

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, August 22, 2022–5:30 p.m.**

City Manager, Joseph R. Pace, declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members present were: Mayor, Tim Barker; Councilmember, Larry Pittman and Councilmember, Russell Machann.

Committee Member absent was: None.

City Council Member present was: Councilmember, Clifford Jackson.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Finance Director, Joan Anandel; City Secretary, Paula Favors; Assistant to the Finance Director, London Davis; and Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves.

Staff member absent was: None.

Visitors: Mr. Ken Schott with Waterstone Development Group; Mr. Xavier Solache with GFL and Mr. David Selesky with GFL.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held July 25, 2022. Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor, Tim Barker, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Presentation from Mr. Ken Schott with Waterstone Development Group on proposed Wharton Public Improvement District No. 1. Mr. Schott made a presentation to the Committee regarding a proposed Wharton Public Improvement District No. 1. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the creation of the Wharton Public Improvement District No. 1 in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Green for Life (GFL), formerly Waste Corporation of America (WCA), Rate Modification to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Franchise Agreement:

A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving Amendment No. 3 to the Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Collection Services with formerly Waste Corporation of America, presently Green for Life dated October 1, 2018 and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute said agreement.


B. Ordinance: An ordinance repealing and replacing the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86 Utilities and Services, Article III, Solid Waste Disposal Exhibit A, providing that a violation of the ordinance or any part of the Code as adopted hereby shall constitute a penalty upon conviction of a fine and setting an effective date. Finance Director, Joan Anandel, stated to the Committee that she had received a copy of the letter dated August 11, 2022, from Mr. David Selesky of Green for Life (GFL), regarding their rate modification regarding to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Franchise between the City of Wharton and GFL. She stated that GFL may request rate modifications in accordance with Section 14.00, Basis and Methods of Payment, Item 14.02 Modification of Rates of the General Specifications of

the Franchise Agreement (copy attached). She stated that as Mr. Selesky stated, the rate increase is 5.0% in accordance with the price index mentioned in the City's franchise agreement with GFL. She stated that at the Budget Workshop on August 9, 2022, the City Staff proposed a five (5) % increase but this was prior to receiving the request. She stated that the City Staff was requesting a total solid waste increase of seven (7) %. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to increase solid waste by 7%. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider Ordinance: An ordinance amending the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Sections 86-15, 86-16, 86-17, and 86-21, Utilities and Services, Article I in General; Providing that a violation of the ordinance or any part of the Code as adopted hereby shall constitute a penalty upon conviction of a fine; Providing a savings clause and revoking all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith only to the extent same are in conflict herewith otherwise provided herein. Finance Director, Joan Andel, stated to the Committee that the proposed increase in utility rates for customers would be effective October 1, 2022. She stated that as previously discussed in the City Council Budget Workshop on August 9, 2022, the Proposed Budget included a 10% increase in water and sewer rates. After some discussion, Councilmember, Larry Pittman, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to amend the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Sections 86-15, 86-16, 86-17, and 86-21, Utilities and Services, Article I in General. Mayor, Tim Barker, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.


Joseph R. Pace, City Manager