



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS  
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CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of May, 2021, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Work session at 6:00 P.M. and a Public Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen  
Councilwoman Sydney Hargroder  
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray  
Councilwoman Marquette Greene-Young  
Councilman Wil Kennedy  
Councilman Chad Wilsey

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

## **WORKSESSION- 6:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the work session to order at 6:03 P.M.
2. Staff and City Council Members had a discussion regarding the Plans of Development for Sterling Lakes North.
3. Discussion of draft water and wastewater master plan. Dinh Ho, Consultant City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint regarding the water and wastewater master plan.
4. Mayor Byrum- Bratsen adjourned the worksession at 7:03 P.M.

## **REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

- Hold a public hearing on amending the Unified Development Code on regulations and procedures for the City Council, Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Planning and Zoning Commission, and other boards and commissions. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen stated the public hearing was a continuation from the prior council meeting. No comments from the public. The public hearing remained opened.

#### 4. Citizens Comments and Presentations.

- Tim Varlack- 9942 Clear Diamond- Congratulated the new council members. He urges council to draft a document to share with the community. He also urges council to look at the water development plan to address flow rates and type. The powerpoint did not address the quality of the water. He would like to look into adopting a program for the quality of the water.
- Eugene Howard- President of NAACP- Congratulated members of council. The NAACP organization stands for civil rights and with civil rights comes transparency. There are a lot of things being done at the federal level that he doesn't want to trickle down to the local level. Due to the community being so diverse, they want to know how many minorities are being considered for this open position and being interviewed. If there are minorities not being allowed to be interviewed but are qualified, they should be considered.
- Lindsay Koskiniemi- Lives in the City of Iowa Colony. City Management process is nontransparent. She respects the City Manager, but she believes she should have been selected as a candidate for consideration. She was told she was not ready for this position. She stated that she has spent the last twelve years getting ready. She is asking to have an interview, but she is not asking for the opportunity to do so. Would appreciate the Council's consideration.

#### 5. Mayor's comments or reports.

- Mayor Byrum- Bratsen presented former Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla with an award as a token of the city's appreciation for her years of service and dedication to the growth of the city.
- Mayor Byrum-Bratsen presented a lifesaving award to Finn O'Brien for assisting his younger sister to safety during a garage fire.
- Mayor Byrum-Bratsen stated that the CDC had updated their guidelines. It is upcoming that the youth will be eligible for vaccinations.

#### 6. Council comments or reports.

- Councilwoman Hargroder stated that she is so proud of Finn O'Brien. She asked that everyone keep Lake Charles in their thoughts due to all the flooding happening in that area.
- Councilwoman Murray stated that she had a chance to visit Ms. Moreno about her concerns. She looked into the zoom link cost for virtual meetings.
- Councilwoman Greene-Young thanked the citizens of Iowa Colony. She stated that the orientation for council was informational. She announced a Memorial Day Service being held in Meridiana on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Councilman Kennedy looks forward to meeting the citizens. He acknowledged the comments from the citizens. Law Enforcement has a vested interest with the young people of the community. He also mentioned Iowa Colony Cares. He stated he saw a utility pole dumped on the side of the road in Iowa Colony.
- Councilman Wilsey asked to have someone put events that are being held in the city on the city's website and not just posted on Facebook and other social media platforms.

#### 7. Staff Reports.

- A. City Manager- Ron Cox mentioned the planning session for council to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the Lion's Club dedication to ball fields is to be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- B. City Engineer

- C. Police Department- Chief Bell stated they have three positions in the PD they are currently working to fill.
- D. Building Official/Fire Marshal
- E. City Secretary
- F. Senior Accountant
- G. Public Works

8. Consideration and possible action to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to appoint Councilman Chad Wilsey as the Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action to authorize surety bond limits and payment of policy premium for the following staff as required by the City Charter.

- City Manager
- City Secretary
- Municipal Court Administrator
- Deputy Court Clerk
- Senior Accountant

Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to authorize surety bond limits and payment of policy premium for the following staff as required by the City Charter.

- City Manager- \$50,000
- City Secretary-\$25,000
- Municipal Court Administrator-\$25,000
- Deputy Court Clerk-\$25,000
- Senior Accountant-\$25,000

10. Consideration and possible action to approve amendment No. 2 to the Sierra Vista/Sterling Lakes Plan of Development for the Sterling Lakes North section as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Stan's plan of restricting access to only those who reside within the gated community. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Motion was denied with four noes to two ayes. Councilwoman Murray, Councilwoman Greene-Young, Councilman Wilsey, and Councilman Kennedy voted against the motion. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen and Councilwoman Hargroder voted for the motion.

11. **Consent Agenda for Ordinances** - Adopt Ordinances on second and final reading.

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the provisions of the food truck regulations to define and accommodate special events.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the Fee Schedule for mobile food units.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading changing the name of Stone Garden between Ames and Meridiana to Sterling Lakes West Drive for the entire segment.

- D. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading regulating food establishments and adopting Texas Administrative Code Chapter 28, Texas Food Establishment Rules.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the Unified Development Codes and Building Codes concerning Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Councilwoman Hargroder moved to adopt ordinances A, B, C, D, and E on second and final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

**12. Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to accept all items on the consent agenda except for item D. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

- A. Approval of minutes of the following meetings.
  - o April 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting
  - o May 10, 2021- Special Meeting
- B. Approval of the following plats as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - o Williams Addition Preliminary Plat
  - o Colony Acres Subdivision Preliminary Plat
  - o Cherry Villages Final Plat
  - o Sierra Vista Corner Replat No. 1
  - o Sierra Vista West Section 5 Final Plat
  - o Sierra Vista West Section 6 Final Plat
  - o Sierra Vista West Section 8 Preliminary Plat
  - o Sierra Vista West Section 9 Preliminary Plat
  - o Sierra Vista West Section 10 Preliminary Plat
- C. Approve the following Infrastructure Approvals/Acceptances
  - o Meridiana Section 65 and Expedition Dr. Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection-Final Approval of Facilities
  - o Meridiana Section 71- Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Facilities-Final Approval of Facilities
  - o West Fork of Chocolate Bayou Detention Basin K and Earthwork-Final Approval of Facilities
  - o West Fork of Chocolate Bayou Detention Basin L, Mitigation Basin 6A & 6B and Earthwork-Final Approval of Facilities
  - o Meridiana Section 71-Storm Water and Paving Facilities- Final Acceptance of Facilities-Final Approval of Facilities
  - o Meridiana Section 65 and Expedition Dr. Storm Water and Paving Facilities-Final Acceptance of Facilities

**D. Approval of an early plat agreement for Sierra Vista West Section 6.**

Councilwoman Hargroder moved to approve the early plat agreement for Sierra Vista West Section 6. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- 9:06 P.M.**

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on the following:

- Sale of property to MUD 31
- Purchase of ROW for road project
- City Manager position
- Planning and Zoning Commission members
- Crime Control and Prevention District Board members
- Building Code Board of Appeals members
- Iowa Colony Development Authority Board members
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board members
- Diversity Commission Board members

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 10:50 P.M.**

13. Consideration and possible action regarding the sale of property to MUD 31. No action taken.

14. Consider resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for street and utility uses at or near 3518 Davenport Parkway/Formal County Road 64. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for street and utility uses at or near 3518 Davenport Parkway/Formal County Road 64. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

15. Consider resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for street and utility uses at or near 3522 Davenport Parkway/Formal County Road 64. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for street and utility uses at or near 3522 Davenport Parkway/Formal County Road 64. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

16. Consideration and possible action regarding the City Manager position. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to interview the following finalists as the decision of the City Council, not staff. The interviewees being Adam Noilet, Andrea Gardner, and Robert Hemminger. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

17. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to appoint Tim Varlack and McLean Barnett to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

18. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to appoint Warren Davis to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

19. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to appoint Warren Davis, Cory Duncan, and Robert Wall to the Building Code Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

20. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Iowa Colony Development Authority. No action taken.

21. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Iowa Colony Tax Reinvestment Zone No. 2. No action taken.

22. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Diversity Commission. Councilwoman Murray moved to appoint Annie Whittaker, Jermaine Perkins, Valencia Hagos, Jessica Mikell, and Michele Gunn to the Diversity Commission for two-year terms for the commission to determine staggered terms. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

23. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 10:56 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

ATTEST:



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

