

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Special City Council Meeting of March 25, 2013

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in Special Session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Mayor Pro Tempore Steve Deffibaugh, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember JM Caldwell Jr., Councilmember Tiffany Long and Councilmember Bill Glass. The following Staff Members were present: City Manager Derek Borg, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary Tabatha Monk, City Attorney Bonnie Lee Goldstein, Chief James Waters and Lieutenant Michnick.

Mayor **Bowers** called the **City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

Mayor **Bowers** called roll, present were Councilmembers **Beauchamp, Glass, Long, Caldwell, Mayor Bowers and Mayor Pro Tempore Deffibaugh.**

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Beauchamp** to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced **Citizen Appearance.** No one spoke.

Mayor **Bowers** then asked City Council to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilmember **Long** made a motion to adjourn into Executive. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** announced the Council would adjourn into **Executive Session** citing the following: **Section 551.071 (2) "Texas Government Code"** Consultation with City

Attorney. **Section 551.071 “Texas Government Code”** Pending or Contemplated litigation.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Special Session at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced action pertaining to Executive Session.

Councilmember **Long** made a motion to file lawsuit against **Beazer Homes for unpaid fees**. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilmember **Glass** made a motion to have Counsel proceed as directed relative to **LGD Properties**. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** seconded the motion. Councilmember **Long** opposed. The motion carried 4-1.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the Consent Agenda: All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. “Discussion and possible action to approve the action minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular meeting”. “Discussion and possible action to approve the action minutes of the February 11, 2013 Regular meeting”. “Discussion and possible action to approve an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Princeton and TxDot regarding the construction of a turn lane on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at US Highway 380”. “Discussion and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Princeton and Collin County regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street turn lane”. Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to approve the consent

**agenda.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** **seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-016)** "Discussion and possible action regarding letters from Godwin Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders regarding a sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> Street". No motion required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-017)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the installation of emergency sirens within the City of Princeton". No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-018)** "Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution regarding the City Manager to have authority to do intradepartmental transfer between funds".

Councilmember **Beauchamp** **made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Caldwell** **seconded the motion.** Councilmember **Long** **opposed.** The **motion carried 4-1.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-019)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department with regards to certifications, credentials and expectations from the City with regards to employees/volunteer". Councilmember **Long** **made a motion to have Councilmember Beauchamp work with City Manager, Derek Borg, Fire Chief Mike Wood and Assistant Fire Chief Steve Deffibaugh on this item.** Councilmember **Caldwell** **seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-020)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the opening of the Library". No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-021)** “Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Princeton Village to rededicate the streets from public to private property”. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to no approve this item.** Councilmember **Long seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the seventh item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-022)** “Discussion and possible action regarding an update from the City Manager on the street lighting down Monte Carlo Boulevard”. No action required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-023)** “Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance establishing a procedure for City Officers to contact the City Attorney on behalf of the City, identifying City Officers who are authorized to do so, prohibiting other City Officers and employees from doing so on behalf of the City”. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve this ordinance.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** Councilmember **Long opposed.** **The motion carried 4-1.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-024)** “Discussion and possible action regarding the budget process and process for budget amendments”. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to hold a public hearing for budget amendments.** Councilmember **Long seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item under the Special Agenda: **(2013-025)** “Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests”. Councilmember **Long** asked for the water rates and other city

comparison. Council agreed. Councilmember **Long** asked for an update on the Enterprise Fund. Council agreed. Councilmember **Long** asked for an update on the Streets. Council agreed. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** asked for an update on the animal control and animal shelter contract and statics for the city. Council agreed.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under Report Agenda: City Manager briefed the Council on the following: Trash Off, April 6, 2013 from 8:00 – 2:00 p.m., July 4<sup>th</sup> Spectacular, Wednesday, July 3, 2013 from 5:00 – 10:00, cancelling of Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced City Council reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken. No comments.

Councilmember **Beauchamp** made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember **Caldwell** seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

  
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Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

