

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Danny McMahan, Ruben Hinojosa, Travis Taylor and Pat Bryant.

Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Tourism and Main Street Director Dan Kelleher, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Commissioner McMahan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the invocation.

HOT FUNDS FOR WRESTLING MATS

City Manager Grant explained that the Chamber Tourism Committee had budgeted funds for purchase of the wrestling mats for Vernon ISD. This expenditure meets the criteria for use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds "heads in beds". Discussion followed of the seven acceptable uses for HOT funds.

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve budgeted Tourism expense for wrestling mats in the amount of \$11,790.

Commissioner McMahan seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 972

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERNON CREATING THE
PRIDE FORCE COMMITTEE**

Following discussion of the need for a resolution creating this committee, and the need for a city-wide cleanup, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve Resolution No. 972 creating the Pride Force Committee with the amendment of nine members on the committee.

Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion. Following a discussion of funding sources and needs, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PRIDE FORCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bryant made the motion to appoint all citizens who had agreed to serve:

Chris Schatte
Ed Marsh
Charles McArthur

Sue Anne Streit
Teri McCormick
Willie King

Nancy Seville
Pam Dunson
Rick Lambert

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1651

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, BY CREATING DIVISION 4 – TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 2-125 – BOARD CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT, AND SECTION 2-128 – OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES OF THE CITY OF VERNON CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 1651 creating the Tourism Advisory Board.

Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINT TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Following the adopted Board Appointment Procedures; from the eleven appointments received each Commission member cast votes for five persons that they wished to serve on the Tourism Board.

Following the first vote, Gary Branin was appointed to serve a three year term on the board. Following a second vote, Beau Byers and Carolyn Randel were appointed to serve a two year term on the board. Following a third vote, Guy Randall Boyd and Jim Gryseels were appointed to serve a one year term on the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. under Government Code Section 551.072 – Deliberation concerning Real Property.

Commissioner Bryant seconded that motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to resume regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner McMahan seconded that motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner McMahan made the motion to accept the Gibson's property pending legal review.

Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Commissioner Bryant seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.



Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary

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