

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

On the 14th day of November 2023, at 4:45 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
Cindy Shepard)	
Jon McKenzie)	
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
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Stephanie Jenkins	)	Executive Director of Human Resources
Steven Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Billy Keadle	)	Assistant 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 4:45 p.m.

The Work Session items were discussed in the following order: II, IX, VII, IV, V, VI VIII, X and Executive Session. The remaining items were not discussed.

II. Informational Items

- **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Caruthers reviewed the future events calendar and noted the upcoming Employee Service Awards. Mayor Wilson also reminded Council of donations for gift give-a-ways for the Senior Banquet, Tarrant County Mayors’ Council Banquet, and Salvation Army Red Kettle Mayors’ Challenge.
- **Update and discussion of NTE (North Tarrant Express Capacity Improvements)** – Mayor Wilson recognized Robert Hinkle, NTE who introduced several individuals involved in the planning, construction and communications for the upcoming

improvements. Details of the scope and timeline for the project were reviewed noting a 10-mile project with no additional right-of-way needed. The scope of the project was reviewed, including communication resources, blackout periods through the holidays and an anticipated completion date in 2027. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Hinkle for the information and City Manager Caruthers requested attention to the current lanes and trash accumulation, to be monitored and cleaned.

- **Update and discussion of Art in Public Places Program** – City Manager Caruthers noted the second phase of the utility box art wraps will start this week and staff will bring forward additional information regarding the next large art project at a future meeting.

III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5, 6 and 7

Consider Resolution 1846 supporting application for Combined Cities Crime Victims Coordinator Grant to the Office of the Governor for the Cities of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford

Consider Resolution 1847 supporting application for the NETCAST Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant to the Office of the Governor

Consider Resolution 1848 supporting application for the Enhanced Crime Scene Camera Kits Grant to the Office of the Governor

City Manager Caruthers noted these items include grants for the Police Department and are essential to police services.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 8

Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for street right-of-way acquisition on West Pipeline Road, Phase 4 from Harrison Lane to Brown Trail

Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens briefed Council on the proposed interlocal with Tarrant County noting this item is for the acquisition of right-of-way for Pipeline Road Phase 4.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 9

Consider authorizing the Mayor to renew an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for funding of the Brown Trail Street Reconstruction Project from Queens Way to North City Limits

Executive Director of Public Works Greg Dickens briefed Council on the proposed interlocal with Tarrant County noting the County will pay 50% of the project design for Brown Trail and should start within the next three months. City Manager Caruthers noted this item will probably require Certificate of Obligation issuance in the future.

VII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 10 and 11

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 (Continued from September 26, 2023 Council meeting)

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 (Continued from September 26, 2023 Council meeting)

Councilmember McKenzie noted a conflict of interest and recused himself from the meeting.

City Manager Clay Caruthers advised of the valid petition received on this zoning case requiring a super majority, 5-0 vote, which required this item to be continued to tonight to provide all options for the applicant. Executive Director of Planning and Zoning Michelle Lazo briefed Council on the proposed case noting the applicant is making the request for GB-PD. She stated the house will be used as an office, they will close the existing driveway and move to the south, and build a 3,000 square feet metal storage building on the rear of the property. Ms. Lazo stated they are adding a lot of landscaping and irrigation and that they are not required to screen due to another lot between them and the neighbors. She reviewed the elevations of the existing home and proposed elevation of the structure to store supplies. City Attorney Matthew Boyle reviewed various options available to Council regarding the case and City Manager Caruthers noted his recommendation of conditions if Council moves toward approval. Council discussed the proposed case. Ms. Lazo also briefed Council on the proposed Plat.

Councilmember McKenzie returned to the meeting.

VIII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 12

Consider Ordinance 2553, first reading, providing for increased prior and current service annuities under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the City of Hurst

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed ordinance noting the city has historically provided the 30% Cost of Living Adjustment to retirees instead of the 50% or 70% due to the City having Social Security Benefits.

IX. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 13

Consider Resolution 1849 casting votes for candidates to the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) Board of Directors

City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed this item noting Council nominated Gary Losada and has 21 votes to cast for one or distribute among any number of the candidates listed on the official ballot resolution.

X. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 14

Consider Resolution 1850 continuing support and participation in the Community Powered Revitalization Program (CPR) and agreeing to expenditures allowed under the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 for the promotion of economic development

City Manager Caruthers briefed Council on the 380 agreement for financial assistance and stated 6Stones representative Teresa Grady will provide an overview of their program in the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (zoning, land use, and permits) and 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 5:56 p.m. in compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (zoning, land use, and permits) and 551.072, deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (economic development/redevelopment) and reconvened Open Session at 6:17 p.m.


XI. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVED this the 28th day of November 2023.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor