



MINUTES

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Junior Ezeonu
Council Member Jacquin Headen

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Clemson at 3:01p.m.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

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

1. 2022 Clean Prairie Annual Report

Cindy Mendez, Public Health and Environmental Quality Director discussed the Clean Prairie Outreach, Fall Sweep, Clean Prairie Recognition, and statistics. Ms. Mendez announced the Clean Prairie Winners (Lockheed Martin and IKEA) and the Friends of the Environment winners (IKEA and Cummins) at the Industrial Awards Banquet. Councilmember Clemson stated her appreciation for the Clean Prairie program and would like council to get invitations to future events. Councilmember Headen asked about IKEA's involvement in Clean Prairie. Patricia Redfearn, Director of Solid Water/Landfill reviewed the assistance received from IKEA to Solid Waste during Covid and educational events for Grand Prairie students.

2. Aquatic Safety Presentation

Duane Strawn, Park, Arts, and Recreation Director and Jeremy Thomas, Supervisor of Programs at the Epic Recreation Center gave an update on Aquatic Safety measures at the facilities. Mr. Thomas presented the industry standards for pool testing, cleaning, and disinfecting protocols. Parks will begin utilizing an app for chemical readings and allows staff to check on them throughout the day. Deputy City Manager Cheryl De Leon thanked the staff for their expertise. Councilmember Headen asked about the UV (ultraviolet) system. Mr. Thomas stated it is part of the main filtration pump line. Most outdoor pools do not use a UV system however, our Splash Factory does have one.

3. 29th Quarterly Judicial Report

Judge Bryan Arnold presented the quarterly report and court docket statistics. Councilmember Headen asked about community service locations. Judge Arnold stated some locations are

Prairie Paws, Mission Arlington, as well as working toward a GED. Councilmember Headen asked if we are directing people to the COPE program through the Police department if there are mental health issues. Judge Arnold stated most of these cases involve county charges and are handled through them.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Minutes from March 6, 2023 Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee meeting

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

5. Approve Current and Future Opioid Settlements Which are to be Distributed in Accordance with the Texas Term Sheet Adopted by Resolution 5244-2021, Including Agreements with Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and Allergan, and Authorize the Execution of Documents Relative to the Acceptance of Said Settlements

Megan Mahan, City Attorney and Tiffany Bull, Assistant City Attorney presented the amounts and sources of funds for the Opioid Settlement. The Police could use the funds from the settlement for drug treatment and prevention. This would allow them to hire a Crisis Support position for five to eight years. Monies would also be used to purchase Narcan for the treatment of fentanyl overdoses and community drug disposal.

Councilmember Headen motioned to approve item to be sent to council; seconded by Councilmember Ezeonu; 3-0

6. Annual Contract to Ensolum for asbestos and mold consulting for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for one year with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods totaling \$500,000 if all extensions are exercised

Cindy Mendez, Public Health and Environmental Quality Directed stated this contract is for evaluating for asbestos and mold. She stated the contract with our current company is ending and was sent out for bid. Councilmember Headen asked if these evaluations are done on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Mendez stated they are done on a case-by-case basis and may not exceed the amount approved.

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

7. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP), through an Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University up to the amount of \$12,500 for the purpose of compliance-related activities of tobacco retailers. Authorize the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this grant is for a continuation of the tobacco enforcement program.

Councilmember Headen motioned to approve; seconded by Councilmember Ezeonu; 3-0

8. **Resolution ratifying a FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding a Crisis Support Specialist position’s annual salary and fringe benefits in the amount of \$60,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded**

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this grant is requested to continue funding the Crisis Support Specialist position.

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

9. **A Resolution ratifying a FY 2024 First Responder Mental Health Program grant application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of providing first responder mental health resources not to exceed \$66,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded**

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this grant is for the continuation of the mental health program used for counseling and training for Police officers and their families.

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

10. **Authorize the Grand Prairie Police Department to Participate in the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children (“ICAC”) Task Force and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Relative to the Participation with the City of Dallas, Effective October 1, 2022, and any Future Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement Under Substantially Similar Terms**

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this is a continuation of a grant with City of Dallas to investigate online child solicitation abuse.

Councilmember Headen motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Ezeonu; 3-0

11. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 “Animal Services,” by deleting and replacing Section 5-65 – “Prohibited Sale of Animals,” Providing a penalty clause and a severability clause and providing an effective date after publication**

Lily Yap, Animal Shelter Manager stated this ordinance adjustment is for humane pet store ownership and a requirement for microchipping. Ms. Yap is seeking feedback on having a grandfather clause for this ordinance. If no grandfather clause, some cities have given up to a year to comply with the ordinance. After discussion, the committee would like to reevaluate the grandfather clause in six months to a year.

Councilmember Headen moved to approve the item with the reevaluation provision; seconded by Councilmember Ezeonu; 3-0

12. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Understanding / Interlocal Agreement (MOU/ILA) with Dallas County’s Office of Information Technology for Law Enforcement data sharing and participation in Urban Counties’ Techshare Juvenile program

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this item is for an agreement with Dallas County for data sharing.

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

13. A Resolution ratifying a FY 2024 Victim Assistance Program continuation grant application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the purpose of funding two Victim Assistance Coordinator and one Intern positions’ annual salary, fringe benefits, and training, in the amount of \$182,067 and authorizing the City Manager to accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant, if awarded

Ryan Simpson, Assistant Director of Operations and Support Bureau stated this grant is for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Coordinator position. Councilmember Headen asked is monetary resources are provided. Mr. Simpson stated they are only directing them to resources.

Councilmember Headen motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Ezeonu; 3-0

14. Resolution of Support for a Municipal Setting Designation at 2801 E. Park Row, Arlington, Texas

Cindy Mendez, Public Health and Environmental Quality Director presented a resolution in support of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requesting a Municipal Setting Designation at this location. Ms. Mendez stated they have been approved by the City of Arlington and explained the environmental issues at this location.

Councilmember Ezeonu motioned to approve this item; seconded by Councilmember Headen; 3-0

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.”*

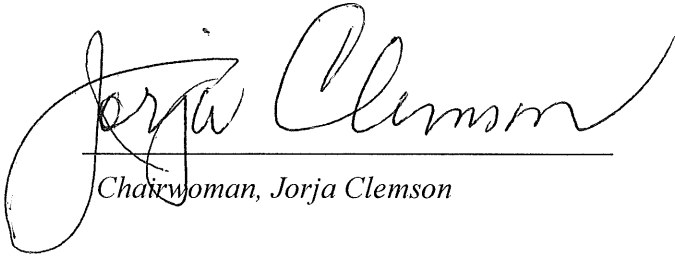
No executive session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.



Chairwoman, Jorja Clemson