

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
CONSULTANT SELCTION COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, August 24, 2020 –5:30 p.m.**

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. declared a meeting of the City Council Consultant Selection Committee and Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:33 p.m.

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

Committee Member absent was: None.

City Council Member present was: Councilmember Terry Freese and Councilmember Don Mueller.

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

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 August 10, 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 Waste Corporation of America, L.P. (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. 2 to the Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Collection Services with Waste Corporation of America 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 Andel stated to the Committee that she received a letter dated June 17, 2020 from Mr. Trevor Royal of Waste Corporation of America (WCA) regarding their rate modification regarding to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Franchise between the City of Wharton and WCA. She stated that WCA could 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 the rate increase is 2.8% in accordance with the price index mentioned in the City's franchise agreement with WCA. She stated that after discussions with WCA that WCA Representatives had agreed to not impose the 2.8% increase. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to not approve the

resolution approving Amendment No. 2 with WCA and recommend to the City Council the approval of the ordinance repealing and replacing the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86 Utilities and Services, Article III, Solid Waste Disposal Exhibit A. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. Councilmember Alice Heard voted against the motion. The motion passed.

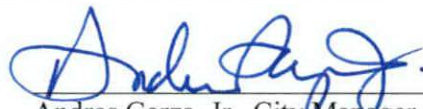
The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Ordinance: An ordinance amending the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Sections 86-15, 86-16, 86-17, 86-18 and 86-21, Utilities and Services, Article I in General; Providing that a violation of the ordinance or any part of the Code 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 Anandel stated that the proposed increase in utility rates for customers to be effective October 1, 2020. She stated that as discussed in the City Council Budget Workshop on August 11, 2020, the proposed budget included a 10% increase in water and sewer rates. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the ordinance amending the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Sections 86-15, 86-16, 86-17, 86-18 and 86-21, Utilities and Services, Article I in General. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. Councilmember Alice Heard voted against the motion. The motion passed.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council adopting a Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Wharton October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021 Fiscal Year Budget as required by state law. Finance Director Joan Anandel stated to the Committee that the 2020 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet that was prepared listing the applicable tax rates to be used in consideration of setting the tax rate. She stated that the State requires the City Council to adopt a proposed rate. She stated that the City of Wharton's proposed budget is based on the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.43726. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the City Council adopt the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of \$0.43726. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Program Administrative Services. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that the City Council approved the establishment of a Consultant Selection Committee and authorized the City Staff to solicit for engineering services for the CDBG-MIT grant programs administered by the GLO on June 22, 2020. She stated that proposals were received on August 6, 2020. She stated that on August 10, 2020 the Committee received the proposals to score and would formulate a recommendation for City Council approval. After some discussion, Mayor Tim Barker made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract to the highest-ranking firm, Grantworks, for the administration services for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Program. Councilmember Alice Heard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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 6:00 p.m.


Andres Garza, Jr., City Manager