

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McShan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Theresa McShan, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member.

Absent:

Skyler Maldonado, Council Member

Mayor McShan stated that all members were present except for Mr. Maldonado. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to excuse Mr. Maldonado, Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Staff:

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Amy Miller, Community Services Director
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
David Harrell, Development Services Director
Belen Pena, Finance Director
Chris Noble, Chief of Police
Kaley Frye, Assistant Director EDC

INVOCATION

Mayor McShan provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McShan led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Elgin, Texas Adopted In Chapter 46, Section 46-3, Revised Code Of Ordinances, City Of Elgin, Texas, 2013 And Making This Amendment A Part Of Said Official Zoning Map, To Wit: To Rezone From R-2 Single Family And Garage Apartment District To C-2 General Commercial District, Located On A Parcel Of Land Known By The Bastrop Co. Appraisal District As Parcel 12934 (SMITH, J.S., LOT 86, ACRES 0.602) Being Described In Exhibit "A", Attached Hereto And Providing A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

Jaasiel De Roso translated for his mother-in-law, Maria Albarran, located at 510 Avenue D. He stated that she was not in favor of the zoning change due to his parents being senior citizens and they were concerned about higher taxes.

2. Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 Subdivisions, Article I. In General; Article II. Processing Procedures; Article III. General Requirements And Standards, Division 1 Generally & Division 13 Parkland Standards; And Providing A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

There was no one who wished to speak under the Public Hearing Item.

3. Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending Chapter 48 Site Developments, Article IV. Processing Procedure & Article V. General Development Requirements And Standards, Division 3 Parkland Standards; And Providing A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

There was no one who wished to speak under the Public Hearing Item

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak under the public comment item.

PRESENTATION

1. A Proclamation Declaring January 14, 2022, As Elgin Black Icons Mural Dedication Day in The City Of Elgin.

Mayor McShan read the proclamation. Ms. Casnovsky asked if there would be a plaque with information on the icons next to the mural.

2. A Proclamation Declaring January 16, 2023, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Elgin.

Mayor McShan read the proclamation and presented it to Dr. Jones a representative of the MLK Day Walk Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR END REPORT AND THANK YOU TO THE ETX150 COMMITTEE

Mr. Mattis invited Sarah O'Brien up to present a recap of the Sesquicentennial. Ms. O'Brien shared a brief review of the events, public art installations, historic projects, and pictures commemorating the year. She presented plaques to the Committee Co-Chairs. Ms. O'Brien thanked the City Council, Volunteers, Staff, and committee members for their hard work and dedication. Ms. O'Brien presented the committee and City Council with commemorative sesquicentennial coins.

2. FY22-23 Capital Equipment Budget Report

Mr. Mattis stated that this item was not ready for consideration and tabled the item for a future meeting.

3. Quarterly Investment Reports- 3rd And 4th Quarters

Mr. Mattis provided background information on the quarterly reports required by the State of Texas and invited Belen Pena, Director of Finance, to present the reports. Ms. Pena reported on the operating account activity for the third and fourth quarters. Ms. Casnovsky asked for clarification on account names to better understand the report.

4. General Activity Report and/or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that the City of Elgin received a bond rating upgrade. He stated that the bond rating is assessed by an independent entity which is more evidence of the overall financial stability of the City of Elgin is achieving. Mr. Mattis discussed the increase in sales tax revenue which demonstrates the success of our retail businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion, one second, and one vote. Any member of the City Council may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the City Council discuss and act upon it individually as a part of the Regular Agenda.

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2022

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Special Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2022

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF TWO (2) PART TIME LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERKS TO ONE (1) FULL TIME CIRCULATION CLERK POSITION; AND TWO (2) PART TIME FRONT DESK REC CENTER STAFF TO ONE (1) ONE FULL TIME FRONT DESK REC CENTER STAFF.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

Ms. Casnovsky made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS ADOPTED IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-3, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, 2013 AND MAKING THIS AMENDMENT A PART OF SAID OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO WIT: TO REZONE FROM “R-2” SINGLE FAMILY AND GARAGE APARTMENT DISTRICT TO “C-2” GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LOCATED ON A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN BY THE BASTROP COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PARCEL 12934 (SMITH, J.S., LOT 86, ACRES 0.602) BEING DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”, ATTACHED HERETO AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis provided information on the scope of the project. Mr. Swain asked if it would have an effect on the property taxes to address the comments in the public hearing. Mr. Mattis stated that a zoning change itself will not have direct impact on the property, but the city does not control the property valuation. He stated the appraisal district values property as it is today not on what it could be worth if it were next door to commercial in the future. Ms. Casnovsky asked if there are code requirements for commercial lighting. Mr. Harrell stated that the code addresses the lighting on commercial property close to residential. The owner of the property stated that his only intention for the lot is to extend the parking lot to make it safer for the community. Mayor Pro Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Swain seconded the motion. The vote was: Mayor Pro Tem Brashar-yes, Mayor McShan-yes, Ms. Casnovsky-yes, Mr. Gibson-abstain, Mr. Swain-yes, Mr. Callahan-yes, Mr. Rodriguez- yes, Mr. Dennis-yes. The motion was carried.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 SUBDIVISIONS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL; ARTICLE II. PROCESSING PROCEDURES; ARTICLE III. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, DIVISION 1 GENERALLY & DIVISION 13

PARKLAND STANDARDS; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis stated that this is a routine update to the code, and it will not affect any existing projects. Mr. Harrell stated that the vast majority of this is matching state law and site development code. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance. Ms. Casnovsky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 SITE DEVELOPMENTS, ARTICLE IV. PROCESSING PROCEDURE & ARTICLE V. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS, DIVISION 3 PARKLAND STANDARDS; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Swain made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Callahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH MARK J. SCHROEDER OF TAYLOR, TEXAS APPOINTING HIM INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF ELGIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Mattis stated that this is a formality that was agreed to by both parties. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Dennis. All voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting at any time during the meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on the agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code

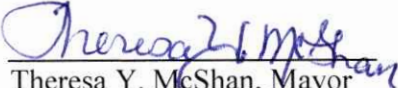
The City Council did not retire into Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Miller announced that Sip Shop & Stroll will continue for 2023. Mayor McShan reminded everyone that the Black Icon Mural Dedication is on Saturday, January 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:47PM


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kaley Frye, EDC Assistant Director