

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

On the 26th day of September 2023, at 4:38 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)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Kara McKinney	)	Public Information Officer

With the following Councilmembers absent: Cindy Shepard, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

II. Informational Items

- **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Caruthers noted with the absence of Councilmember Shepard, Council will need to table Agenda Items 7 and 9 to provide the required five-member vote for approval. He stated the applicant is aware and agreed to the November 14 City Council meeting for Council to give full consideration. Mr. Caruthers reviewed the Future Event Calendar also noting several additional upcoming events.
- **Update and discussion of Communications and Marketing projects** – Public Information Officer Kara McKinney updated Council on the upcoming website facelift and staff's plan to move forward with a blue background on the flag redesign if there were no objections. Staff also presented an updated Staff Report design to include new categories and logo. Council discussed the communications and marketing projects.
- **Update and discussion of Tarrant Appraisal Board of Directors nomination/election process** – City Manager Caruthers reviewed the upcoming Tarrant Appraisal Board of Directors nomination/election process and provided a recently

received letter from TAD outlining the process. He requested Council let staff know if they have any nominations and staff would put the item on the next agenda.

- **Update and discussion of Utility Box Art project** – Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon reviewed the second phase of the Utility Box Art project with the theme “The Building Blocks of Hurst” and the ten selected art works.
- **Update and discussion of Police Department operations** – City Manager Clay Caruthers and Police Chief Steve Niekamp provided an update on police vehicle replacements noting continued delays in obtaining vehicles. They noted an opportunity to purchase pickups in addition to the Tahoe’s and staff plans to utilize crew cabs, which are available at this time. Chief Niekamp noted staff will be more selective in use of the pickups due to the vehicle layout options. City Manager Caruthers also noted the ongoing staffing issues for the police department jailers and staff’s discussions regarding a more regional approach to address these issues. He stated plans to continue discussions with the City of Euless regarding possibilities and he will ensure any existing staff will be taken into consideration.

III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 3

Mr. Greg Garza requested to speak to request protection and safeguards for pedestrians from fast moving sport cyclists at Hurst Community Park

City Manager Caruthers noted an incident at the park involving Mr. Garza and stated staff is currently working on signage and education.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with the Tarrant County Health Department

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed contract with the Tarrant County Health Department noting the current contract has not been updated since 1996. In response to Councilmember questions, staff advised the inspections cover restaurants, spas and apartment pools and there is no fee for the city.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a ten-year contract agreement with Stryker for the replacement and purchase of emergency medical response equipment

Fire Chief Brent Craft briefed Council on the proposed agreement with Stryker for the replacement and purchase of emergency medical response equipment reviewing the various pieces of equipment including powered ambulance cots, stair chairs, LIFEPAK monitors, Lucas chest decompression systems and power-load floor systems. City Manager Caruthers reviewed financing, noting ARPA funding and an approximate \$400,000 savings over the ten-year period of time.

VII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 7

Conduct a public hearing and consider Ordinance 2549, first reading, Z-2023-00002 Events In Your Budget, a zoning change from GB to GB-PD with a site plan for Tract 12 A1 William Wallace Survey, A 1607, being .38 acre located at 1305 Yates Drive

VIII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 8

Conduct a public hearing and consider Ordinance 2550, first reading, SP-2023-00008 (Rosa's Tortilla Factory) to consider a site plan revision for Lot 3A, Block 1, Lowes Addition, being 1.6 acres located at 2200 Precinct Line Road

Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo briefed Council on the proposed site plan revision reviewing the additional access point on the east side of the property for the drive-thru and the option for patrons to queue in the drive-thru from Precinct Line Road or the shared access adjacent to Raising Cane's. Also noted is an updated landscape plan. City Manager Clay Caruthers noted different possibilities to the traffic flow and Council discussed various traffic patterns.

IX. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 9

Consider P-2023-00004 Chowdhry At Yates Addition, a final plat of Tract 12A1, William Wallace Survey A-1607 to Lot 1, Block 1 Chowdhry At Yates, being .36 acre located at 1305 Yates Drive

X. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 10

Consider P-2023-00005 McDaniel Addition, a replat of Lots A & B McDaniel Addition and Lot 11 Bellvue Addition to Lots A-R and B-R McDaniel Addition, being 2.77 acres located at 105 E. Pecan Street

Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo briefed Council on the proposed replat, noting the existing church has plans to sell a portion of the land and keep the remaining. She stated even with the flood plain, there is enough room for a residential home and a flood plain plan would have to be submitted to build.

XI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 11

Consider Resolution 1843 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2023 rate review mechanism filing

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed resolution, noting this is the standard negotiated settlement process with Atmos. He stated the average increase to residential customers is about \$6.00 per month and \$24.00 per month for commercial customers. He also stated Atmos requested \$156 million, which was negotiated down to \$142 million.

XII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 12

Consider appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mayor Wilson noted the Place 1 vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board and Council

discussed current applications on file.


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

Mayor Wilson recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. 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 reconvened open session at 6:23 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED this the 10th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor