

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

On the 28th day of May 2024, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
John Miller	)	Mayor Pro Tem
Cindy Shepard	)	Councilmembers
Jon McKenzie)	
Jimmy Meeks)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Michelle Lazo	)	Executive Director of Planning and Development
Chris Connolly	)	Executive Director of Economic Development
Greg Dickens	)	Executive Director of Public Works
Kara McKinney	)	Public Information Officer

With the following Councilmembers absent: Cathy Brotherton and Gary Waldron, constituting a quorum; at which time, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and Councilmember Jon McKenzie gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were given.

PROCLAMATION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

1. Proclamation recognizing Amateur Radio Operators

Mayor Pro Tem John Miller read and presented the proclamation recognizing Amateur Radio Operators to the members of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club and noted the vital role they play in keeping citizens safe. Fire Chief Brent Craft and Mayor Wilson expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by the operators and their work for the community.

2. Presentation of the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Award and a Summer Reading Club Preview

Library Manager Danyelle Weiss presented the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Award received by the department noting this is the 19th year they have received the award and one of eighty-four cities to receive it, making the Hurst Library in the top 15% in the State of Texas. Ms. Weiss also provided a preview of the Summer Reading Club activities providing numerous opportunities to Hurst Library patrons.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider approval of the minutes for the May 14, 2024 City Council meetings
4. Consider Resolution 1859 authorizing the city manager to meet match requirements for expenditures under the Tarrant County Home Investment Partnership Program
5. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an annual agreement with SirsiDynix for Library database and software services
6. Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an Annual Residential Asphalt Overlay Services contract with Reynolds Asphalt & Construction Company

Mayor Pro Tem Miller moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Shepard. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Shepard, McKenzie, Miller and Meeks

No: None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ITEM(S)

7. Conduct a public hearing and consider Ordinance 2571, first reading, SITE-2024-00022 Wing Drone Delivery, a site plan revision on Lot 1, Block A Walmart Addition, being 25.8 acres located at 1732 Precinct Line Road

Mayor Wilson announced the public hearing to consider Ordinance 2571, first reading, SITE-2024-00022 Wing Drone Delivery, a site plan revision on Lot 1, Block A Walmart Addition, being 25.8 acres located at 1732 Precinct Line Road and recognized Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo who reviewed the proposed site plan revision. Ms. Lazo noted Wing Delivery is looking to expand. They currently have two locations in North Richland Hills as well as Frisco and Lewisville. She stated they will take 28 parking spaces, but Walmart will maintain the minimum parking requirements for the site. She noted the proposed location on the southern side of the parking lot and stated they prefer this location due to its proximity to Walmart delivery. Also reviewed were the storage pod, enclosure security for the drones and generator. Ms. Lazo stated the drones are only piloted by Wing employees and piloted out of Coppell. She stated they can currently carry 2.6 lbs. per delivery.

Mayor Wilson recognized Robert Walesa, 401 Circleview Drive North, Hurst who spoke against the proposed case expressing concerns regarding security, privacy and distraction. He questioned cameras on the drones and possible imposters spying in neighborhoods.

Mayor Wilson recognized Wing Drone Delivery representative Catherine Lovett who provided an overview of the company, provided their email for any questions people may have, their goals for small package delivery, and the drones weight of 11.41 lbs. can carry 2.61 lbs., deliver up to 6 miles, but typically keep it to 4 miles or less and are autonomous, fully electric and have no emissions. Ms. Lovett provided details regarding their operations and how they are piloted. She noted this is a one-year pilot program with Walmart that they

hope will continue.

There being no one else to speak, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wilson noted drones are already flying in Hurst and no matter what the Council decides, the FAA controls the air space and drones will be flying in Hurst from other cities. In response to Councilmembers' questions, Wing representatives Catherine Lovett and Ian Bright, 2999 Olympus Blvd, Coppell, provided the following information: Drones are equipped with optical lenses to avoid obstacles and detect and help navigate air space. The camera is low vision, has no recording, and is only used for landing. The drones are operated in Coppell and pilots are FAA certified. She stated the pilots are monitoring, no different than a traffic control tower, and cannot see footage or video. They prefer Option 1, location on the southside, for the site choice due to the optimal size for 18 pads next to the Walmart Delivery section. Mr. Bright stated the Option 3 site has safety issues due to distance from the pickup location and truck route. In response to additional questions, City Attorney Matthew Boyle stated, as proposed, the site plan is not time limited. Ms. Lovett stated their goal is to roll out the program this year and they hope by the end of the year, there will be multiple locations and Walmart will want to continue. She stated there are other types of drone delivery Walmart is utilizing. Ms. Lovett further shared that the drones fly at 200' with a threshold of 400', there is currently no service charge, she did not have pricing to share, and reiterated when the drones return from delivery, there is no recording to download, and the pilots are not able to see live feed. Also, noted by Ms. Lovett is the number of drones per day will depend upon demand.

Councilmember Shepard moved to approve Ordinance 2571, first reading, a site plan revision for Walmart / Wing Aviation with Option 1. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Shepard, McKenzie, Miller and Meeks

No: None

PLAT(S)

8. Consider P-2024-00009 Mayfair Addition, a replat of Lot 20R to Lots 20R-1 and 20R-2, Block 22 Mayfair Addition, being .50 acre located at 341 Circleview Drive N.

Executive Director of Planning and Development Michelle Lazo reviewed the proposed replat noting the property was platted into one lot in 2017, but now the owners wish to replat to sell the extra lot. She stated it is a legal size for a residential home and will fit a similar home to the neighborhood.

Councilmember McKenzie moved to approve P-2024-00002 Mayfair Addition. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Shepard, McKenzie, Miller and Meeks

No: None

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Consider authorizing the city manager to sign a letter of intent to purchase one (1) fire apparatus from an approved vendor

Fire Chief Brent Craft reviewed the proposed letter of intent to purchase a fire engine noting the proposed engine is Siddons-Martin and that historically the engines are replaced every 10 years with the old engine being placed in reserve. He stated the current engine is a 2009 model, 15 years old, and will replace the last yellow engine. Chief Craft noted due to supply chain demands, it will take approximately two years from the time of ordering until taking possession. He stated the letter of intent will put the new engine in the que for the previous standard emission module, reducing cost increase. Chief Craft reviewed pricing of \$976,628 noting an additional request for \$200,000 will be brought to Council at a future date for equipment and tools on the new fire engine.

Councilmember Meeks moved to authorize the city manager to sign a letter of intent to purchase one (1) fire apparatus from an approved vendor in the amount of \$976,628. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Shepard, McKenzie, Miller, and Meeks
No: None

10. Review of upcoming calendar items – City Manager Clay Caruthers reviewed the Future Events Calendar and Executive Director of Community Services Kyle Gordon provided an overview of the upcoming Stars and Stripes event, July 3, 2024.
11. City Council Reports - Items of Community Interest – Councilmember Meeks expressed his gratitude for freedom this Memorial Holiday, recognizing the fallen forces who fought and died. Mayor Pro Tem Miller expressed condolences to Firefighter Carr and his family. Mayor Wilson thanked City crews for help during recent storms. City Manager Caruthers noted Republic Services is working diligently to just get the normal trash service collected before storm debris.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD – A REQUEST TO APPEAR CARD MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CITY SECRETARY TO BE RECOGNIZED. CITIZEN COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER – No one spoke.

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 – Mayor Wilson did not recess to Executive Session.

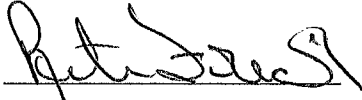
12. Take any and all action necessary ensuing from Executive Session – No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

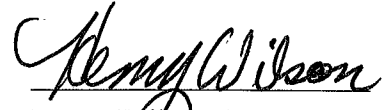
APPROVED this the 11th day of June 2024.

ATTEST:



Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Henry Wilson, Mayor