

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, November 27, 2023–6:00 p.m.**

City Manager, Joseph R. Pace, declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members present: Mayor, Tim Barker and Councilmember, Larry Pittman.

Committee Members absent: Councilmember, Russell Machann.

City Council Members present: Councilmember, Terry Freese.

Staff members present: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Assistant City Manager, Paula Favors; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, and Finance Director, Joan Anandel.

Staff members absent: None.

Visitors: Mr. Jim Maddox; Mr. David Pettit; Mr. Brian Jarrard and Mr. Alec Becker.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held on October 9, 2023. Mayor, Tim Barker, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider an Ordinance: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wharton, Texas, designating a contiguous geographic area within the City Limits and within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City as a Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Wharton; describing the boundaries of the Zone; creating a Board of Directors for the Zone; establishing a Tax Increment Fund for the Zone; containing findings related to the creation of the Zone; providing a date for the termination of the Zone; providing that the Zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Mr. David Pettit with David Pettit Economic Development, LLC, stated to the Committee that with the upcoming development of Wharton Lakes Subdivision, it was necessary to designate a contiguous geographic area within the City Limits and within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City as a Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Wharton; describing the boundaries of the Zone; creating a Board of Directors for the Zone; and establishing a Tax Increment Fund for the Zone. After some discussion, Mayor, Tim Barker, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to enter into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the Public Works Department, Code Enforcement Department, and Police Department and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related to said lease. Finance Director Joan Anandel stated to the Committee that the City Staff had been working with Alec Becker with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. to lease the following vehicles:

1. Ford Escape – Code Enforcement Department
2. 2 --RAM 2500 4x2 Crew Cab – Public Works Department

3. Ford Expedition –Police Department

4. 2—Chevrolet Tahoe—Police Department

She presented the quotes for the Committee to review. After some discussion, Mayor, Tim Barker, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joseph R. Pace". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Pace" clearly legible. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Joseph R. Pace, City Manager