

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, February 10, 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 5:30p.m.

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

Committee Member absent was: None.

City Council Member present was: None.

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

Staff member absent was: Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez.

Visitors: None.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider: Texas Department of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR 4332 City of Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I:

A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the City of Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the establishment of a Checking Account for the HMGP DR 4332 Hurricane Harvey City of Wharton Community Safe Room with Prosperity Bank and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director as the signatories.

C. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an agreement between the City of Wharton and Wharton Independent School District for the TDEM HMGP DR 4332 City of Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that the City of Wharton submitted, to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) through its HMGP DR 4332 Hurricane Harvey, a grant application for the City of Wharton Community Safe Room in partnership with Wharton Independent School District. She stated that TDEM had approved the grant application Phase I in the amount of \$446,863.00 (\$335,147.25 federal cost share and \$111,715.75 local cost share) for the first phase identified in the grant application. She stated that the City would have to open a new account with Prosperity Bank for a Premier Money Market Account for the HMGP DR 4332 Hurricane Harvey City of Wharton Safe Room. She stated that the City would enter into an agreement with the Wharton Independent School District for the Texas Department of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR 4332 City of

Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the City of Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I, the approval of the establishment of a Checking Account for the HMGP DR 4332 Hurricane Harvey City of Wharton Community Safe Room with Prosperity Bank and the approval of an agreement between the City of Wharton and Wharton Independent School District for the TDEM HMGP DR 4332 City of Wharton Community Safe Room Phase I. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of an application to the State Infrastructure Bank Transportation Loan Program through Texas Department of Transportation for the FM 1301 and Railroad Overpass Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said submission. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that the City Staff had met with representatives from the State Infrastructure Bank Transportation Loan Program through Texas Department of Transportation for the FM 1301 and Railroad Overpass Project. She stated that the City Staff wished to submit an application to the State Infrastructure Bank Transportation Loan Program. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the submittal of the application to the State Infrastructure Bank Transportation Loan Program through Texas Department of Transportation for the FM 1301 and Railroad Overpass Project. Mayor Tim Barker seconded. All voted in favor.

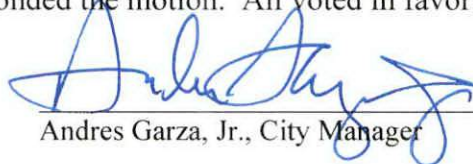
The third item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Hotel/Motel Fund Agreements:

- A. Wharton Downtown Business Association.
- B. The Plaza Theatre.

Finance Director Joan Andel stated that on December 9, 2019, the City Council approved the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Plaza Theatre for HVAC improvements to the main auditorium. She stated that the amount of the payment approved thru the City Council budget process was \$5,000. She stated she had received an email from Mr. Russell Kacer with the Plaza Theatre, requesting approval for the funds to be used for a smaller HVAC project in the lobby area that would cost approximately \$5,000. After some discussion Mayor Tim Barker made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the change requested by the Plaza Theatre. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Russell Machann moved to adjourn. Councilmember Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.


Andres Garza, Jr., City Manager