



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Clemson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

*Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jacquin Headen
Council Member Bessye Adams*

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. 31st Quarterly Judicial Report

The Judicial Activity Report for July 2023 to October 2023 was presented by Judge Bryan Arnold to the Committee. The Judge informed the Council that there were fewer trial cases due to a shortage of available jury members. The mailing list has been updated to address this issue. The briefing was only for informational purposes.

PRESENTED

2. The Big Event for 2024

Alina Harris, Neighborhood and Volunteer Services Coordinator, gave a briefing about The Big Event, which is a City-Wide Cleanup Day happening on March 23, 2024, at the Parking Lot of Grand Prairie High School, TX. The event will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. The goal is to have at least 1000 volunteers and 100 jobs to collect 60 tons of trash. Last year, there were 1,643 volunteers and 110 jobs. The event is funded and will not cost the city anything.

PRESENTED

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Headen, to approve consent agenda items three through seven. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

3. Minutes of December 4, 2023, Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee Meeting

Approved on Consent Agenda

4. Purchase of replacement office chairs for the Public Safety Building, from Krueger International (KI), through a cooperative purchasing agreement with Sourcewell, in the amount of \$137,689

Approved on Consent Agenda

5. Purchase of Panasonic “Toughbook” rugged mobile laptops and accessories from GTS Technology Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$111,124.58, through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR)

Approved on Consent Agenda

6. Annual Contract for Micro-Blaze firefighting foam from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist, Houston, Texas, for the annual cost not to exceed \$24,695 with four one-year renewals not to exceed \$123,475 if all option renewals are exercised and authorized by the City Manager

Approved on Consent Agenda

7. Change order #2 in the amount by \$48,350 to increase annual contract for medical supplies with Life-Assist, Inc. \$140,000, increase for the remainder of the current contract term, and \$140,000 annually for the one remaining one-year renewal term totaling \$280,000

Approved on Consent Agenda

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. **Public Hearing and Ordinance for a Municipal Setting Designation for 1201 Avenue H East, 1205 Avenue H East, and 1152 N. Great Southwest Parkway**

Jody Cason, the Environmental Quality Manager, presented to the Council Committee an application made by LCG21 1205 Avenue H East, LLC to the City of Grand Prairie. The application seeks an ordinance to restrict the use of designated groundwater for drinking purposes under 7.313 acres of land which includes 1201 Avenue H East, 1205 Avenue H East, and 1152 N. Great Southwest Parkway. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) authorizes Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) only when it is supported by the municipal council of the property location. An MSD is an official state designation given to a property within a municipality or its extraterritorial jurisdiction which certifies that designated groundwater is not used as potable water. The applicant of the property located at 1205 Avenue H East is currently enrolled in the Voluntary Clean-Up Program with TCEQ due to elevated levels of volatile organic compounds and total petroleum hydrocarbons which originated from an off-site source. City staff has reviewed the application and supports the approval of the ordinance due to the following reasons: the groundwater plume originated from off-site sources, there are no current treatment options available to reduce groundwater contamination, the site is in an industrial area, and no wells are used for potable water. Council Member Adams inquired about the number of applicants received in the past few years. In response, Cindy Mendez, the Public Health and Environmental Quality Director, mentioned that they had not received any recently, but have issued seven MSDs in the past. She further stated that the MSD tool is quite valuable for property owners.

Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Council Member Adams to close the public hearing and approved to recommend to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

9. **Ordinance amending the FY 2024 Red Light Safety Fund budget in the amount of \$117,755, to partially fund the first term of an annual contract with Flock Safety, Inc. for law enforcement automated license plate recognition cameras, security cameras, and other related products and services, in the amount of \$436,950 for the first year, with four annual renewal options in the amount of \$308,400 for the second year, and \$353,400 annually thereafter, for years three, four, and five, totaling \$1,805,550**

Ryan Simpson, the Assistant Director of Police, presented a report to the Council Committee. The report stated that the Police Department has been using Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras by Flock Safety, Inc. since 2020. These cameras have been effective in detecting and investigating criminal offenses. Flock Safety has expanded its range of products, which now includes security cameras and the FlockOS platform. The FlockOS platform can aggregate and display information and footage from various sources, such as Flock Safety cameras, third-party camera systems, body-worn camera systems, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software, and other platforms. This content can be overlaid onto maps that are compatible with the city's current mapping platform. The Police Department will benefit significantly from these new products and services as they enhance its ability to detect, respond to, and investigate criminal offenses. The proposed agreement aims to continue using the current products and services at their current prices for the next five years. The agreement also includes additional ALPR cameras, security cameras, and the FlockOS platform. Additionally, the Engineering & Utilities Department plans to install fifteen Flock Safety security cameras at various remote locations throughout the city to improve critical infrastructure security measures. The Committee was ensured by Chief of Police, Daniel Scesney that neighboring cities also utilize this system which significantly reduces the time it takes to solve cases by utilizing Artificial Intelligence. Chairwoman Clemson praised Chief Scesney for his clear explanation of the purpose and use of the FlockOS platform. Additionally, Council Member Headen enquired about the functionality of all Flock Cameras on behalf of a constituent. In response, Chief Scesney confirmed that the cameras are fully operational and recording without any issues. He further added that there are more than 4000 cameras in the area, which are all managed and maintained by a single vendor.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adam, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

10. **Ordinance amending the FY 2023/2024 Fire State Supplemental Funds – Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (TASPP) Budget and FY2023/2024 Capital Improvements Projects Budget; Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract with Key Construction for construction services on the Emergency Operation Center and Fire Station #6 projects, in the additional amount of \$10,982,035.00; owner-controlled construction contingency in the amount of \$250,000.00; low voltage direct contracts with Siemens Industry, Inc. in the amount of \$124,310.00, Cyson Technology Group in the**

amount of \$152,833.71, and Flair Data Systems in the amount of \$48,678.32; and an audio/video equipment + installation direct contract in the amount of \$374,367.00 with Infinity Sound, Ltd. for a total added funding request of \$11,932,224.03

Andy Henning, Director of Design + Construction, informed the Council Committee that the City Council had awarded the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract to Key Construction for pre-construction services on July 11, 2023. The contract was awarded for \$5,000.00 and included CMAR services such as preparing project construction cost estimates, preliminary construction schedules, value engineering proposals, and constructability review during the design phase. The current additional value of the contract is \$10,982,035.00, which represents the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the scope of work that has been defined in the BRW Architects Construction Documents package. This amount was determined through a competitive bidding process with subcontractors selected by Key Construction in compliance with City and State procurement regulations. Council Member Adams asked for clarification that this covers the EOC and Fire Station 6. Mr. Henning reassured them that she was correct. Council Member Headen expressed her excitement about the upcoming improvements that will make the facility more accommodating for firefighters.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Headen, seconded by Council Member Adams. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

11. Ordinance amending the FY 2023/2024 budgets for the Capital Lending Fund and Solid Waste CIP Fund for a contract for Landfill Expansion Permitting and Subsurface Characterization for the City of Grand Prairie Landfill from Weaver Consultants Group in an amount not to exceed \$1,591,200

Patricia D. B. Redfearn, Director, of the Solid Waste & Recycling Department, presented to the Council Committee that the City of Grand Prairie owns and operates one Type I Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, permit 995-C, which provides waste capacity for the growing community. Expansion is needed to ensure adequate capacity. In 2021, the city procured a piece of property sharing a border with the current facility. This contract aims to provide subsurface characterization and permitting services required to utilize a certain property for a specific purpose. The Local Government Code Chapter 252 provides an exception from the competitive bid process for the procurement of personal, professional, or planning services. The vendor was selected as the most qualified professional through a request for qualifications process. During a meeting, Council Member Headen expressed concern about excavation and inquired about the City's strategy for the process. In response, Ms. Redfearn stated that the state dictates the strategy known as Subchapter T and that environmental monitoring will take place throughout the process. Chairwoman Clemson asked Ms. Redfearn about the depth of the landfill, to which she replied that it is buried about 407 feet above sea level at the lowest elevation. Council Member Adams asked about the vendor selection process, and Ms. Redfearn explained that they considered the number of landfills the vendor had worked with in Texas, and whether they could handle the project in-house or if they would subcontract it.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council by Council Member Adam, seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Clemson adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the February 12, 2024, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman