



City of Arcola

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Draft Minutes of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcola, County of Fort Bend, State of Texas, held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Arcola City Hall Council Chamber, RM 124; 13222 Highway 6; Arcola, Texas 77583 for the purpose of considering the following numbered items. The City Council of the City of Arcola, Texas, reserves the right to meet in closed session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Fred A. Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson gave the Invocation.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Council Member Ebony Sanco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Fred A. Burton, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Greg Abarr, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Mayor Fred Burton, Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson and Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco and Rosie Rojas were present.

Council Member Greg Abarr was absent.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**
GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. Citizens who desire to address the City Council with comments of a general nature will be received at this time. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments. None
COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. Citizens who desire to address the City Council, with regard to matters on the Consent Agenda or Regular Agenda will be received either at this time or, if they state at this time that they elect to do so, during the City Council's consideration of the item. The total amount of time that a member of the public may address the City Council on a given item is limited to three (3) minutes, provided that any member of the public who addresses the City Council on a given item through a translator is limited to six (6) minutes. Comments or discussion by the City Council Members will only be made at the time the agenda item is scheduled for consideration. It is our policy to have all speakers identify themselves by providing their name and residential address when making comments.

City Council heard comments from Rodrigo Carreon regarding Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.
City Council heard comments from Robert Yearwood regarding broadband internet.

- VI. PUBLIC HEARING.** None
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action— Approval of codification services agreement between the City of Arcola and Municode for the City's Code of Ordinances.**
Council Member Ebony Sanco so moved to approve codification services agreement between the City of Arcola and Municode for the City's Code of Ordinances; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.**

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA.

A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Ordinance No. 2021-09-21, an Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; appropriating funds for such budget; and containing findings and provisions relating to the subject.

Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to accept Ordinance No. 2021-09-21; an Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022; appropriating funds for such budget; and containing findings and provisions relating to the subject; **seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones.**

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

Council Member Ebony Sanco so moved to move Item D. to B. and B. to D.; **seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.**

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco and Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

D. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Approval of a web design proposal for the City of Arcola from Bizopia in the amount of \$8,000.00 with possible amendments to scope of work, cost and related.

Mr. Zahoor Gire presented a web design proposal for the City of Arcola from Bizopia. The city has a good website but not good enough. The city is migrating from .org to .gov. The City of Meadows Place recommended Bizopia and they have done a great job for them. Mr. Gire requested approval to proceed with this website.

After discussion, **Council Member Rosie Rojas so moved** to approve Bizopia web design in the amount of \$8,000.00; **seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco.**

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco and Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

B. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—Ordinance No. 2021-09-21A, An Ordinance Adopting and Setting a Tax Rate; Levying and Assessing Ad Valorem Taxes for Tax Year 2021; Confirming and Granting Exemptions; and Containing Findings and Provisions Relating to the Subject.

City Administrator Annette Guajardo reported that in 2020, the tax rate was .773379 and the city is proposing a decrease of 12.05%. The 2021 proposed tax rate is .680149. It is a decrease of .093230 or 12.05%.

After discussion, **Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved** to accept Ordinance No. 2021-09-21A; An Ordinance Adopting and Setting a Tax Rate; Levying and Assessing Ad Valorem Taxes for Tax Year 2021;

Confirming and Granting Exemptions; and Containing Findings and Provisions Relating to the Subject,
seconded by Council Member Ebony Sanco.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

E Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action—City Engineering report by Llarance Turner, Including:

Final Plat—Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16, A Subdivision of 30,300 acres located in the Thomas Barnett Survey, Abstract No. 7, Fort Bend County, Texas, 0 Lots, 1 Reserve, 1 Block, and related matters.

City Engineer Llarance Turner was not present. Mr. Dwayne Davis presented the Final Plat—Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16, A Subdivision of 30.300 acres located in the Thomas Barnett Survey, Abstract No. 7, Fort Bend County, Texas, 0 Lots, 1 Reserve, 1 Block. Kaluza, Inc. did not see any problems or issues with the final plat. The middle school will be in the city limits of Arcola. Construction is scheduled for Fall of 2022 and about 18 months for construction.

Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved to approve Final Plat—Fort Bend ISD Middle School #16, A Subdivision of 30,300 acres located in the Thomas Barnett Survey, Abstract No. 7, Fort Bend County, Texas, 0 Lots, 1 Reserve, 1 Block; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco, Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action – Approve agreement for temporary water service and conditional reservation of wastewater treatment plant capacity between FORT BEND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 and the CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, and related matters.

City Council and City Administrator Annette Goldberg reviewed and discussed the agreement for temporary water service and conditional reservation of wastewater treatment plant capacity between FORT BEND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 and the CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS.

After discussion, **Council Member Evelyn Jones so moved to approve agreement for temporary water service and conditional reservation of wastewater treatment plant capacity between FORT BEND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 and the CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson.**

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco and Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson so moved to Adjourn at 7:41 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Evelyn Jones.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Florence Jackson, Council Members Evelyn Jones, Ebony Sanco and Rosie Rojas
Nay: 0
Absent: Council Member Greg Abarr
Motion carried.