



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 WEST MAIN STREET  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2022 AT 3:00 PM**

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## **AMENDED AGENDA**

*The meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 300 W. Main St, Grand Prairie, Texas, and the Chairman or presiding member will be physically present. Members may be participating remotely via video conference.*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- [1.](#) Microtransit Vehicle for Hire Service (VIA) 2022 Goals
- [2.](#) Big Event Briefing
- [3.](#) Review of Registered Child Care Home Ordinance

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

*Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

- [4.](#) January 10, 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environmental Meeting Minutes
- [5.](#) Resolution Designating A Portion of EpicCentral As A “Public Entertainment Zone”

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee may conduct a closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., to discuss any of the following:*

- (1) Section 551.071 “Consultation with Attorney”
- (2) Section 551.072 “Deliberation Regarding Real Property”
- (3) Section 551.074 “Personnel Matters”
- (4) Section 551.087 “Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.”

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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*email [GPCitySecretary@gptx.org](mailto:GPCitySecretary@gptx.org) at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting to request an accommodation.*

*Certification*

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee agenda was prepared and posted February 2, 2022.*



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*Gloria Colvin, Deputy City Secretary*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
COMMUNICATION**

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**MEETING DATE:** 2/7/2022  
**REQUESTER:** Jordan Bowens  
**PRESENTER:** Walter Shumac III, Director of Transportation Services  
**TITLE:** Microtransit Vehicle for Hire Service (VIA) 2022 Goals  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**  
Discuss the Microtransit Vehicle for Hire Service (VIA) 2022 Goals



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
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**MEETING DATE:** 02/07/2022  
**REQUESTER:** Amy Sprinkles  
**PRESENTER:** Amy Sprinkles  
**TITLE:** Big Event Briefing  
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None

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**ANALYSIS:**

Briefing the PSHE Committee regarding the March 26, 2022, Big Event.



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**MEETING DATE:** 02/07/2022

**REQUESTER:** Cindy Mendez

**PRESENTER:** Cindy Mendez, Public Health & Environmental Quality Director

**TITLE:** Review of Registered Child Care Home Ordinance

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Input

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**ANALYSIS:**

The City currently allows two types of childcare, Registered Family Homes and Licensed Childcare Centers. A request from several Registered Family Home operators was received to allow for the establishment of Licensed Child Care Homes. While the allowance of Licensed Child Care Home permit status may allow for more funding from the state, building and fire codes do not permit more than five children to be cared for in a home without meeting additional requirements such as fire sprinkler systems.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None



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**MEETING DATE:** 02/07/2022

**REQUESTER:** Lana Yancey

**PRESENTER:** Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman

**TITLE:** January 10, 2022 Public Safety, Health and Environmental Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**COMMITTEE**  
 CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson  
 Council Member Dennis King  
 Council Member Junior Ezeonu

### AGENDA ITEMS

*Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

**1. December 6<sup>th</sup> Public Safety, Health and Environmental Meeting Minutes**

Minutes approved as presented.

Motion made by Council Member King, Seconded by Council Member Ezeonu.

Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

**2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, “Health and Sanitation” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, by replacing the provisions of Article IV “Air Pollution Control” in their entirety with new regulations**

Jody Cason briefed the committee on this item. The current ordinance is over a decade old and doesn't align with the current state rules. There has been verbiage added and some enforcement action will be added that would include the police department. Due to the technical nature of this ordinance and all of the air quality rules we engaged our environmental consultant of Modern Geo-sciences Dr. Kenneth Tran. Dr. Tran took over the presentation and explained this new ordinance will follow state and federal rules and also align with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality(TCEQ). Specifically motor vehicle idling is addressed in the new ordinance with exclusions for vehicles over 14,000 pounds. Dr. Tran also explained that there are monitors that can be put out to monitor the air quality in areas to make sure that businesses are following the rules and we can also collect data from them.

Motion made by Council Member Ezeonu, Seconded by Council Member King.

Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member King, Council Member Ezeonu

### 3. **FY 22 Airport Pavement Safety Brief**

Airport Director Mark Divita briefed the committee on this item. He explained what Foreign Object Debris (FOD) is and the dangers it can be to an aircraft and people. Every time we take grant money from the FAA they have grant assurances that include a Pavement Maintenance Program and Operations & Maintenance Mandate which means we have to keep all FOD off the runways, taxi ways and ramps. Grand Prairie Municipal Airport does a daily check for FOD and we do a FOD sweep every month. We also do a monthly concrete and asphalt pavement inspection and Mr. Divita does an annual inspection in which they rate the distress it may have and take immediate action on getting that repaired. FAA pays for 90% of the repairs and the Streets Department has a contract with a company that makes the repairs. Informational Only.

### 4. **Code Compliance Administrative Adjudication Process**

Assistant Director of Police Ryan Simpson briefed the committee on this item. Today we are looking for feedback from this committee and will go to City Council next week, we will also bring a purchase and ordinance revision to City Council February 1st. Currently Code Compliance uses a criminal process for violation citations which includes a significant amount of case prep work, assuming that each case will go to court. This process takes 2-3 hours per citation for Code Compliance Officers and additional time that the court employees spend on each citation. We are looking to improve this process to save staff time by moving to an administrative or civil process, which is a considerable time saver for staff. There will still be an option for criminal process if we deem that necessary. How this process will work is when the citizen receives a violation, they can chose to pay the penalty and staff will follow up to make sure the citizen has come into compliance or they can appeal the citation and request a hearing. There are three different outcomes not guilty, found liable or found liable with deferred penalty which gives the citizen time to come into compliance without paying the fine. If the citizen gets the deferred penalty option then a follow up compliance hearing will be set and the hearing examiner will determine if the citizen came into compliance. If the citizen ignores the citations the city can opt to take no action or send it to collections. In the new proposed ordinance, it explains the amount of the civil fine cannot exceed 75% of the equal criminal fine. We do have the flexibility to increase the fine amount for repeat offenders if we stay within the 75% fine amount. The goal is to get citizen compliance and not hammer them with fines. Citizens can appeal a citation within 30 days and these will go like the Red Light Camera appeals, we will have a retired Code or Police Employee to oversee these appeals. We have looked at using T2Systems which will provide ticket writers to all Code Compliance Officers and will send out all notices to citizens and the company information will be on all the citations given out. T2Systems charges a 16% commission on the revenues we actually receive. Informational Only.

### 5. **Bi-Lingual Library Classes - Citizenship**

Library Program Supervisor Caitlin Milligan and Programmer Isela Mena briefed the committee on this item. The Library has many programs for all ages including early childhood education which targets parents and children. We have opportunities for people to get their GED and also US Citizenship classes. Many teens hangout at the library after school which gives Ms. Mena time to spend with them and also provides opportunities to mentor and keep these children off the streets. We market these programs through social media, place an ad in



Live Grand Newsletter through the Parks Department, and partnerships within the city and surrounding cities. Informational Only.

## 6. **Outdoor Warning Siren Presentation**

Emergency Management Coordinator Chase Wheeler briefed the committee on this item. Grand Prairie has 26 outdoor sirens throughout the city and 3 flood warning sirens. If you are outside anywhere in the city you should be able to hear a siren if they are activated. We have Solar Sirens and DC Powered Sirens, some of the sirens we couldn't get power to so they are equipped with solar power. When people say they cannot hear the monthly siren test, we always ask first where they were when it went off. If they were inside their house they may not have heard it because these sirens are strictly there to notify people outdoors of an emergency. These sirens are also used for other natural disasters. We also have a system in place called Alert GP, which we disseminate critical information to citizens. The 1st Wednesday at 1pm of every month we do a siren test, unless there is bad weather or an emergency situation going on. We don't want to alarm the public or desensitize them by activating these sirens too often. Our sirens have an auto activation so as soon as the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning the sirens within that polygon will sound. The sirens also have a wind legend on it so we can see what the wind speed is, so whenever the winds are over 70 MPH the sirens will sound. Informational Only.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No Executive Session.*

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*No Citizen Comments.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

4:07

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*Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
ORDINANCE**

**MEETING DATE:** 02/07/2022

**REQUESTER:** Megan Mahan, City Attorney

**PRESENTER:** Megan Mahan, City Attorney

**TITLE:** Resolution Designating A Portion of EpicCentral As A “Public Entertainment Zone”

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

**ANALYSIS:**

To maximize the social and economic utility of the ongoing EpicCentral development, there is a need to clarify the regulations related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the city-owned open area of land on which the commercial developments sit. In 2021, during the regular session of the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, city staff and council members worked with the city’s elected partners in the Texas Legislature to draft and pass House Bill No. 2127. That bill amended the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to create a legal entity known as a “public entertainment zone.” Public entertainment zones have unique regulations related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages. To take advantage of those unique laws, the local governing body must formally designate the area. This resolution will consummate the legal requirements to create a public entertainment zone in the EpicCentral development.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

None

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LAND OWNED BY THE CITY AS A “PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ZONE”; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 28.10 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code generally prohibits a patron who possesses an alcoholic beverage from entering or leaving a licensed premises, and restricts consumption to those premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2127, which amended certain provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Code which would allow the City, in a formal meeting of the City Council, to designate land it owns that contains a public safety facility, as a public entertainment zone; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of land as a public entertainment zone creates an exception to the general prohibitions contained in Section 28.10 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code, and permits patrons who legally purchase an alcoholic beverage from a licensed premises within the zone to enter or leave a licensed premises with an open container for consumption within the zone (excluding the parking lot); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a 172-acre park site known as EpicCentral that includes Grand Prairie's Public Safety Building, Epic Waters waterpark, the Summit Recreation Center, PlayGrand Adventures, and The Epic fitness, arts and entertainment center, five lakes, a grand lawn, and a connecting boardwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a planned development of retail and restaurant sites within the park, as well as two hotels and an attached convention center, and a water show attraction, all designed to attract local residents and tourists to outdoor musical and cultural events and to create safe spaces for people to enjoy time together; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to designate a public entertainment zone within the EpicCentral site to allow patrons to enter and leave licensed premises within the zone and to be able to move freely between establishments in the zone while in possession of alcohol

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Grand Prairie hereby designates the land identified and depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto as a "public entertainment zone."

**SECTION 2.** That this Resolution shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its adoption and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE  
ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.**

# EXHIBIT A EpicCentral Site Plan Aerial View

Proposed Public Entertainment Zone

See Zoomed Map View for Detail

Grand Prairie Public Safety Building

The Epic

Epic Waters

The Summit

Item 5.

