



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairwoman Jorja Clemson
Council Member Jacquin Headen - arrived at 3:34 p.m.
Council Member Bessye Adams

Chairwoman Clemson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and opened with a moment of silence on behalf of the family and victims of September 11th, 2001.

STAFF PRESENTATION

1. Participation in Pilot Program in the Climate and Health Action Catalyst program administered by the Environmental Defense Fund

Environmental Quality Manager, Jody Cason presented the Climate and Health Action Catalyst program to the committee. The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is developing a program to create resources for city governments that are interested in identifying and addressing local vulnerabilities to climate change with a public health focus. As one of four cities selected by the EDF in Texas, they will develop a Climate Vulnerability Index for our community and related impacts on public health. They will help the City apply results and identify policies to address the challenges. The data-driven tool will incorporate social, economic, environmental, and climate indicators to evaluate the geographic distribution and key drivers of vulnerability to environmental and climate stressors. The city would agree to a workshop for city staff and key stakeholders to recommend policy options. The EDF will provide an implementation guide to the city and a toolkit to support implementation, including recommendations for securing funding. The city would not be under any obligation to act on the provided recommendations. Environmental Quality is currently working with a consultant to complete the Municipal Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory that will allow the city to look for opportunities to reduce our emissions. This program will enhance our ability to understand the health implications of climate change to our community.

2. Grand Prairie ISD School Safety Officer Program

Chief of Police, Daniel Scesney presented to the committee the Grand Prairie Independent School District School Safety Officer Program after thanking Chairwoman Clemson for acknowledging 9/11 with a moment of silence. During the committee meeting, Chief Scesney proposed the use of retired officers as School Resource Officers to be supervised and trained by the Grand Prairie Police Department. One of his main priorities was ensuring that the School Safety Officers have access to the same high-quality equipment as the Police Department in case

of an emergency or threat. Council Member Headen inquired about the officers' capabilities and whether they would have bulletproof vests, to which Chief Scesney reassured her and confirmed that they would primarily be assigned to elementary schools. Council Member Adams then asked about the number of hires, and Chief Scesney responded that approximately 25 positions would be available, with 11 of them being actual officers and the rest being highly trained former military officers.

3. House Bill 1750 Impacts

Deputy City Attorney, Tiffany Bull discussed House Bill 1750 Impacts and the applicability of certain city requirements to agricultural operations presented at the 88th Legislative Session. The House Bill will have governmental regulations on cultivating soil, flowers, grapes, trees, or gardens. Producing crops or growing vegetation for human/animal food, livestock forage, forage wildlife management, planting seed, or fiber raising or keeping livestock or poultry, wildlife management, and planting cover crops/leaving land idle for program or rotation procedure. Ms. Bull informed the committee that the city cannot enforce a governmental regulation for agriculture. Enforcement is authorized only when enforcement there is clear and convincing evidence, having less restrictive means will not address the issue, it is necessary to protect neighbors or public property from imminent danger of a limited list of threats, a required report has been completed, it is necessary to protect public health findings and it is not identified as generally accepted ag practice by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and doesn't pose a threat to public health. Ms. Bull discussed some of the possible threats with this new impact including: explosions, flooding, infestation of vermin or insects physical injury, and the spread of identified contagious disease that is directly attributable to the agricultural operation. Some of the specific prohibitions are we can't restrict the growing or harvesting of vegetation for animal feed, livestock forage, or forage for wildlife management and dog restraint requirements don't apply to a dog being used to protect livestock on property controlled by the owner. The ordinances that will impact the City of Grand Prairie are 5-19: Unlawful restraint of animals, 5-26: Keeping of livestock, fowl, and swine, 29-114: High weeds and grass, 29-68: Nuisances/Outside Storage, and 29-73: Unclean premises.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Adams, Seconded by Council Member Headen to approve consent agenda. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes of the August 7, 2023, Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee Meeting

Approved on Consent Agenda

5. Ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant; and authorize the City Manager to Accept funding by signing the Sub-Recipient Agreement and other grant-related documents from the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division

Approved on Consent Agenda

6. Ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant; and authorize the City Manager to Accept funding by signing the Sub-Recipient Agreement and other grant-related documents from the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Grants Division

Approved on Consent Agenda

7. Purchase of Bullet Resistant Shields from BodyArmorOutlet.com in the amount of \$179,987.50

Approved on Consent Agenda

8. Purchase of Ten (10) Motorola APX Consolette Radios for Public Safety Emergency Communications Center from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$93,990.10 through a national cooperative agreement with Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC)

Approved on Consent Agenda

9. Purchase of Anti-Ram Vehicle Barriers from Advanced Security Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$73,724

Approved on Consent Agenda

10. Contract for FY 24 Laboratory Services with Trinity River Authority in an amount not to exceed \$273,000 for analysis of water, wastewater, and stream samples

Approved on Consent Agenda

11. Resolution supporting the application for and acceptance of a FY 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance to be used for law enforcement purposes for \$37,610 in total funding with an agreement for \$11,283 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,842.89 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$24,484.11 to the City of Grand Prairie and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents relative to the acceptance, rejection, alteration, or termination of the grant, including an interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and other Dallas County sub-recipients

Approved on Consent Agenda

12. Purchase of a Landfill Truck Scale from Fairbanks Scales in the amount of \$121,732.00

Approved on Consent Agenda

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

13. Ordinance amending Section 5-11, "Microchipping of Dogs and Cats" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie; Providing a Penalty Clause, a Savings Clause, and a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date after Publication

Animal Service Manager, Lily Yap presented the committee with an amendment request for the purpose of microchipping dogs and cats. Ms. Yap stated that the Grand Prairie Police Department's Animal Services Division served almost 4,500 dogs and cats through the shelter during the previous fiscal year. Data from shelters across the United States indicate that the admission rates, onsite population, and associated costs are increasing, causing increased pressure on animal disposition. Locally, and since FY 2020, the "return to owner" rates of dogs have consistently declined from approximately 60% to less than 40% year to date. The current "return to owner rates" for cats are reflective of national rates at less than 3%. Microchipping pets with the owner's contact information facilitates an expedited and more effective means of reuniting pets with their families. By proactively eliminating the intake and care needs of animals that can be returned to their owners, we minimize/eliminate exposure of those pets to the shelter environment, preserve the human-animal bond, and focus adoption resources on pets that need it most. Council Member Headen asked if this would be revenue for the city or just covering the cost. Ms. Yap confirmed it was revenue.

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.

14. Tarrant County 9-1-1 District FY 2024 Budget

Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Executive Director, Sherry Decker and Emergency Communications Manager, Aubry Insko presented the committee with updates concerning the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The FY 2024 Budget has been crafted to support the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District's (TC9-1-1) forward movement in several critical areas of public safety communications. The TC9-1-1's annual operating budget is presented to member city governing bodies for review and approval. Next-Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) call routing technology is constantly evolving, and TC9-1-1 is dedicated to providing a solution to end-of-life equipment. TC9-1-1 staff continues to research new technologies and service offerings that help enhance our 9-1-1 service infrastructure to deliver voice, video, text, and data calls. Legacy 9-1-1 solutions have limitations Next Generation 9-1-1 Core Services (NGCS) has been designed to eliminate. The migration away from legacy 9-1-1 systems covers eight categories: Network (NG9-1-1 and (ESInet), 9-1-1 Call Routing and Location, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), NG9-1-1, Core Services, PSAP 9-1-1 Call Handling Systems and Applications, Security, Operations and Operational Planning. The TC9-1-1 is evaluating and exploring the feasibility of and strategies for regionalization of the 28 public safety answering points (PSAPs) that were assessed into a configuration that, with the support of the District, will maintain or improve service levels in Tarrant County while supporting an affordable system. Planned progress on the Next Generation of 9-1-1 services through continued interaction with our user base, proof of concept projects, and the continued maintenance and upgrades to the NG911 system, when appropriate. A focus on Contingency and Continuation of Operations through proof of concept on our Regional Relocation Site strategy and an expanded program for onsite power support to enhance the ability of PSAPs to remain in their primary facility and sustain normal operations during limited commercial failure incidents. Preparation for the Z-Axis (height) data. The TC9-1-1 completed the network upgrades, redesign, and network core services in FY 2022. The TC9-1-1 has been awarded a grant through the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) as a subrecipient of federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) funding opportunity # 4549601 for the Next-Generation 9-1-1 upgrade. The grant program originally was

ending on December 31, 2024, but the deadline was extended to December 31, 2026. The TC9-1-1 is continuing to build the reserves for the Next-Generation 9-1-1 upgrade.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Adams, Seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Water Tower Site Lease with T-Mobile West LLC for Installation of Antennas and Equipment for Cellular Communications at 2201 109th Street in the amount of \$30,000 per year for the first five years totaling \$150,000 with an increase of 15% at the end of each 5-year term, and totaling \$1,011,357.20 over 25 years

Public Health Manager, Werner Rodriguez and Director of Engineering Services, Noreen Housewright discussed the City and T-Mobile West LLC's desire to enter into a lease agreement under which T-Mobile West will be permitted to install antennas and equipment on the City's water tower located at 2201 109th Street in Grand Prairie, as well as an equipment shelter and associated equipment on the premises below to facilitate cellular communications. The initial term of the lease will be five years, and T-Mobile has the option to renew the lease for four additional five-year periods. If all renewal options are exercised, the lease will be for 25 years. The initial lease rental is \$30,000 per year and payable in advance. The purpose of this request is to obtain the City Council's approval to enter the lease and to authorize the City Manager to execute the lease on the City's behalf. During the committee meeting, Council Member Headen inquired about the possibility of a certain amount of towers having an impact on the water supply. Council Member Adams also raised a concern about the potential effects of heat on these towers. Mr. Rodriguez provided reassurance to the committee that neither of these factors would cause any negative impact.

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.

16. Fence and Landscape Variance Request for the Hardrock Gas Well Pad Site located at 2501 Hardrock Road

Public Health, and Environmental Quality Director, Cindy Mendez updated the committee on the need for a Fence and Landscape Variance Request regarding the Hardrock Gas Well Pad. The site is located at 2501 Hardrock Road. GHA Barnett received a gas well permit to drill four wells on the Hardrock pad site on January 31, 2023. Plans for the construction of the gas well pad site were in conformance with the ordinance. On August 11, 2023, GHA Barnett submitted a variance request to modify the approved fencing and landscape plan as most of the surrounding area will be a dedicated wetland detention area. The ordinance requires a masonry or a masonry wall with wrought iron and a landscape buffer of forty feet outward from the exterior surface of all perimeter walls. The variance requests that the fence on the north and south sides of the pad site be constructed of 100% wrought iron and that the east side be constructed of 100% vinyl chain link fence. The west side, facing Hardrock, would conform to the ordinance. In addition, the variance requests that all ornamental landscaping plants be omitted on the north, south, and east sides of the pad site. Staff from Environmental Quality and Planning have reviewed this variance request and are not opposed to this request

as the area is industrial and the dedicated wetland will prevent future development on the east side of the pad site.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Adams, Seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 18-29.2, prohibiting possession of coolers and glass containers in the Public Entertainment Zone (EpicCentral)

Deputy City Attorney, Matt Butler discussed the consideration of an ordinance that prohibits the possession of coolers and glass containers in the EpicCentral Public Entertainment Zone (the "PEZ"). The 87th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2127, which amended certain provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Code that allowed 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. 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, which generally provides that the holder of a mixed beverage license, such as a restaurant, may not permit any person to take any alcoholic beverage purchased on the licensed premises from the premises where it was sold. With the enactment of HB 2127, patrons who purchase an alcoholic beverage from licensed premises within the public entertainment zone may enter or leave the licensed premises with an open container for consumption within the zone. With the possession and consumption of alcohol permitted in the PEZ, the draft ordinance is intended to benefit public safety by prohibiting the possession of coolers and glass containers in the PEZ. Such prohibition will discourage overconsumption of alcohol and limit the potential danger caused by broken glass.

Motion to recommend approval made by Council Member Headen, Seconded by Council Member Adams. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Annual Contract for One Solution software from Central Square in the amount of \$322,607.79 through a Master Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR). This contract will be for one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, allowing an increase not to exceed 15% annually with an estimated total of \$2,175,144.71 due to software cost increase and adding additional licenses if a renewal exceeds the requested 15% this item will be resubmitted for council's review if all extensions are exercised

Chief Information Officer, Keshnel Penny discussed the annual contract for One Solution software from Central Square in the amount of \$322,607.79 through a Master Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR). The annual contract for One Solution software from Central Square in the amount of \$322,607.79. One Solution is the main software used by Public Safety for dispatching, critical information sharing, records management, and reporting. This One Solution is a mission-critical software suite that provides CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch), RMS (Records Management System), Mobile (mobile Police and Fire units), and JMS (Jail Management System). Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, and Animal Services all rely on One Solution to provide their services to the city and its citizens. In addition to Public Safety personnel, the public can also leverage One

Solution via its P2C (Police to Citizen) platform. This allows citizens to report issues to the Police Department without having to call 911. Chapter 271.102 of the Local Government Code authorizes local governments to participate in a cooperative purchasing program with another local government or local cooperative organization. In lieu of competitive bidding, items, and services may be purchased through such agreements as the agreements have already been bid by the sponsoring entity or agency. The City of Grand Prairie has master inter-local cooperative agreements with various entities. Council Member Headen asked if we have used this company before and Mr. Penny confirmed they had also mentioned that the contract is an annual renewal for up to the next five years.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Adams, Seconded by Council Member Headen. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Ordinance to appropriate \$800,000 from the unobligated fund balance in the Capital Reserve Fund and Award a Construction Contract with Impact Environmental Services for Asbestos Abatement at 658 SW 3rd Street in the amount of \$217,575.00, plus a contingency amount of \$10,878.75 for a total project cost of \$228,453.75

Public Health and Environmental Quality Director, Cindy Mendez presented the committee with an update regarding the unobligated fund balance in the Capital Reserve Fund and Award a Construction Contract with Impact Environmental Services. The city will be demolishing the former nursing home at 658 SW 3rd for the purpose of redevelopment. This request includes funding the entire demolition project in the estimated amount of \$800,000 and awarding the contract for the asbestos abatement component in the amount of \$228,453.75. Additional components of the project will be completed either by using vendors on established Council-awarded price agreements, or staff will return to Council to request the award of additional contracts. An asbestos survey was conducted on July 7, 2023, which identified asbestos-containing material throughout the facility including drywall, wall texture, joint compound, sheet flooring, mastic, spray-on, ceiling, and roof duct mastic. Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1 requires that all commercial buildings that repair, renovate, demolish, or otherwise disturb any amount of asbestos-containing building material first abate said materials in accordance with the Texas Occupations Code, Texas Health and Safety Code, and federal regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency. Purchasing received eight bid responses to the Request for Bid #23170 with one of the eight considered non-responsive for failure to submit a bid bond. During the meeting, Chairwoman Clemson inquired whether the property being discussed was the one where the 10 affordable homes would be built. Ms. Mendez confirmed that it was indeed the location. Council Member Adams asked why this particular vendor was chosen despite having a lower scorecard compared to the second option, and if their prices were the deciding factor. Council Member Adams expressed concern that the City might be cutting corners by choosing a cheaper option for affordable housing. Ms. Mendez explained that the vendor was recommended by the state and assured her that the decision was not based solely on cost. The City also invested in hiring a third-party contractor to oversee the abatement and construction process on their behalf. Council Member Headen inquired about Impact Environmental Services having the lowest compliance history and what was it regarding. Ms. Mendez informed the committee that the staff had spoken with the State and confirmed that it was an administrative mistake regarding a notification.

Motion to recommend approval to City Council made by Council Member Headen, Seconded by Council Member Adams. Voting Yea: Chairwoman Clemson, Council Member Headen, Council Member Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Finance and Government Committee meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Jorja Clemson, Chairwoman