

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

On the 23rd day of April 2024, at 4:30 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
Cindy Shepard	)	Councilmembers
Cathy Brotherton)	
Jon McKenzie)	
John Miller)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Natalie Gullo	)	Assistant City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
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 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Wilson next moved to Executive Session and recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meeting Law, authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City and reconvened to open session at 5:31 p.m.

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

II. Informational Items

- **Update and discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon reviewed the Saturday, May 11, Summer Reading kickoff event at Pennington Field. City Manager Clay Caruthers also reminded Council of the upcoming Northeast Leadership Forum annual meeting.
- **Update and discussion of 2024 Aquatics Program** – Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon reviewed the upcoming Aquatics Season noting recruitment is up

and staff hopes to open with the same hours as last year and to add additional hours if hiring improves. He also reviewed anticipated special events for the season.

III. Update and discussion of Regular Agenda Items

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 4

Consider Ordinance 2570, first reading, amending Chapter 24, Traffic by adding a new Article X, Pedestrians and a new Section 24-207, Standing and Walking in certain areas prohibited

City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on the proposed ordinance noting the proposed ordinance is not aimed at pan handling and homeless, but will likely address those issues in some areas due to safety concerns in high traffic and narrow median areas. Mr. Caruthers stated staff believes the signage discussed at the previous meeting should still be utilized where pan handling may still occur. Assistant City Attorney Gullo noted a minor adjustment to be made before second reading, regarding prosecution.

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider Resolution 1854 declaring expectation to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt related to improvements to the City's streets and drainage system

City Manager Clay Caruthers briefed Council on Items V and VII noting staff has recommended adding alternate bids to include additional streets in the 2023 Miscellaneous Street Bond improvements, and this will require the issuance of certificate of obligations.

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the purchase of new furniture in the public spaces at the Hurst Conference Center

Hurst Conference Center General Manager Kristen Goodman briefed Council on the proposed furniture purchase noting the existing furniture was purchased in 2010 when the facility opened. She stated three bids were solicited and after review, staff is recommending Thiel and Team for the upgrade at a cost of \$140,492.00.

VII. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 7

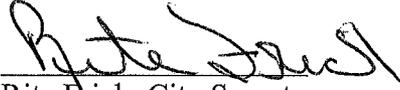
Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Axis Contracting, Inc. for 2023 Miscellaneous Street Bond Improvements

EXECUTIVE SESSION in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, authorized by Tex. Government Code Section 551.087 deliberation and conducting of economic development negotiations regarding financial information relative to prospective business expansion in the City and to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session

VIII. ADJOURNMENT –The Work Session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

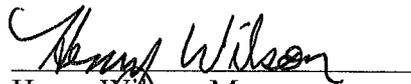
APPROVED this the 14th of May 2024.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor