

Minutes
White Settlement City Council
Regular Meeting



City Hall
214 Meadow Park Drive
White Settlement, TX 76108

September 1, 2020

7:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

The public was provided the agenda via the city's website as well as access to the meeting via the following statement:

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028370804?pwd=THJ2VVFVWFhYVVB3dUhsMEgrY0tOQT09#success>

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Although this meeting will be held remotely via videoconference, the public may also speak on agenda items in person at City Hall, where technology will be in place to allow participation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the open meeting to order at 7:03 PM announcing a quorum of council members present as follows:

Council Member Moore,
Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock,
Council Member Munoz,
Council Member Grudzinski, and
Council Member Geesa

Executive Staff present included City Manager Jeffrey J. James, City Secretary Amy Arnold, and City Attorney Drew Larkin. Other staff present included Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Elias, Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght), Public Works Director Kyle Reeves, Community Services Director Rich Tharp, Police Chief Bevering, Building Official Robert Nunley, and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Approval of the consent agenda included the following:

- 1) Approval of City Council meeting minutes:
 - a) August 4, 2020;

- b) August 11, 2020; and
- c) August 25, 2020
- 2) Acknowledge receipt of Monthly Financial Statements for FY 19-20 as of July 31, 2020.
- 3) Approval of fiscal year 2020-2021 contract for emergency dispatch services with Tarrant County Fire Alarm Center.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

FINANCE:

- 4) Discuss and consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of the agreement between Valley View Consulting, LLC and the City of White Settlement for Investment Advisory Services.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the agreement stating one change includes a price reduction an mentioned Emily Upshaw of Valley View Consulting, LLC is present to answer any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve a resolution approving terms and conditions of the agreement between Valley View Consulting, LLC and the City of White Settlement for Investment Advisory Services. Council Member Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 5) Discuss and consider a resolution acknowledging the Annual Review and approval of the Official Investment Strategy and Invest Policy.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item with Emily Upshaw of Valley View Consulting, LLC., mentioning the removal of BBVA Compass; the addition of SamCo Capital as an approved broker; with updates and grammatical changes to align with updated legislation.

Council Member Munoz made a motion to approve a resolution acknowledging the Annual Review and approval of the Official Investment Strategy and Invest Policy. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and consider an ordinance adopting the City of White Settlement Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) made a presentation which included a summary of previous budget discussion presentations.

Members discussed the difficulty of preparing a budget during the pandemic and thanked staff for hard work and sacrifices made. Members also noted the difficulties not being due to mismanagement of the city but rather due to current economic situations as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, mentioned a focus on the positives, and recognized the budget as a realistic representation.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to approve an ordinance (Ordinance 2020-09-019) adopting the City of White Settlement Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Record votes were as follows:

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| Council Member Moore | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock | Aye |
| Council Member Munoz | Aye |
| Council Member Grudzinski | Aye |
| Council Member Geesa | Aye |

- 7) Discuss and consider an ordinance affixing and levying a Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of White Settlement, Texas for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; providing for collection of Ad Valorem Taxes.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item which included a presentation summary of previous budget discussions.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion stating "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.746200, which is effectively a 1.91 percent increase in the tax rate by approving Ordinance 2020-09-020". Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously after taking the record vote as follows:

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| Council Member Moore | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock | Aye |
| Council Member Munoz | Aye |
| Council Member Grudzinski | Aye |
| Council Member Geesa | Aye |

- 8) Discuss and consider motion to ratify the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght) presented the item and explained the motion required.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to ratify the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Council Member Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- 9) Discuss and consider a resolution adopting the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

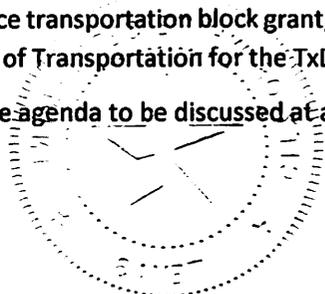
City Manager Jeff James presented the item with introduction of Mr. Trent Petty. Mr. Petty provided information related to focus areas and no tax allocations for these areas. Mr. Petty discussed the item further mentioning what the city has to offer as a "best kept secret" and provided an optimistic outlook for the plan.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 10) Discuss and consider Resolution and Advance Funding Agreement for congestion mitigation and air quality improvement, surface transportation block grant, and local contribution program between the City and Texas Department of Transportation for the TxDOT Las Vegas Trail Project.

This item was removed from the agenda to be discussed at a later date.



ADMINISTRATION:

11) Discuss options to regulate carports in the city.

City Manager Jeff James presented the item stating previous discussion on the item regarding a citizen request to prohibit carports in certain areas. Mr. James discussed questions including what defines the area, what defines a majority of residents in the area, and legality of current ordinance. Mr. James concluded by stating these and other issues need to be discussed prior to making changes.

Members discussed the legality of changes, BAA procedures, and holding a workshop to discuss further. Members asked City Attorney Drew Larkin his opinion on the matter. Mr. Larkin stated he would provide his opinion in Executive Session.

Council Member Geesa made a motion to hold a workshop to discuss the regulation of carports. Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor White announced the City Council will convene in Executive Session at 8:40 pm after first reading the following statement:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into Executive Session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

Sec. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from the City Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda

Sec. 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property: The City Council may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, including consideration of offers made on such properties, including 7945 White Settlement Road.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Take action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

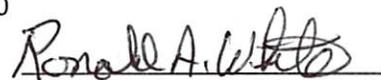
Mayor White announced the City Council is reconvened from Executive Session at 9:14 PM.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

Approved this 6th day of October, 2020



Ronald A. White, Mayor



ATTEST:



Amy Arnold, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary