



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 WEST MAIN STREET
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Junior Ezeonu
Council Member Dennis King

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the April 4, 2022, Public Safety, Health and Environment Meeting

Chairwoman Clemson requested a motion to approve the April 4, 2022, minutes as presented. Council Member Ezeonu moved to approve, seconded by Council Member King. The motion carried unanimously.

2. GPF 2021 Community Report

Fire Chief Robert Fite presented the 2021 Community Report for the Grand Prairie Fire Department. Fire Chief Fite reviewed operating costs, fire statistics, EMS statistics, fire personnel training hours and noted that social media is used solely for recruitment.

The committee thanked Fire Chief Fite for the presentation.

3. Protecting the City's Water Supply

Public Works Director introduced Daniel Camehl, Water Production Water Operations Supervisor, Bud Taylor, Water Utility Operations Manager and Dane Stovall, Public Works Assistant Director. Mr. Camehl presented the Water System Site Security and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

Chairwoman Clemson inquired on the city's plan if the water system was compromised. Mr. Taylor informed the committee the SCADA system provides staff the ability to shut down water towers remotely and make changes as needed. The committee thanked the Public Works team for their presentation.

4. Aquatic Safety Update

Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Duane Strawn introduced Erin Hart, PARD Assistant Director - Operations and Jeremy Thomas, PARD Program Supervisor. Mr. Thomas presented the Aquatic Safety Update noting industry standards, practice and protocols, chemical testing and mentioned city pools are closed if they do not meet these standards. Mr. Thomas added that an ultraviolet disinfection water treatment system is used as a secondary at The Epic, The Summit and Splash Factory.

Council Member Ezeonu inquired why all city pool do not have the ultraviolet disinfection water treatment system as a secondary. Chairwoman Clemson asked the cost of this system. Mr. Thomas noted the cost is approximately \$8,100 per pool. Mr. Thomas presented a sample of the city's pool chemical log and noted this log is maintained daily. Deputy City Manager Cheryl De Leon noted that staff's attention to detail is exceptional as it is important to protect our citizens.

5. Racial Profile Report

Police Chief Daniel Scesney presented the racial profile report noting the current policy and noting no racial profile complaints in 2021.

The committee thanked Police Chief Scesney for the presentation.

6. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), in the amount of \$51,195.03

Assistant Director – Police Ryan Simpson presented this item to the committee as written. Chairwoman Clemson thanked Chief Scesney for the police department's great efforts on truck traffic.

Council Member Ezeonu moved, seconded by Council Member King to bring this item to City Council for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the enforcement of safety belt, child safety seat, speed, intersection traffic control, distracted driving and DWI laws in the amount of \$279,887.13

Assistant Director – Police Ryan Simpson presented this item to the committee as written.

Council Member Ezeonu moved, seconded by Council Member King to bring this item to City Council for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Short Term Rental Ordinance Amendment

City Attorney Megan Mahan presented the short-term rental ordinance amendment noting the current ordinance, current enforcement strategy, survey of other cities and staff's recommendation change to permit requirement.

Police Chief Scesney mentioned one of the challenges is parking and states the ordinance amendment should improve this issue significantly. Council Member Ezeonu agrees that street parking should be limited.

Council Member King asked if the permit would require a local contact phone number. Ms. Mahan confirmed it would. Council Member King asked if the permit issued will include an occupancy limit. Ms. Mahan stated the occupancy limit will be of one person per 200 square feet with a cap of 1200 square feet. Council Member King asked if zoning requirements being considered. Ms. Mahan said not at this time.

Council Member Ezeonu inquired how many cities have a non-refundable permit fee. Ms. Mahan to provide this information to the committee before the next meeting.

Ms. Mahan informed the committee the permit can be revoked at any time for noncompliance. Ms. Mahan mentioned said the city is using the City of Arlington's ordinance as reference and monitoring their lawsuits.

Chairwoman Clemson gave kudos to the City of Grapevine for not allowing short term rentals in their city.

Council Member Ezeonu noted his support of the short-term rental ordinance amendment. Council Member King stated the amendment is a good start and asks staff to consider including how many short-term rentals can be on one block.

The committee thanked Ms. Mahan, Chief Scesney and staff for their efforts.

Council Member Ezeonu moved, seconded by Council Member King to bring this item to City Council for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

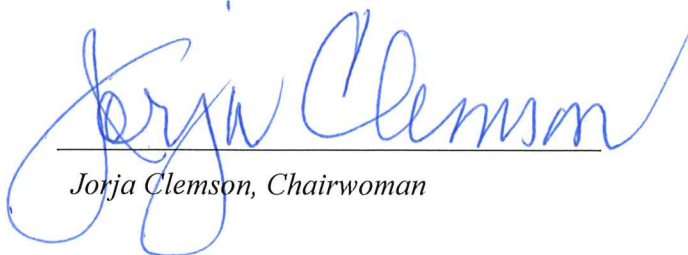
No citizen comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman