



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred A. Burton

INVOCATION

Council Member Greg Abarr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

Council Member Rosemary Bigby

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Council Members and Administration

QUORUM PRESENT

All Members of City Council were Present.

Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby,
Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco, Mayor Fred A. Burton

I. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, in accordance with:

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters

- A. Regarding the future of Dr. Annette Guajardo Goldberg, City Administrator, with the City of Arcola. *Council Member Rosemary Bigby and Council Member Evelyn Jones*
- B. Regarding the future of Grady Randle, City Attorney, with the City of Arcola.
Council Member Rosemary Bigby and Council Member Evelyn Jones

A motion to **Table**, Item I-A-B was said to be not recognized by Mayor Fred A. Burton: The tabled Item I-A-B, **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**, was made by Council Member Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Failed**.

RECESS: The Mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. under Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087, for the purpose of deliberation regarding Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

II. COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE

A. Possible action resulting from the Closed Executive Session. *Mayor Fred A. Burton*

RECONVENE: The Mayor reconvened into the regular meeting with no action taken at 6:25 p.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

GENERAL 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 any 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.

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.

The following members of the public addressed the Council.

1. Indy Morales, 5066 Pine Haven Ln.
2. Ninaryan Patel, 703 Greatwood Trails Dr.
3. Betty Hall. no address provided
4. Rodrigo Carreoa, 1122 Avenue C Fresno
5. Veeda Williams, 543 N. Pine

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the approval of a Contract in the amount of \$384,322.50 with Express Heavy Machinery for Bid ITB# COA-002 Construction of Proposal Parking Lot with the City of Arcola. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

A motion to **Table**, Item IV-A: The tabled contract in the amount of \$384,322.50 with Express Heavy Machinery for Bid ITB# COA-002 Construction of Proposal Parking Lot, was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion was

Tabled.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- B. Update on City Hall Lift Station and other related matters. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc. gave an update on the City Hall Lift Station, made comments and answered questions from the Council.

- C. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the Preliminary Plat—MBBT521, A SUBDIVISION OF 2.00 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE DAVID FITZGERALD LEAGUE, ABSTRACT 26, CITY OF ARCOLA, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS. 1 BLOCK, 1 RESERVE. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-C: The approval of Preliminary Plat—MBBT521, was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- D. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the approval of GILLEN Pest Control, Inc., including proposal to fog for mosquitos for the amount of \$170.00 per fog from April to December 2024, including contracts, and other related matters. *Mayor Fred A. Burton*

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-D: The approval of GILLEN Pest Control, Inc. for Monday, May 20th to December 2024, was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member F. Jackson, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- E. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the **FINAL PLAT OF PATEL POST ROAD DEVELOPMENT** A SUBDIVISION OF 17.8430 ACRES BEING A REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 42 AND 43 AND ALL OF LOTS 44, 45, AND 46, EACH IN NEW YORK AND TEXAS LAND COMPANY LIMITED DIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEROF FILED FOR RECORD IN VOL. 26, PAGE 596 OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY DEED RECORDS, SITUATED IN THE MANUEL ESCALERA SURVEY, A-170 FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS 70 LOTS, 2 RESERVES 2 BLOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2024. *H.H. Doshi, Doshi Engineering & Surveying Company*

A motion to **Table**, Item IV-E: The tabled Final Plat of Patel Post Road Development was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion was **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- F. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on water meter installation in the amount of \$90,150.00 for the Arcola Community Estates, LLC. and other related matters.
John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc.

A motion to **Table**, Item IV-F: The tabled water meter installation in the amount of \$90,150.00, was made by Council Member E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- G. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the update of the month January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, and April 2024 Operator's Report and other related matters.
John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc.

Council Member G. Abarr asked John Montgomery, Municipal Operations and Consulting, Inc. a question concerning the Annual drinking water quality report.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-G: The approval of January to April 2024 Operator's Report, was made by Council Member E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- H. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the 2023 Racial Profiling Report and other related matters. *Arika Carr-Bryant, Police Chief*

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-H: The approval of 2023 Racial Profiling Report, was made by Council Member F. Jackson and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- I. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the report from Council Member Evelyn Jones on the list of names, addresses, and signatures regarding permits given by Mayor Fred A. Burton. *Mayor Fred A. Burton*

Council Member Evelyn Jones did not give a report on the list of names, addresses, and signatures regarding permits given by Mayor Fred A. Burton, made comments and no action was taken.

V. **DISCUSSION, RECONSIDERATION AND/OR RESCISSION**

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on the Annexation of the portion of land on Fenn Road which is currently not contiguous to the proposed Broussard Bend Subdivision.
Council Member Evelyn Jones and Council Member Rosemary Bigby

- B. Reconsideration and/or rescission of the following approvals from the last City Council meeting on January 9, 2024:
- i. Resolution of the lawsuit against the City of Arcola – Fort Bend County and Arcola Municipal Management District vs. City of Arcola, Texas. Cause No. 23-DCV-309121
Council Member Evelyn Jones and Council Member Rosemary Bigby
 - ii. Agenda Item V. E. - Plat for Patel Post Road Development in reference to the pumps and ownership. ***Council Member Evelyn Jones and Council Member Rosemary Bigby***
 - iii. Agenda Item VI. C - Contract with Ms. Lamb of Houston Plumbing and Gas.
Council Member Evelyn Jones and Council Member Rosemary Bigby

A motion to **Table**, Item V-A through V-B: The tabled Reconsideration and/or rescission of the following approvals from the last City Council meeting on January 9, 2024, was made by Council Member E. Jones and seconded by Council Member E. Sanco, the motion was **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Consideration of and action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2024, Special Meeting January 30, 2024, Regular Meeting February 13, 2024, Special Meeting February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting March 12, 2024, Special Meeting March 26, 2024, and Regular Meeting April 9, 2024. ***Coretta Edwards, Assistant City Secretary***

A motion to **Tabled**, Item VI-A: The minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2024, Special Meeting January 30, 2024, Regular Meeting February 13, 2024, Special Meeting February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting March 12, 2024, Special Meeting March 26, 2024, and Regular Meeting April 9, 2024, was made by F. Jackson and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion was **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action on **CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05-14A** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, ADOPTING A MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ***Mayor Fred A. Burton***

A motion to **Table**, Item VII-A: The tabled **CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05-14A**, was made by Council Member E. Sanco and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion was **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

- B. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to approve **CITY OF ARCOLA RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE**, and other related matters. *Mayor Fred A. Burton*

A motion to **Table**, Item VII-B: The tabled **CITY OF ARCOLA RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-2024**, was made by Council Member F. Jackson and seconded by Council Member E. Sanco, the motion was **Tabled**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

VIII. CANVASS ELECTION

- A. **FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION: CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05-14B** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS. *Mayor Fred A. Burton*

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 2024-02-20, on February 20, 2024, calling an election for Saturday, May 4, 2024, to elect a Mayor; Council Member At-Large Position 2; Council Member At-Large Position 4. The Texas Election Code requires the official returns of the May 4th Election to be prepared by the proper officers and canvassed by the City Council.

Ordinance No. 2024-05-14B canvasses the May 4th Election, and declares the results of the election to elect a Mayor; Council Member At-Large Position 2; Council Member At-Large Position 4 pursuant to provisions of the Election Code and declares the winners elected to office. A certificate of election was given to each person elected to their respective offices.

A motion to **Approve**, Item VIII-A: The approval of **FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION: CITY OF ARCOLA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05-14B** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCOLA, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS, was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member F. Jackson, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

IX. OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Administer the Oath of Office to Veeda Williams, Mayor-Elect. ***Coretta Edwards, Assistant City Secretary***

Coretta Edwards, Assistant City Secretary, Administered the Oath of Office to Veeda Williams, Mayor-Elect.

- B. Administer the Oath of Office to Rosemary Bigby, Council Member At-Large Position 2; and Florence A. Jackson, Council Member At-Large Position 4. ***Mayor Veeda Williams***

Mayor Veeda Williams Administered the Oath of Office to Rosemary Bigby, Council Member At-Large Position 2; and Florence A. Jackson, Council Member At-Large Position 4.

X. ELECTING A MAYOR PRO-TEM

- A. Discussion, consideration of and possible action to elect Ebony Sanco as Mayor Pro-Tem from the city council members for a one-year term. Texas Local Government Code 22.037(b)
Mayor Veeda Williams

A motion to **Approve**, Item X-A: The approval to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Florence Jackson and seconded by Council Member R. Bigby, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Mayor Pro Tem F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco

XI. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Arcola may receive reports about items of community interest from City staff and/or a member of the City Council, but no action or possible action shall be taken or discussed concerning the subject of such report, except as provided by Section 551.042 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Veeda Williams, Council Member Evelyn Jones Council Member Greg Abarr, Council Member Florence Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem Ebony Sanco, and Council Member Rosemary Bigby

Mayor Veeda Williams and Council Members gave comments and reported on events and activities attended.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams **adjourned** the meeting at **7:53 p.m.**

A motion to **Approve**, Motion was made by Council Member F. Jackson and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, Council Member R. Bigby, Council Member F. Jackson, Council Member E. Sanco, Mayor Williams

Coretta S. Edwards, Assistant City Secretary

