



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 24, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

In response to concerns related to COVID-19, and to aid in social distancing, the City Council meeting will have an option for video or teleconference participation. Please check our website at www.whitehousetx.org for further instructions on how to participate and provide comments.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID #: 126581247

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor - Charles Parker: Present
Place 1 - James Wansley: Present
Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Present
Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Present
Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Present
Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Present

A quorum was present.

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

01:20:44 PM (00:00:00)

Mayor Parker gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG. *“Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible”*

Because of the Zoom meeting Mayor Parker skipped this item.

D. PRESENTATIONS

01:20:44 PM (00:00:00)

No presentations.

E. COMMUNITY INTEREST

This section of the agenda shall allow any member of the City Council, the Mayor, or the City Manager the opportunity to discuss minor, non-action items such as recognitions, scheduling, and upcoming civic events that are not listed on this agenda and which require no action by the Council.

No events (all canceled); reminder to practice social distance.

The REC and Philadelphia Blessings are doing great work to take care of others.

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the Public Forum section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Whitehouse. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to city staff for research, resolution or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item.

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No one signed in to speak.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

1. Withdraw items from the Consent Agenda

Any Council member may request the removal of any item from the Consent Agenda, in which case the item shall be discussed and voted upon separately.

2. Approval of minutes of the City Council meeting on March 10, 2020.  

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Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve the consent agenda

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

H. OTHER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Rezone of 600 Hagan Rd. from Residential Medium Density (R-M) to Residential Medium Density Planned Development (R-M PD) of an approximately 2+/- acre tract

of land situated in the Elizabeth Brown Survey, Abstract A-87, including Tract 56 as recorded by Instrument WD 22493 on 6-1-18 in Smith County, Texas land records the property of Billy F. Moss and Tract 57 as recorded by Instrument WD 36251 on 8-29-18 in Smith County, Texas land records the property of 721 Properties – Public Hearing and Approval/Denial    

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01:20:44 PM (00:00:00) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting & opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Billy Moss, property owner spoke for the rezone. Would be 16 townhomes for seniors 50 and older.

No other speakers

01:20:44 PM (00:00:00) Mayor Parker closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Developer has agreed to the 32' street width and sidewalks will be constructed.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve the zoning change with the additions of the aforementioned sidewalks and road width of 32'

Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Abstain

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

2. Consider Extension of Disaster Declaration

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The disaster declaration issued by the mayor last week need to be approved and extended. Mayor Parker encourages everyone to practice social distancing and take care of themselves.

James Wansley expressed satisfaction with city staff and the job they have done in response with COVID-19; Mayor Parker agreed.

Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to extend the disaster declaration with the ability for the mayor or the city manager to waive any disconcert or late fees for utility bills at their discretion.

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve
Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve
Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve
Motion approved

3. Consider Future Meeting & Agenda Items

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Mayor Parker recommends postponing large discussion items at this time and only met with actionable items for the next month.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff

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Reports were in the packet.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting. The City Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss any or all of the following topics: Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071; Possible, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate pursuant to Section 551.072; Personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074; Economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087

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K. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

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L. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary