

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, December 14, 2020 –5:30 p.m.**

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:38 p.m.

Committee Members present were: Mayor Tim Barker, Councilmember Alice Heard and Councilmember Russell Machann.

Committee Member absent was: None.

City Council Member present was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Finance Director Joan Anandel and Community Development Director Gwyn Teves.

Staff member absent was: None.

Visitors: None.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held November 23, 2020. 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 Resolution: A resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation. Finance Director Joan Anandel stated to the Committee that the City Staff had been working with Mr. James Gilley of U.S. Capital Advisors LLC, the City's financial advisor, and Tom Sage, bond counsel with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, regarding the intention to issue certificates of obligation for the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan thru the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Extension of FM1301 from SH 60 to US 59 in Wharton. She stated that the notice is required to be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication is to be at least forty-six (46) days before the date of the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates of obligation. She stated that this item was taken to the City Council for approval on September 14, 2020 and was approved but due to the TxDOT Commission not being able to complete its approval process until January 28, 2021, it is necessary that the City re-publishes the notice to meet the required responsibility. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the authorization of publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to Discuss and consider approving one or multiple firms as eligible for construction contracting, having been the lowest qualified bidder(s) for the City of

Wharton's bid solicitation under the Floods Housing Assistance Program – GLO CDBG-DR Contract # 19-076-050-B70":

- A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract for construction for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant Programs administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said award.

Community Development Director stated that on August 27, 2018, the City of Wharton City Council approved resolution number 2018-66 approving the City Staff to submit an application for the CDBG-DR 2016 Floods Program. She stated that on February 4, 2019, the Mayor was notified that the City had been awarded the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in the amount of \$2 million dollars for the CDBG-DR 2016 Floods Program. She stated that this funding would assist homeowners with elevation, rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes to address existing damage and mitigate future damage. After some discussion, Councilmember Alice Heard made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract for construction for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant Programs administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Request from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for right-of way (ROW) for the proposed traffic signal upgrade at SH 60 and FM 102. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated to the Committee that Mr. Jeffery Vinklerek, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development TxDOT-Yoakum District had contacted him regarding the request of right-of-way for the proposed traffic signal upgrade at SH 60 and FM 102. He stated that in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 15, Subchapter E. Federal and State and Local Participation, Section 15.55, that TxDOT was requesting from the City of Wharton, a fixed amount of the estimated cost of right-of-way acquisition and eligible utility adjustments. He stated that the estimated cost for the project is as follows:

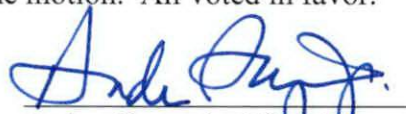
RCSJ 0089-10-029 SH 60 City of Wharton, ROW Total Estimated cost is \$19,000.00. The City is responsible for 10% which would be \$1,900.00 and TxDOT is responsible for 90% which is \$17,100.00.

He stated that TxDOT would like to start acquiring the right of way after the new year, and they were needing the City's portion before the project starts. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the costs in the amount \$1,900.00 to TxDOT for ROW for the proposed traffic signal upgrade at SH 60 and FM 102. Councilmember Alice Heard seconded. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton USDA Water Well – CR 222 Progress Update. The City Staff gave an update to the Committee on the City of Wharton USDA Water Well – CR 222 Progress. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The sixth item on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Russell Machann moved to adjourn. Councilmember Alice Heard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Andres Garza, Jr., City Manager