

**VERNON CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

Before the meeting was called to order, Mayor Rogers read a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 17, 2016 as Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids in Vernon.

Mayor Joe Rogers called the Special Meeting of the Vernon City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, and a quorum was declared present with Commissioner Guy Spears and Travis Taylor absent.

Present: Mayor Joe Rogers

Commissioners: Ruben Hinojosa and Britt Ferguson

Staff Present: City Prosecutor Jonathan Whitsitt, Fire Chief J.J. Oznick, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Public Works Director Darell Kennon, Municipal Judge Lori Adams and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Mayor Rogers led the group in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A TAX RATE OF \$0.56471

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing.

With no comments, Mayor Rogers closed the public hearing.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY2015-2016 BUDGET

Business Development Corporation Board Treasurer Doug Jeffrey explained that this revised FY 2015-2016 Budget more closely reflected the activity of the current year.

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to approve revised Business Development Corporation FY2015-2016 Budget.

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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY2016-2017 BUDGET

Business Development Corporation Board Treasurer Doug Jeffrey noted that sales tax revenue estimates were lower in the upcoming year with conservative estimates for expenditures.

Digital Recording on file

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve proposed Business Development Corporation FY2016-2017 Budget.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1693

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE GRANTING OF A SANITARY CONTROL EASEMENT.

City Prosecutor Whitsitt explained that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality required a fifty foot sanitary control easement around the City West Acres Well #1, which includes a section of the Winston Farm.

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1693 granting a sanitary control easement.

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

SOLICITORS & PEDDLERS PERMITS

City Secretary Byers explained the current process by which solicitors and peddlers obtain a permit to operate in the city, and voiced concerns that so many of the applicants for door-to-door peddler permits have out of state driver's license. The DPS database only gives records for offenses committed within the state.

Following discussion, City Secretary Byers agreed to work with Prosecutor Whitsitt to fashion an amended ordinance for the Commission to consider at the October regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DELIBERATION CONCERNING PERSONNEL – INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to enter Executive Session – Deliberation Concerning Personnel - Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551 – Section 551.074 – Interim City Manager at 7:02 pm.

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

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to resume regular session at 7:51 pm.

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

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action following executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DELIBERATION CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY – WATER

Commissioner Hinojosa made the motion to enter Executive Session – Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551- Section 551.072 – Deliberation Concerning Real Property – Water at 7:52 pm.

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

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to resume regular session at 8:19 pm.

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

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action following executive session.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Commissioner Hinojosa seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.



Joe Rogers
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary