variance to approve a right in/right out only driveway spacing on Meridiana Parkway and Sierra Vista Blvd. (subject to approval from Brazoria County). Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution to either approve or reject the proposed Crime Control and Prevention District FY 21 budget. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Crime Control and Prevention District FY 21 budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an agreement with Joiner Architects for services related to the planning, design, and construction of the proposed Public Safety Building. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to approve the agreement with Joiner Architects for services related to planning, design, and construction, for the proposed public safety building. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Motion carries with three ayes and two noes. Councilwoman Cottrell and Murray voted against the motion.

13. Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance adopting the revised FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Study, and making any amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance required by the adoption. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

14. Consideration and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 20-21 City Budget and Tax Rate.

- Set time, date, and place for public hearing on budget. The City Council must set these matters, per Tex. Loc. Gov't Code sec. 102.006(b). Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to set the public hearing on budget on September 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.
- Propose (not adopt) tax rate by a record vote. The Council may later adopt a tax rate equal to or less than the proposed rate, but not greater. Tex. Tax Code sec. 26.05, 26.06, 26.061, 26.062. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to propose a tax rate of \$0.489209 consisting of the M&O \$0.469322 and the I&S \$0.019887 and will later adopt a tax rate equal to or less than the proposed rate but not higher. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously by record vote. Councilwoman Cottrell voted in favor, Councilwoman Murray voted in favor, Councilwoman Bradbery voted in favor, Councilwoman Smajstrla voted in favor, and Councilman Wilsey votes in favor.

- Set date, time, and place of Council meeting to consider ordinances adopting budget and tax rate. Tex. Tax Code sec. 26.05, 26.06, 26.061, 26.062. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve proposed dates and times for the adoption of the tax rate and adoption of the fiscal year budget on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

15. Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance ordering the City Secretary to mail copies of the proposed Home Rule Charter to the registered voters of the city. Councilwoman Murray moved to approve the ordinance ordering the City Secretary to mail out copies of the proposed Home Rule Charter to the registered voters of the city. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

16. **Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve all items on the consent agenda with the change mentioned on Item D. There was a typo on the agenda and item D should state Sierra Vista West Section 7 Preliminary Plat instead of Section 6 Preliminary Plat. Section 6 has already been approved. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

A. Approval of Minutes of the following meetings.

- o July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of an extension of the Karsten Blvd. North, Phase 1 Preliminary Plat.

C. Approval of the quarterly investment report.

D. Approval of the following Plats as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- o Meridiana Section 81B Final Plat
- o Sierra Vista West Section 6 Preliminary Plat.

E. Approve the following Infrastructure Approvals/Acceptances

- o Meridiana City Park Phase II-Acceptance into One-Year Maintenance period
- o Crystal View Drive Phase II Water, Sanitary, Drainage and Paving- Approval into One-Year Maintenance Period.

F. Approve the following Early Plat Releases and return of escrow funds.

- o Sierra Vista West Sections 1 and 2 and Crystal View Drive Phase II

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 9:40 P.M.

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071 Texas Gov't Code to consult with City Attorney and 551.072 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on land sale and/or acquisition-

- o Property next to city hall

Executive Session in accordance with 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on the following:

- Selection of a Municipal Court Judge and Associate Municipal Court Judge
- City Attorney Compensation

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 10:30 P.M.

17. Consideration and possible action to appoint a Municipal Court Judge and Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Iowa Colony. Councilman Wilsey moved to appoint Thomas Pfeiffer as Presiding Judge term and to appoint Gregg Hill as Associate Judge. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion approved with four ayes and one noe. Councilwoman Murray votes against the motion.

18. Consideration and possible action to approve revised rates for the City Attorney Services. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the revised rates for the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

19. Consideration and possible action regarding purchase of property adjacent to City Hall. No action taken.

20. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 P.M. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED AS AMENDED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

ATTEST:

Kayla Rosser

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Michael Byrum-Bratsen

Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

