

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM A QUORUM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Billings called the meeting of the Fate City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020, in the Fate City Hall 1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas.

City Secretary Victoria Raduechel confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Council Members Present:**

Joe Burger, Mayor (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)  
Tamara Fisher  
Lance Megyesi  
Ian Fields  
Allen Robbins, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
David Billings, Mayor Pro Tem  
John Hamilton

**Council Members Absent:**

None

**City Staff Present:**

Michael Kovacs, City Manager  
Justin Weiss, Assistant City Manager  
Victoria Raduechel, City Secretary  
Lyle Lombard, Director of Public Safety  
Scott Monaghan, Director of Public Works  
Raju Anthony, Director of Finance  
Steve Gilbert, Director of Community Services and Building Safety  
Will Rugeley, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Leigh Corson, Director of Human Resources  
Michael Wright, IT Manager  
Jon Lawson, Assistant City Attorney

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS  
FLAGS**

Michael Wright, IT Manager gave the invocation, after which the Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness - Rockwall County Open Space Initiatives**

Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness made a presentation providing a brief overview of the Rockwall County Open Space Master Plan. Commissioner Magness requested the Council to select two individuals to attend and participate in an open space consortium meeting being held March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Billings asked City Manager Michael Kovacs for a future agenda item to appoint two representatives to the Rockwall County Open Space Consortium.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This Is An Opportunity For The Public To Address The Council On Any Matter, Except Public Hearings That Are Included On The Agenda. Comments Related To Public Hearings Will Be Heard When The Specific Hearing Begins. Public Comments Are Limited To Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker, Unless Otherwise Required By Law. To Address The Governing Body, Each Speaker Must Complete A Public Comment Form And Present The Completed Form To The City Secretary Prior To The Start Of The Meeting. Each Speaker Shall Approach The Podium And State His/Her Name And Address Before Speaking. Speakers Shall Address The Governing Body With Civility That Is Conducive To Appropriate Public Discussion. Speakers Can Address Only The Governing Body And Not Individual City Officials Or Employees. The Public Cannot Speak From The Gallery But Only From The Podium. Per The Texas Open Meetings Act, The Governing Body Is Not Permitted To Take Action On Or Discuss Any Item Not Listed On The Agenda. The Council May: (1) Make A Statement Of Fact Regarding The Item; (2) Make A Recitation Of Existing Policy Regarding The Item; Or (3) Propose The Item Be Placed On A Future Agenda.

There was no one present wishing to speak.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval Of Minutes Of The Council Meeting Held January 13, 2020.

B. Approval Of Ordinance No. O-2020-004 - Appointing A Judge For The City Of Fate Municipal Court Of Record No. 1 For An Unexpired Term Expiring June 16, 2020, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Contract For Professional Judicial Services By And Between The City Of Fate And Paul J. Liston; Providing A Severability Clause; And Declaring An Effective Date.

C. Approval Of Ordinance No. O-2020-005 - Appointing An Associate Judge For The City Of Fate Municipal Court Of Record No. 1 For An Unexpired Term Expiring July 22, 2020, Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Contract For

Professional Judicial Services By And Between The City Of Fate And Jeffrey J. Beltz; Providing A Severability Clause; And Declaring An Effective Date.

Council Member Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Council Member Robbins seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Billings and Council Members Fisher, Megyesi, Fields, Robbins, and Hamilton.

Nays: None

Mayor Pro-Tem Billings declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Secretary Victoria Raduechel administered the statement of appointed official and official oath of office to Paul J. Liston, Judge of the City of Fate Municipal Court.

City of Fate Municipal Court Judge Paul J. Liston administered the statement of appointed official and official oath of office to Jeffrey J. Beltz, Associate Judge of the City of Fate Municipal Court.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Fate Development Corporation Board Of Directors Non-Council Class Member Vacancy:

1. Interview Candidates For The Fate Development Corporation Board Of Directors Non-Council Class Member Vacancy;

The Council interviewed the following Candidates, allowing each Candidate to provide a brief introduction and answer questions from the Council:

- Timothy Carlson
- Robert Chambers
- Mark Harper
- LaDelia Jordan
- K. Todd Crabtree

The following citizens submitted applications for consideration but were not present at the meeting to interview:

- James Gardella
- Beth Young

2. Accept Nominations;

Mayor Pro-Tem Billings explained nominations will be accepted and then a vote will be taken on the nominations in the order in which the nominations were made. Mayor Pro-

Tem Billings explained the Council will vote on nominees until a majority vote is reached and each Council Member is allowed one vote per round of votes. Mayor Pro-Tem Billings called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

- Council Member Robbins nominated LaDelia Jordan.
- Council Member Fields nominated K. Todd Crabtree.
- Council Member Hamilton nominated Robert Chambers.

There were no other nominations.

The vote on the nominations was as follows:

- LaDelia Jordan received two votes from Council Members Fisher and Robbins.
- K. Todd Crabtree received one vote from Council Member Fields.
- Robert Chambers received three votes from Mayor Pro-Tem Billings and Council Members Megyesi and Hamilton.

3. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Resolution No. R-2020-006 -Appointing A Replacement To Serve As Fate Development Corporation Board Of Directors Non-Council Class Member For The Unexpired Term Expiring July 2021.

Council Member Megyesi made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-006 – appointing Robert Chambers to serve as Fate Development Corporation Board of Directors Non-Council Class Member for the unexpired term expiring July 2021.

Council Member John Hamilton seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Billings and Council Members Fisher, Megyesi, Fields, Robbins, and Hamilton.

Nays: None

Mayor Pro-Tem Billings declared the motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Ordinance No. O-2020-006 - Calling A Bond Election In The City Of Fate, Texas To Be Held On Saturday, May 2, 2020.

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**City Secretary's Note: Mayor Burger arrived at 6:48 p.m.**

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City Manager Michael Kovacs introduced Steve Gilbert, Director of Community Services and Building Safety, who provided a brief overview of the agenda item reporting the City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance to call a bond election to be held in May 2020. Mr. Gilbert reported the purpose of the proposed \$3.25M Series 2020 Park Bond is to prepare the entire park site adjacent to Harry Herndon Intermediate School for future development while also completing a substantial first phase of park amenities, which include:

- Full Site Grading and Earthwork
- Full Site Utilities
- Retention Pond
- Center Pedestrian Paving
- Play Structure
- Pavilion/Restroom
- Phase 1 of the Parking Lot
- Phase 1 of Site Amenities
- Phase 1 of Irrigation
- Phase 1 of Landscaping
- Plus 10% Contingency and 2% Construction Price Increase

Boyd London, Managing Director of Hilltop Securities, provided a brief overview of the Tax Rate Analysis for the proposed \$3.25M Series 2020 Park Bond. Mr. London and City Manager Michael Kovacs answered questions from the Council related to the proposed park bond.

Council Member Fisher made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-006 – Calling a Bond Election (20-year Bond for \$3.25 Million) in the City of Fate, Texas, to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Council Member Robbins seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Burger and Council Members Fisher, Fields, and Robbins.

Nays: Council Members Megyesi, Billings, and Hamilton.

Mayor Burger declared the motion carried.

## **7. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

Regarding Items Of Community Interest – Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.0415 The Mayor, Council And City Manager May Report On The Following Items: (1) Expression Of Thanks, Congratulations Or Condolences; (2) Information About Holiday Schedules; (3) Recognition Of Individuals; (4) Reminders About Upcoming City Council Events; (5) Information About Community Events; (6) Announcements Involving Imminent Threat To Public Health And Safety.

### **A. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burger had nothing to report.

### **B. Council Reports**

Council Member Hamilton urged citizens to use a flashlight or their phone when walking outdoors when it is dark so that people can see you walking.

Council Member Billings expressed thanks to the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce for the event held on Friday, January 31, 2020 and expressed congratulations to MAACO for winning an award at the same event. Council Member Billings also expressed congratulations to the City of Fate for receiving an award for being a member of the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce for 30 years.

Council Member Robbins expressed appreciation to the citizens that applied for the vacant position on the FDC and urged citizens to reapply in May for the City's annual appointments to various boards and commissions.

Council Member Fields reported he attended the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce even held on Friday, January 31, 2020 and there was a great showing for the City of Fate. Council Member Fields reported the City of Fate is one of the longest tenured city as a member of the Chamber. Council Member Fields expressed appreciation to those citizens that applied for the vacant position on the FDC and urged citizens to keep applying and stay involved.

Council Member Megyesi reported the City is accepting applications for a place on the ballot for two Council positions (Place 2 and Place 3) that will be elected in May 2020 and interested citizens can contact the City Secretary for information.

Council Member Fisher expressed appreciation to those who attended the meeting and explained it is always nice to see people attend the meeting.

#### C. City Manager's Report

City Manager Michael Kovacs reported the following upcoming meetings/events:

- Fate Power Switch auction was held January 28, 2020.
- Parks Board meeting – February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

A. In Accordance With Texas Government Code, Section 551.087, To Discuss Or Deliberate Regarding Commercial Or Financial Information That The City Has Received From A Business Prospect That The City Seeks To Have Locate, Stay, Or Expand In Or Near The Territory Of The City Of Fate And With Which The City Is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations; And To Deliberate The Offer Of A Financial Or Other Incentive To The Business Prospect:

1. Project QSM-28
2. Downtown Central Business Area

The item was read and Mayor Burger recessed the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and convened Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

**9. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. and Mayor Burger reconvened the meeting of the City Council at 8:28 p.m.

Action taken on items discussed in Executive Session was as follows:

8A. In Accordance With Texas Government Code, Section 551.087, To Discuss Or Deliberate Regarding Commercial Or Financial Information That The City Has Received From A Business Prospect That The City Seeks To Have Locate, Stay, Or Expand In Or Near The Territory Of The City Of Fate And With Which The City Is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations; And To Deliberate The Offer Of A Financial Or Other Incentive To The Business Prospect:

1. Project QSM-28

**No action was taken on this item.**

2. Downtown Central Business Area

**No action was taken on this item.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business before the Council and Council Member Megyesi moved to adjourn.

Council Member Hamilton seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Burger and Council Members Fisher, Megyesi, Fields, Robbins, Billings, and Hamilton.


Nays: None

Mayor Burger declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.**



**APPROVED:**

  
Joe Burger, Mayor

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**ATTEST:**

Victoria Raduechel

Victoria Raduechel, TRMC  
City Secretary