Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2009

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Steven Deffibaugh, Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr. and Councilmember Ken Bowers. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Assist. City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Development Tech Kathy Morris, City Attorney Bonnie Goldstein, Fire Chief Mike Woody, Fire Marshal Derek Borg, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Childers, Public Works Crew Leader Dustyn Murphy, Admin Asst to Police Chief Amy Williams and Police Chief Jeff Barnett.

Mayor **Deffibaugh called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.**

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

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then asked Councilmember **Caldwell** to lead the audience in the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced **Citizen Appearance**. Eva Jones, 412 E. Jefferson, spoke regarding drainage issues and tree that need trimming.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** 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. a. Discussion and possible approval of the City Council meeting minutes of April 28, 2009. b. Discussion and approval of the City Council meeting minutes of May 5, 2009. c. Discussion and possible approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the city and Collin County for dispatch services from October 1, 2009 thru September 20, 2010. Councilmember **Bowers made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-107)** "Consideration and approval of canvassing the Election results for the General Election held on May 9, 2009". Item was removed from agenda.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-108)** "Discussion and possible authorization of City staff to draft documents required for issuance of bonds to fund design/engineering, acquisition, construction, and inspection of street improvements, including Monte Carlo Boulevard". Financial Advisor, Steve Perry, presented this item. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the third item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-109)** "Continued public hearing at the request of the Code Official for the City of Princeton regarding substandard structures for the following address to determine whether the structures are substandard and unfit for human habitation, for failing to comply with the minimum standards as outlined in Chapter 14 of the City Code of Ordinances. The Code Official recommends demolition of the substandard structures. The owner, lien holder, or mortgage is required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with the ordinance and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. 1717 White Mountain Way, Princeton, Texas

Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1713 White Mountain Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1705 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1707 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1724 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1805 Fairweather Drive, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1807 Fairweather Drive, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record: Serenity Builders LLC".

Mayor **Deffibaugh** opened the continued public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Karl Jamail of RBC Builder Finance spoke on behalf of the owners of the listed property. Mr. Jamail asked for a two-week extension in order to bring back a plan of action regarding the listed property. He advised Council that Mr. Gamble was working on this and he was in the Dallas office and that office had been closed and Mr. Gamble did not work for RBC any longer. Mr. Jamail said the property was being secured, as best they could land the lots would continue to be maintained. He had secured the services of a local builder, Larry Deberry with LGD Properties, and he was working to assist RBC in this project. Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant Childers, had no objection to the extension. Jenny Rosbury, local resident, asked if the materials could be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** announced the public hearing would remain open until the next City Council meeting, May 26, 2009.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-110)** "Discussion and possible action, including but not limited to, condemnation and demolition of the following structures as substandard structures: Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1713 White Mountain Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1705 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1707 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1724 Twin Hills Way, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record:

Serenity Builders LLC. 1805 Fairweather Drive, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record: Serenity Builders LLC. 1807 Fairweather Drive, Princeton, Texas, Owner of Record: Serenity Builders LLC". Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to table this item until May 26, 2009.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-111)** "Discussion and possible approval of a Proclamation regarding Texas hurricane season". Mayor read proclamation.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-112)** "Discussion and possible approval to amend the Comprehensive Fee Ordinance". City Administrator reviewed the recommended fee increases to the Council. Councilmember **Beauchamp** asked for information to increase water rates and questioned if some of the recommended fees were being increased enough to cover the city's expenses. Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** asked if the city surveyed other cities fee schedules and if so he was comfortable with Staff's recommendation. Councilmember **Bowers asked this item be tabled and brought back on May 26, 2009.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** Mayor Pro Tempore **Combest** and Councilmember **Caldwell abstained.** The **motion carried 3-2.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-113)** "Status update from the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department". Fire Chief Woody presented the Fire Department report and Fire Marshal Borg gave the status of grants that were being submitted for the Fire Department.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-114)** "Discussion and possible approval of miscellaneous City item/property to be sold in an auction at a date to be determined by staff". City Administrator advised different departments compiled the list and some items may be removed but there would be no items added to the list without the Councils approval. Councilmember

Beauchamp made a motion to approve the list minus the slot machines. Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-115)** "Discussion regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010". City Administrator briefly reviewed the status of the budget and advised Staff would be bringing back the budget and staff's recommendations.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-116)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". Councilmember **Beauchamp** asked for the sign ordinance. Councilmember **Bowers** asked for a status on street bids.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** 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 (1) "Texas Government Code"** Pending or Contemplated litigation. **Section 551.074 (a)(1) "Texas Government Code"** Personnel.

Mayor **Deffibaugh adjourned into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh reconvened into Regular Session at 10:16 p.m.**

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced "Action pertaining to the Executive Session". No action.

Mayor **Deffibaugh** then announced the first item under the Report Agenda: City Administrator.

Mr. Lawrence updated council on the following: Staff would be meeting with IESI regarding a recycling project, agendas and meeting minutes, except for EDC/CDC and Parks Board, were all on the website, the cost of implementing some different programs on the website, and garage conversions.

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

Mayor **Deffibaugh adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.**

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Steven Deffibaugh, Mayor Date

ATTEST:

Lesia Thornhill 5/26/09

Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary Date

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