

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM A QUORUM

Mayor Burger called the meeting of the Fate City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th 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
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
John Taylor, Department of Public Safety Captain
Raju Anthony, Director of Finance
Steve Gilbert, Director of Community Services and Building Safety
Will Rugeley, Director of Planning and Development Services
Brenda McDonald, 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. 2020 Census Presentation Provided By Kimberly Walton With The North Texas Commission

Kimberly Walton with the North Texas Commission made a presentation on the 2020 Census.

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.

In Lieu of attendance Heather Bellomy – 221 Zeter Drive – submitted a statement that was read into record quoting a statement made by former Fate Mayor Lorne Megyesi on the social media platform known as “NextDoor”. Mr. Megyesi’s quote expressed concern regarding the Montarra Settlement Agreement and the fiscal implications of said settlement agreement. Mrs. Bellomy urged the City to allow legal processes to play out, address the concerns citizens have raised regarding financial issues for the City’s future, and stop the lawsuit settlement.

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval Of Minutes Of The Council Meetings Held January 23, 2020 And February 3, 2020.

B. Approval Of Financial Report For January 2020.

Council Member Hamilton moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Council Member Fields 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.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Resolution No. R-2020-007 - Adopting Updated Park And Recreation Improvements Plan And Updated Valuation For Parkland Acreage; And Providing And Effective Date.

Director of Community Services and Building Safety Steve Gilbert provided a brief overview of the agenda item and answered questions from the Council with the assistance of City Manager Michael Kovacs.

Council Member Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-007 – adopting updated Park and Recreation Improvements Plan and updated valuation for Parkland Acreage; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Billings seconded the motion.

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

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

Nays: Council Member Megyesi

Mayor Burger declared the motion carried.

- B. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Ordinance No. O-2020-007 - Updating The Park Development Fee Based On The Updated Park And Recreation Improvements Plan; Providing For Severability And Providing An Effective Date.

Council Member Hamilton made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-007 – Updating the Park Development Fee based on the upgraded Park and Recreation Improvements Plan; Providing for severability and providing an effective date.

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, Robbins, and Hamilton.

Nays: Council Members Megyesi and Billings.

Mayor Burger declared the motion carried.

- C. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding The City Of Fate Employee Compensation Plans.

Director of Human Resources Leigh Corson made a presentation on the City of Fate Employee Compensation Plans. City Manager Michael Kovacs assisted Ms. Corson in answering questions from the Council regarding the City of Fate Employee Compensation Plans, employee retention, and employee recruiting. Staff requested and the Council

agreed for staff to bring back recommendations to the Council at a later date that are part of the staffing big picture.

- D. Discuss, Consider, And Take Any Necessary Action Regarding Resolution No. R-2020-008 - Appointing Citizen Representatives To The Rockwall County Open Space Consortium And Providing An Effective Date.

City Manager Michael Kovacs provided a brief overview of the agenda item reporting Rockwall County Commissioner Magness requested the City appoint two representatives to the Rockwall County Open Space Consortium, suggesting the Mayor and City Manager, consistent with the prior committee configuration.

Council Member Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-008 - Appointing the Mayor and City Manager as Representatives To The Rockwall County Open Space Consortium And Providing An Effective Date.

Council Member Fields 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.

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 reported Conner Stevenson was here earlier for boy scouts to fulfill merit badge requirements. Mayor Burger reported there are 3 Candidates for each seat in the upcoming May General Election and wished good luck to the candidates.

B. Council Reports

Council Member Hamilton expressed thanks to city staff for their hard work on daily basis.

Council Member Billings reported there is a lot of social media posts about city staff and people don't realize what our city staff does and they do a great job. The social media digs about DPS and city staff are wrong as they do a great job.

Council Member Robbins echoed Council Member Billings sentiment.

Council Member Fields reported public service is not an easy task.

Council Member Megyesi reported early voting starts tomorrow and citizens can vote at City Hall.

Council Member Fisher reported city workers are always out there doing their job and are willing to pitch in when needed and hope citizens can see their hard work.

C. City Manager's Report

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

- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – February 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- ESC meeting and road consortium – Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.
- Special meeting coming on economic development soon.

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 items were read and Mayor Burger recessed the meeting at 7:19 p.m. and convened Executive Session at 7:20 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 8:18 p.m. and Mayor Burger reconvened the meeting of the City Council at 8:20 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 Fisher 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 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



APPROVED:

David Billings, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Victoria Raduechel, TRMC
City Secretary