

Minutes

The City of Princeton

Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2009

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall on August 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Ken Bowers, Councilmember Rick Wheeler, Councilmember Bruce Beauchamp, Councilmember JM Caldwell Sr and Councilmember Steven Deffibaugh. The following Staff Members were present: City Administrator Lee Lawrence, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Lesia Thornhill, Deputy City Secretary/Grant Coordinator Tabatha Monk, Director of Public Works Jeff Cartwright, City Attorney Bonnie Goldstein, Finance Director Cathy Crane, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Childers, Development Tech Kathy Morris, and Police Chief Jeff Barnett. The following Councilmember was absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Billy Combest.

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

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

Mayor **Bowers** then asked Councilmember **Caldwell** to lead the Council and audience in the invocation.

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

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

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. a. Discussion and possible approval of the City Council meeting minutes for August 11, 2009. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2009-180)** "Presentation from Barry Bonds to the city for a donation towards park improvements". Mr. Bonds presented a check to the city in the amount of \$1,800.00. Mayor **Bowers accepted the check on behalf of the city.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the second item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-181)** "Discussion and possible approval to accept the appointment of Michael Roberts as Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission". Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion to appoint Mr. Roberts.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the third item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-182)** "Discussion and possible approval of a change order in the amount of \$13,967.00 for the Dogwood Pump Station and 2.0 MG GST". City Administrator, Lee Lawrence, stated that he had discussed this change order with Kevin Johnson, City Engineer, and Jeff Cartwright, Director of Public Works, and staff was recommending approval. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve the change order.** Councilmember **Caldwell seconded the motion.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-183)** "First public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2010".

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-184)** "A public hearing regarding the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget for the city".

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-185)** "Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget". Mr. Lawrence went over the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget. No action was required on this item.

Mayor Bowers then announced the seventh item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-186)** "Discussion and possible action including but not limited to, condemnation and demolition of the following structures as substandard structures.

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.

Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant Childers, briefed the Council on this item. Councilmember **Deffibaugh made a motion stating that findings show owner has complied.**

Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eighth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-187)** "Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance (Ordinance 2000-05-21)". Members of the Planning & Zoning Commission were present. Chairperson Claire Close spoke on behalf of the Commission. Staff stated this ordinance would be brought back to Council on the next Regular meeting, September 8, 2009, with comments from the City Attorney, Bonnie Goldstein, for their review and consideration. No action was required.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the ninth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-188)**
“Discussion and possible approval of an ordinance regulating solicitation, handbill distribution and ticket scalping; establishing definitions; protecting child solicitors; establishing permit requirements; providing for denial, suspension and revocation of permits and appeals therefrom”. Staff recommended this item be tabled. Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to table this item until September 8, 2009.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the tenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-189)**
“Discussion and possible approval to amend the comprehensive fee ordinance relative to tampering with water meters”. City Administrator explained this request was due to the fact that meters were being tampered with after the customer's water had been turned off and the meter locked for non-payment. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve the ordinance.** Councilmember **Wheeler seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the eleventh item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-190)** “A hearing to consider public comment on a request from Princeton Community Development Corporation to declare improvements to Princeton Community Park in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 as a project of the Princeton Community Development Corporation”.

Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the twelfth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-191)**
“Discussion and possible approval of a request from Princeton Community Development Corporation to declare improvements to Princeton Community Park in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.000 as a project of the Princeton Community Development Corporation”. City Administrator discussed this item and recommended approval. Councilmember **Wheeler made**

a motion to approve. Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the thirteenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-192)** "A hearing to consider public comment on a request from Princeton Economic Development Corporation to declare a purchase of property in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.00 as a project of the Princeton Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Lawrence asked to have Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of getting legal advice. Mayor agreed. Mayor **Bowers** opened the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

No one spoke for or against this item.

Mayor **Bowers** closed the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fourteenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-193)** "Discussion and possible approval of request from Princeton Economic Development Corporation to declare a purchase of property in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.00 as a project of the Princeton Economic Development Corporation". Mr. Lawrence asked to have Council go into Executive Session for the purpose of getting legal advice. Mayor Agreed. Councilmember **Beauchamp made a motion to approve.** Councilmember **Deffibaugh seconded the motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced the fifteenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-194)** "Request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests". No comments.

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

Mr. Lawrence briefed the Council on the following: CIP Projects such as Second Street sewer line relocation, gas line relocation and Main Street sewer line relocation, Monte Carlo project. He updated Council with regard to the implementation of the recycling program and the expiration date of the IESI contract.

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 551.072 "Texas Government Code"** Purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. **Items 2009-192 and 2009-193.**

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** reconvened into Regular Session at 9:16 p.m.

Mayor **Bowers** returned to items 2009-192 and 2009-193.

Mayor **Bowers** then announced "Action pertaining to the Executive Session".

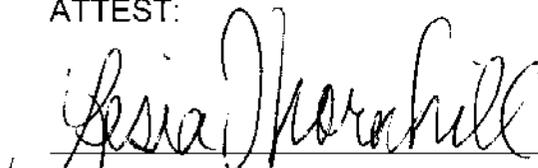
Mayor **Bowers** then announced the sixteenth item on the Regular Agenda: **(2009-195)** "Discussion and possible approval to ratify right-of-way acquisitions for the Monte Carlo Boulevard improvements. Mark Ragon/Scott Massey, Jefferson Bank, Michael Coleman and Stephanie Coleman". Councilmember **Wheeler made a motion to approve with the exception of Michael Coleman and Stephanie Coleman.** Councilmember **Beauchamp seconded the motion.** The motion carried **unanimously.**

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

Mayor **Bowers** adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.


Ken Bowers, Mayor 9-8-09
Date

ATTEST:


Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary 9-8-09
Date

