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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2011
5:00 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Work Session and Special Meeting Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meeting law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Kirk W. Francis
Councilman Carl A. Register
Councilman Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley
Councilman George "Rick" Evans

Members Absent:

Councilman James Allen

City Staff Present:

Frank Morales, City Administrator and Police Chief
Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order.

Mayor Francis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Francis led those present in a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Discussion on Waste Management Contract.

Mayor Francis informed everyone this item was mainly so the council could focus on brush issues around the city. Mayor Francis started off the discussion by saying that several council members had received e-mails from residents concerning brush. Mayor Francis said his personal preference was to have brush pick up, but that in view of the large number of people that did not want any he didn't feel it was right to make them pay

for something they did not want. Besides that he mentioned that there were other options available to the residents. Those options are listed below:

Option 1: Residents could take their own brush to the Bitters dump site.

Option 2: It will cost about \$450.00 for a resident to have a 40 yard dumpster delivered at their residence.

Option 3: Waste Management could provide large dumpsters at City Hall for brush only. Mayor Francis's numbers on brush from residents was about 60/40, with "yes" as the majority. He also stated he voted to have brush pickup.

Councilman Evans related he was concerned that if we went with option three it may lead to residents dropping off a variety of junk and not just brush. Councilman Evans related his response from the e-mails he received were 13 homes didn't want any kind of brush, 16 homes wanted monthly or quarterly brush pick up and 11 homes were willing to stay exactly the way we currently were and pay a higher monthly rate. Councilman Evans also mentioned he wasn't sure how residents would have responded if they knew the brush size was a lot smaller with the new contract.

Councilman Durand-Hollis related the feedback he received from e-mails were that more people wanted the service than not. He further related that his personal opinion was to have brush picked up quarterly.

Councilwoman Worley related the feedback she received from e-mail she had received were split 50/50.

Councilman Register related he didn't think brush pick up was a big concern in HCV.

4. Discussion on Bexar Met Water System.

Mayor Francis informed the council that Bexar Met did not want to sell any of its assets to the city so that we could have our own water system. He also recommended sending a letter to Bexar Met to take immediate action to implement recommendations from the final report produced by Lockwood, Andrews and Newman dated April 2009.

5. Discussion on City Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Francis spoke about the boards/commissions we currently have. He said the Zoning Commission was the most powerful in making decisions for HCV. He suggested they have a work session with the chairman's and/or committee members when their term starts.

Councilman Register asked if we could consolidate any of the committees we have now? Also he suggested that council meets with the chairman of the boards at the beginning of their term to see what their objectives are for the year. He said the chairman could report

back to council in six months with a progress report and again in 12 months with a final report.

Councilman Durand-Hollis also asked if we could put some of the boards together? He asked about consolidating the Board of Adjustments to Zoning and the Business District Construction Review Board to Zoning. He understood that the Economic Development Corporation needed to stay separate.

Councilman Evans commented that “we the city council” need to give direction to the other boards/commissions.

6. Adjourn

The council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in open session. The council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of November, 2011.

Kirk W. Francis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary