

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2019**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M. Public Works Director John Plaia led the opening devotion.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Alice Heard-Roberts, Russell Machann, Don Mueller and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: Clifford Jackson and Terry Freese.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Community Development Director Gwyn Teves, Assistant to the Community Development Director Krystal Hasselmeier and Public Works Director John Plaia.

Visitors present were: Russell Kacer with the Plaza Theater, Miguel Sanchez, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce Ron Sanders, Deborah Cenko, Treasurer of Wharton Downtown Business Association, Debra Medina, Interim Executive Director Kelli Writhe with the Crisis Center and Brittney Nelson with the Children's Advocacy Center.

Roll Call and Excused Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to excuse Councilmember Clifford Johnson and Councilmember Terry Freese. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments. No comments were given.

The first item on the agenda City of Wharton 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Funding Request:

1. Women's Crisis Center.

Interim Executive Director Kelli Writhe with the Crisis Center and Brittney Nelson with the Children's Advocacy Center made a presentation regarding the services that are provided in the City and requested \$5,000 from the City of Wharton for the Crisis Center. After some discussion, no action was taken.

2. Wharton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation regarding the services being provided by the Chamber of Commerce to the City and made the request for \$62,000 from the City of Wharton's Hotel Motel Fund,

which he stated was an increase from the previous year. After some discussion, no action was taken.

2. Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

Finance Director Joan Andel made a presentation on behalf of the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities. After some discussion, no action was taken.

3. The Plaza Theatre.

Russell Kacer with the Plaza Theatre made a presentation regarding the theatre and requested funding from the City of Wharton in the amount of \$10,000. After some discussion, no action was taken.

5. Wharton Youth Soccer League.

Miguel Sanchez with the Wharton Youth Soccer League made a presentation regarding the Youth Soccer League and requested funding from the City of Wharton to purchase bleachers for the League in the amount of \$3,576. After some discussion, no action was taken.

6. Wharton Downtown Business Association.

Deborah Cenko with the Wharton Downtown Business Association made a presentation regarding the Wharton Downtown Business Association, which she stated was a newly chartered 501-c6. Mrs. Cenko requested funding from the City of Wharton in the amount of \$30,000. After some discussion, no action was taken.

Councilmember Steve Schneider arrived at 6:37 p.m.

B. Five year Vehicle & Equipment Capital Needs:

1. Code Enforcement Department.
2. Parks & Facilities Department.
3. Airport Department.
4. Fire Department.
5. Emergency Medical Services Department.
6. Emergency Management Department.
7. Police, Animal Control & Communications Departments.
8. Municipal Court.
9. Civic Center.
10. Central Services.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated each Department Head had presented their five-year Capital Needs requests for the City of Wharton. Finance Director Joan Andel made the presentations.

C. Five Year Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program:

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1. Transportation Systems.
 - A. Streets.
 - B. Major Thoroughfares.
 - C. Sidewalks.
2. Drainage System.
3. Flood Reduction Project-Levee.
4. Water and Sewer Utility System.

Mayor Tim Barker moved the meeting into a recess at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tim Barker returned the meeting into open session at 8:02 p.m.

- D. General Fund.
- E. PEG Fund.
- F. Hotel Motel Fund.
- G. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- H. Debt Fund.
- I. Capital Improvement Fund.
- J. Water & Sewer Fund.
- K. Solid Waste Fund.
- L. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- M. Civic Center Fund.
- N. Airport Fund.

Finance Director Joan Andel and City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented information regarding the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. Finance Director Joan Andel presented the needs of the departments. City Manager Garza said the presentation would give the City Councilmembers a view of what department future needs would be. He said the City Staff would review the requests and by the next budget workshop present a draft budget that would be balanced. After some discussion, no action taken.

Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____

DON MUELLER

Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Paula L.

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PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

