

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas
Monday, July 27, 2020
6:30 pm**

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. declared a meeting of the City Council Parks and Recreation Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Members present were: Councilmember Russell Machann, Councilmember Steven Schneider and Councilmember Terry Freese (via Zoom Meeting).

Committee Member absent was: None.

Council Member present was: Councilmember Clifford Jackson.

Staff Members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez and Community Development Director Gwyn Teves (via Zoom Meeting).

Staff Members absent were: None.

Visitors present were: None.

Public comments. There were no public comments.


The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held February 24, 2020. Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an architectural services agreement between the City of Wharton and Stern & Bucek Architects for the Guffey Park Pavilion Improvement Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said project. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that the City Staff would like to proceed with a proposal received from David Bucek of Sterns and Bucek Architects for Architectural, Structural and Civil Engineering for a new covered pavilion and public restrooms at Guffey Park. She stated that there have been numerous events held at Guffey Park and most recently is home to the Food Truck Mondays and the Wharton Farmers Market. She stated it is the intention of the staff to create a covered pavilion area and provide public restrooms to be utilized for future downtown events and festivals.

She stated that this project had been envisioned in the past years but was unfortunately not completed. She stated that the City staff would like to move forward with the proposal for the planning portion to be funded in this fiscal year's Park Budget and would look at construction in next year's budget. She stated that the design would possibly include multiple phased portions that could be implemented or built upon over future years. She stated that funding for this project would come from the Wharton Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) allocation for the current and 2020-2021 funds. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry Freese made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval the architectural services agreement between the City of Wharton and Stern & Bucek Architects for the Guffey Park Pavilion Improvement Project. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further business to conduct Councilmember Russell Machann moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Andres Garza, Jr. City Manager