

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2016

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Roden, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Watts, Council Member Hawkins, Council Member Briggs, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory, and Council Member Wazny.

ABSENT: None.

1. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 16-473 Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff with direction concerning streamlining the City's right-of-way and easement acquisition process for time sensitive projects.

Paul Williamson, Real Estate and Capital Support Manager, stated that Engineering Services Department's normal right-of-way (ROW) acquisition process of requesting separate Council authorization of actions for each individual parcel ownership, was lengthy and cannot meet short schedules of time sensitive projects. For time sensitive projects, staff proposed to include several parcels into a single Council meeting agenda item (there would be multiple agenda items for a project). The item would request Council authorization of both (1) extending "Final Offers" for right-of-way parcels and (2) proceeding with eminent domain action (if agreement on purchase of the parcels was not reached within the statutory time frame provided for property owner consideration of the Final Offer). Negotiations with property owners would not be stopped at any time during the acquisition process, but would continue from the "Initial Offer" through final agreement or eminent domain trial completion. This change in process for requesting Council authorization for ROW actions was expected to significantly shorten the ROW acquisition process.

Consensus of the Council was to proceed with the proposed process.

Special Called Meeting of the City of Denton City Council at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. and Texas flags.

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. ID 16-530 Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry

Mayor Watts presented the proclamation for the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. A15-0016d Hold the second of two public hearings for annexation of an approximately 23.24 acre property generally located on the west side of Geesling Road, approximately 700 feet south of East University Drive (US 380), within the Moreau Forrest Survey, Abstract No. 417, in Denton County, Texas.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Aimee Bissett, Director of Development Services, presented the details of the annexation. This was a voluntary annexation as the property owner intended to develop the property. The First Reading of the ordinance would be held on May 3rd and the second reading on June 7th.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

No action was required on this item at this time.

- B. ID 16-464 Hold the second of two public hearings to consider annexing eight (8) properties, identified by the following property identification numbers (DH-2: 60756 and 60759), (DH-3: 41547), (PAA1: 651278), (PAA3: 315334 and 60790) and (PAA4: 202610 and 37729), which received a Non-Annexation Agreement in 2010, and a one year extension in 2015. Staff is requesting that this item be withdrawn. The properties that were proposed to be annexed all have signed Non-Annexation Agreements.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

City Manager Campbell stated that each of identified properties had non-annexation agreements. The public hearing was not needed at this time.

City Attorney Burgess stated that no further action was needed on these properties until the expiration of the non-annexation agreements in 2020.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

No action was required on this item at this time.

4. CONCLUDING ITEMS

There were no concluding items suggested by Council.

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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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