

City of Ingleside
Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
August 24, 2021
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on August 24, 2021, was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Pro tem John Schack presiding.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Tucker, Mayor Pro tem Schack, and Council Member Salinas, via Zoom. There were approximately 8 city staff members, and approximately 10 guests in attendance.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Kenneth Pancoast, 2189 Eastwind, made a citizen comment regarding pothole repair.

Presentations:

6. Presentation by the Port of Corpus Christi Authority regarding the recent purchase of Cheniere property in the City of Ingleside.

Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer of Port of Corpus Christi Authority, presented statistics, partnerships, diversification of commodities, the acquisition of Cheniere Ingleside Marine Terminal, a green hydrogen methanol plant, and the importance of the City of Ingleside to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority. Mr. Strawbridge, extended an invitation to Council Members, to the State of the Port and dedication ceremony for the new Port of Corpus Christi Administration Building, slated for November 10, 2021.

Council Member Diehl, welcomed Mr. Strawbridge, and commented the importance of the City of Ingleside and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority working together as the Coastal Bend community. Council Member Diehl, commented the north portion of the Cheniere property that was acquired recently, that Mr. Strawbridge commented could be a possible ball park area, would be appreciated. Mr. Strawbridge, commented that portion of land would be a buffer type of use. Council Member Diehl, commented clean development is a priority, working with schools, the citizens, and the city. Sean Strawbridge, commented regarding properties that are in

need of extensive remediation, is not Port of Corpus Christi Authority land, but owned by Port of Corpus Christi LP, and the two are not associated. Mr. Strawbridge, gave an update regarding desalinization plant permit process.

Council Member Salinas, commented he appreciated being informed by the Port of the Corpus Christi Authority.

7. Presentation by Howard Gillespie of the San Patricio Commissioners Court regarding a Hospital District on the November ballot.

Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County Commissioner, and Ron Jorgenson, presented the specifics of a Hospital District to be on the November ballot.

Council Member Diehl, commented regarding how this may financially impact citizens, and how it was rushed on the ballot. Ron Jorgenson, commented a hospital should go in the center of the county. Howard Gillespie, commented a hospital would have to be 35 miles from any hospital in order to get full Medicare and Medicaid payments. Council Member Wilson, asked who appoints the main Board. Howard Gillespie, commented the main Board will be appointed by election in May 2022 by citizens.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented the amount on the ballot will be thirty cents maximum, but the state says you can ask for a maximum of seventy-five cents, and inquired if this could be raised up to seventy-five cents. Ron Jorgenson, and Howard Gillespie confirmed that the maximum of thirty cents was capped when that was posted on the petition, and it can never go higher than thirty cents. Howard Gillespie, commented he was only giving the presentation as it was presented to him.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, made a citizen comment regarding the absence of the County Commissioner for this precinct at City Council meeting.

Howard Gillespie, San Patricio County Commissioner, commented he was a regular visitor prior to COVID-19.

Council Member Salinas, inquired if federal funding would be tied to this topic. Howard Gillespie, commented he did not know this early in the process, and is not asking for money, he is only presenting to the City Council. Council Member Diehl, commented there should have been more forethought before it went to the ballot. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented he would have liked to been presented a location and an idea what the rate would be based on a amount that would be needed.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, commented this could come back on another ballot.

There were various discussions by Council Members.

8. Presentation by Gustavo Lopez, Emergency Health & Safety Specialist with Chemours, on the Coastal Plain LECP Ready Safe notification system.

This presentation was postponed to a later date.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m., to proceed to the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing:

9. A Public Hearing for the City of Ingleside Budget 2021/2022.

No one spoke favor or against the Public Hearing for the City of Ingleside Budget 2021/2022.

10. A Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the City of Ingleside 2019 CDBG-DR Program Contract No. 20-065-086-C247, updating the location for work with the same scope as the original project, changing the project location from the Houghton Subdivision to the City's Avenue B outfall.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, spoke in favor of the Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the City of Ingleside 2019 CDBG-DR Program Contract No. 20-065-086-C247, updating the location for work with the same scope as the original project, changing the project location from the Houghton Subdivision to the City's Avenue B outfall, and explained the new location of the project, due to changes in grants.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, closed the Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m., to proceed to the Regular City Council Meeting.

Action Items:

11. Discussion, consideration, and action concerning the possible advertisement for RFQs for engineering services.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, requested the item be tabled until a Director of Infrastructure Services is hired.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to table the item for four weeks. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration, and action concerning entering into contract negotiations with Hellas Construction for the design portion of the Faith Park Multi-Purpose Fields.

John Shrier, Project Manager, commented he was requesting to negotiate the design portion of the contract with Hellas Construction, and answered questions submitted by Council Member Salinas.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented to make sure the criteria from Little League to High School. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented if it was known how much the High School paid for engineering of the High School fields, it would be a good comparison and to reach out to the school.

Council Member Diehl, commented that the preciseness and professionalism of the project information is appreciated.

Council Member Salinas, commented to reach out to Little League to confirm that designs meet their needs, as they are the customer. Council Member Pruitt, commented the fields belong to the citizens

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to proceed with needed contract negotiations for the design phase of the Faith Park Multi-Purpose Fields. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration, and action of the City Council Minutes, dated August 10, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented to amend page 4, item 12, paragraph 8 to read: Council Member Schack, commented there are consequences to decisions individuals make, and he preaches to get vaccinated, and it is your right to not get vaccinated, but he does not like being held captive. Note: 993 of 1000 people in the hospital were not vaccinated.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated August 10, 2021, with the notations that Mayor Pro tem Schack made for amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

14. Reports from Staff

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) HVAC and Electrical contractor Round Robin Update
- c) Other Updates

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented regarding 14b, he requested the year-to-date expenditures per contractor on HVAC and electrical contractors.

Council Member Diehl, commented the Round Robin procedures became effective as of the date of canvassing the election. The document gives the indication that it became effective July 16, 2021, and asked the City Manager if this has been corrected. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented it has been corrected, and the Round Robin procedure is in effect, and should have been in effect as of the date of canvassing of the vote.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, updated steps that can be taken to reallocate, through the budget process, to move \$746,000.00 from the Houghton Fund to Street Maintenance Fund bringing the fund balance to approximately \$1.8 million. The City Manager recommended to budget \$1 million to work on streets next year, and \$390,000 for street maintenance, and wait for recommendations from the Street Committee.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, updated the Council on the distributor truck has been repaired and returned today, and the ability for the Level Up program.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented to reach out to local vendors that have not turned in applications for the Round Robin process. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented the city will send out second notices.

There were various discussions by Council Members.

Council Member Pruitt, requested staff look into an item for a repair that should have been within the maintenance contract.

John Schrier, Project Manager, commented the implementation of a contractor/vendor evaluation form, which would rate performance in many areas, and build historical data.

15. Requests from Council

Council Member Pruitt, requested an update on the Public Works portable building. John Schrier, Project Manager, updated the council in site preparation, estimated delivery date of October, utility installation, and an estimated move in date of October 1, 2021.

Dawn Tarr, Finance Director, requested in lieu of a police motor patrol, a patrol officer replace that position. Mayor Pro tem Schack, inquired if there was a vehicle available, which Tammy Burr, Police Chief confirmed there is a vehicle available for that position. Request was confirmed by Council.

Dawn Tarr, Finance Director, requested \$20,000 for discretionary funds for the City Manager's budget. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented a line item was added to the Mayor/City Council budget of \$200,000 discretionary fund, not earmarked, but for special projects. Request was confirmed by Council.

Council Member Salinas, commented kudos are in order to the Police Department and the school district, regarding traffic coordination at local schools.

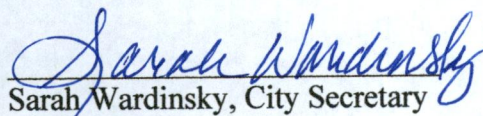
Council Member Diehl, gave heartfelt condolences to a staff member who had a tragedy in her family.

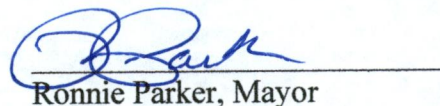
16. Adjourn

Mayor Pro tem Schack, adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary


Ronnie Parker, Mayor