

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
120 EAST CANEY STREET  
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488  
Monday, March 23, 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 5:40 p.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., Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to the Building Official Claudia Velasquez 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: Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council rescinding Resolution 2005-34 and establishing a new Residential Development Incentive Policy for the City of Wharton, Texas. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that he City Staff had been reviewing and working on the Developer Incentive Program adopted in 2004 by the City Council. She stated that the program was adopted on April 12, 2004 by Resolution 2004-28 and modified by Resolution 2005-34 on June 27, 2005. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval to rescind Resolution 2005-34 and establish a new Residential Development Incentive Policy for the City of Wharton. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Amendment to City of Wharton Developer-Customer Utilities, Storm Drainage, And Street Construction Services Agreement with BSR Properties V, LLC. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves stated to the Committee that Mr. Brett Rowley of BSR Properties V, LLC and the City of Wharton had signed a Developer-Customer Utilities, Storm Drainage, and Street Construction Services Agreement on March 12, 2019. She stated that since then Mr. Rowley had come back to the City and had met with staff and was requesting an amendment to the current agreement to include a reimbursement agreement with the City of Wharton. After some discussion, Mayor Tim Barker made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Amendment to the City of Wharton Developer-Customer Utilities, Storm Drainage and Street Construction Services Agreement with BSR Properties V, LLC. Mayor Tim Barker seconded. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a moratorium on the issuance of all permits for industrial and agriculture development; expansion of existing industrial and agriculture development will be reviewed prior developing within the Wharton City Limits until an ordinance pertaining to such has been approved. Assistant to the Building Official Claudia Velasquez stated to the Committee that the City Staff had been working on a moratorium on the issuance of all permits for industrial and agriculture development. She stated that the expansion of existing industrial and agriculture development would be reviewed prior developing within the Wharton City Limits until an ordinance pertaining to such has been approved. After some discussion Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the moratorium on the issuance of all permits for industrial and agriculture development; expansion of existing industrial and agriculture development will be reviewed prior developing within the Wharton City Limits until an ordinance pertaining to such has been approved. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider: Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the purchase through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for Information Technology upgrades through CISCO Systems, Inc. for cyber security upgrades and installation of said upgrades through Mark Risinger. City Secretary Paula Favors stated to the Committee that the City of Wharton technology footprint had grown significantly in the past fifteen years. She stated that starting from a single server at City Hall and the Police Department, each location now hosts multiple servers and mission critical services. She stated that all City locations were now connected via fiber optic cables, and wireless networks had been added at the Civic Center, City Hall, and the Police Department. She stated that at this stage, additional measures should be implemented to protect the stability and monetary investment the City continues to make in technology. She stated that she obtained a copy of the 2020 Information Technology Recommendations provided by Mark Risinger, the City of Wharton's contract IT guru. She stated that the document describes the current environment and offers recommendations, activities, and enhancements to the City's technology platform that would further enhance reliability and security. She stated that the goal of the following recommendations is to improve the City of Wharton's technology stance by implementing IT and security standard practices. She stated that these practices would focus on preventing issues to the extent possible, detecting events when they do occur, and would alert the appropriate staff. She stated that additionally, these measures would speak to current and future State of Texas cyber security requirements. She stated that each recommendation included budgetary estimates on Capital and Operating expenditures and implementation timelines. She stated that it is important to note that implementing security and reliability is a journey, not a destination, and the City's overall plan must continue to adapt to developments as they arise. She stated that the Cost Estimate Summary was as followed:

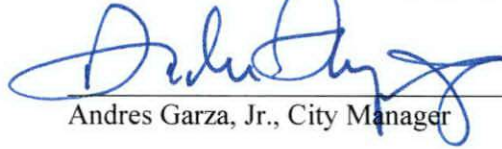
#### Cost Estimate Summary

- Total Capital Cost: \$21,500
- Operational Cost: \$2,650
- Labor: 89.5 Hours

After some discussion Mayor Tim Barker made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the purchase through the Texas Department of Information Resources for Information Technology upgrades through CISCO Systems for cyber security upgrades and installation of said upgrades through Mark Risinger. Councilmember Alice Heard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth 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 6:10 p.m.



Andres Garza, Jr., City Manager