



Minutes  
White Settlement City Council  
Special Meeting

City Hall  
214 Meadow Park Drive  
White Settlement, TX 76108

September 22, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

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## **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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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 6:00 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 and City Secretary Amy Arnold. Other staff present included Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Elias, Community Services Director Rich Tharp, Police Chief Bevering, Human Resource Director Shannon Jordan, City Marshal Wilson and City Marshal Rogers, and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

*There were none.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor White announced the City Council will convene in Executive Session at 6:04 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, and the following topics:

(a) Cause No. 141-290750-17, City of Westworth Village, Texas v. City of White Settlement, Texas  
Sec. 551.074 Deliberation Regarding Personnel Matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

(a) City Secretary

After reading the statement Mayor White stated a Notice of Grievance from a Mr. Scott Evans was received on September 17, 2020 against the City Secretary, Amy Arnold. Mayor White explained Human Resource Manager Shannon Jordan was assigned to conduct a grievance investigation and explained members would meet with Mrs. Jordan in closed session to discuss her findings. Mayor White concluded by stating, at the request of City Secretary Amy Arnold, any questions or comments for Mrs. Arnold would be heard in open session. City Secretary Amy Arnold did not participate in the closed portion.

Council members convened in Executive Session at 6:05 pm to hear the item relating to Sec. 551.074.

Council members convened in Executive Session at 6:35 pm to hear the item relating to Sec. 551.071.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

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

Mayor White announced City Council was reconvened from Executive Session at 6:33 pm to take action on the item relating to Sec. 551.074.

**Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion stating based on review of the investigation conducted by Human Resource Manager Shannon Jordan, the city council exonerates City Secretary Amy Arnold. A unanimous second was heard with Council Member Munoz second recorded. This motion carried unanimously. After this motion City Council convened in Executive Session as noted above.**

After convening a second time in Executive Session, Mayor White announced City Council was reconvened to Open Session at 7:15 pm.

No action was taken on the item relating to Sec. 551.071

**DELIBERATION AGENDA**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

- 2) Discuss and consider a resolution calling a Public Hearing under Section 311.003 of the Texas Tax Code for the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

City Manager Jeff James introduced Mr. Trent Petty who presented the item by first explaining the purpose of the agenda item is not to approve creation of a TIRZ and is not the Public Hearing on the TIRZ but rather is to have council approve a resolution required to call a Public Hearing. Mr. Petty stated the Public Hearing date is scheduled for October 6, 2020 with notification to be published as required.

Members discussed with Mr. Petty the proposed map, needs, wants, new development, and sources of revenue. Mr. Petty explained in brief stating detailed discussion and questions will be heard at the Public Hearing. Mr. Petty mentioned the intent tonight is to approve the resolution calling the Public Hearing which is set for October 6, 2020.

**Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve a resolution calling a Public Hearing under Section 311.003 of the Texas Tax Code for the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

## **WORKSHOP**

- 3) Hold a workshop to discuss Article XIII Section 111-333 (1) of the White Settlement Code of Ordinances relating to attached carports.

City Manager Jeff James opened the discussion by stating staff seeks ideas from City Council as to desired outcome and the need to avoid non-conforming for a large percentage of residents.

Council Members discussed

- New building legislation
- Attorney review of building legislation in regards to detached vs. attached
- Review of neighboring city ordinance
- Homes original construction and age
- 600 ft. vs. 200 ft. notifications; measurement by circumference vs. left, right, front, back
- Requirement to go before BAA
- Fair notification, inspection, and appeals process

Mayor White called on a few audience (zoom) members asking their thoughts. These opinions included:

- Installing a carport is not neighbors business so long as homeowner complies with City guidelines
- Reflection of carport installation issues from years ago relating to political rivals and BAA policies.
- Should be a happy medium whereby neighbors have a say and materials are regulated

To end heated discussion between a citizen and members of the Council, City Secretary Amy Arnold reminded members that the agenda item is not a Public Hearing item but rather a workshop between members of the City Council. Mayor White brought the meeting back to order.

City Manager Jeff James reviewed his notes with City Council to confirm items to be included in amending this portion of the city code. These items included:

- Amend current ordinance for
  - Consistency
  - Minimum building standards
  - Avoid non-conforming
  - Detached vs. attached
  - Notifications, inspections and appeals process
- Consideration of homes original construction and age
- Ordinance at a future meeting for consideration

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further discussion Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

Ronald A. White

Ronald A. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Arnold

Amy Arnold, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

