

Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

On the 8th day of August 2023, at 5:35 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Gary N. Waldron	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cathy Brotherton	)	Councilmembers
Jon McKenzie)	
Cindy Shepard)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Duane Hengst	)	City Engineer
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Shelly Klein	)	Assistant to the City Manager
Kara McKinney	)	Public Information Officer
Steve Niekamp	)	Police Chief

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Informational Items

- **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon reviewed Library closure dates starting Friday through Monday for the replacement of the air conditioning system. He noted traffic pattern impact on Precinct Line Road, for a portion of the time, due to the need of a crane. City Manager Caruthers also noted a new employee benefit of utilization of the recreation and senior center to help with retention efforts and stated the Mayor suggested the same benefit for Council be extended.

Mayor Wilson next moved to Executive Session and recessed the meeting at 5:40 p.m. pursuant to the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, 551.072, deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (economic development/redevelopment) and reconvened Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Roadway Solutions, Inc. for the Traffic Signal Improvements on Precinct Line Road at Redbud Drive

City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed traffic signal improvements on Precinct Line road at Redbud Drive noting the \$450,000 cost includes contingency and the installation of the new signal and removal of the old signal.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Hurst Police Department Vehicles Emergency Purchases

Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer briefed Council on the emergency purchase of vehicles noting due to lack of availability, two Equinox vehicles for the Police COP program were purchased through a non-approved vendor using the emergency purchasing guidelines. Additionally, the city's approved vendor is able to take additional orders for (PPV) Police Patrol Vehicles, so through emergency purchasing guidelines, staff sent in a purchase order to Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$308,194 for an additional six (6) Chevrolet Tahoe PPV vehicles. Ms. Farmer reviewed supply chain issues for the FY-2022 purchase year, which purchases have been completed and the status of the remaining vehicles. Also noted was staff's desire to switch to all black vehicles when new purchases are made.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 7 and 8

Conduct a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

Consider Ordinance 2544, first reading, adopting the Crime Control and Prevention District budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

City Manager Caruthers noted this item was heard during the earlier Crime Control and Prevention District board meeting and this budget item comes earlier than the other funds due to timing per state law.

VII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 9

Consider Ordinance 2545, first reading, amending the City of Hurst Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III – Curfew Hours for Minors

Chief Steve Niekamp briefed Council on the proposed ordinance noting new state law which prohibits the city from enforcing a juvenile curfew. He stated the proposed ordinance repeals the existing ordinance to align with state law.

VIII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 10

Consider Resolution 1839 to deny the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) and Generation Rider updates proposed by Oncor

Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton briefed Council on the proposed resolution to deny

the recent Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) and Generation Rider updates proposed by Oncor. Mr. Fulton also noted recent legislation eliminating the city's ability to participate in the rate negotiation process, moving it to the Public Utility Commission. He stated it will most likely be the last similar rate case Council will consider.

IX. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 11

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into contracts for City employee health and benefits package for eligible full-time employees, retirees, and dependents effective 10/1/2023


City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on the city employee health and benefits package noting most of the plans had rate guarantees for the fiscal year 2023-2024 plan year. He explained that due to the city's high claimants there was no guarantee on the stop loss insurance and staff went out to bid. He stated the recommendation is to stay with Stealth/UNUM for the 2023/2024 plan year with a 19.3% or \$223,124 increase, which is more effective than having claimants lasered. Staff reviewed types of claims that typically reach the stop loss cap and reviewed the pros and cons of moving to a fully insured plan instead of being self-funded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, 551.072, deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (economic development/redevelopment) and to reconvene in Open Session at the Conclusion of the Executive Session to consider and take any necessary action

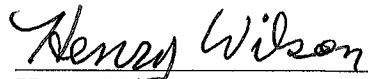
X. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED this the 15th day of August 2023.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor