



CITY OF ARCOLA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MINUTES

Arcola City Hall
13222 Highway 6
Arcola, Texas 77583

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

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6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Veeda Williams

Mayor Veeda Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Council Member Greg Abarr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

Council Member Florence Jackson

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Council Members and Administration

QUORUM PRESENT

All the City Council Members were present.

Council Member E. Jones; Council Member R. Bigby; Council Member G. Abarr; Council Member Florence Jackson; Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda V. Williams

I. 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

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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) Fred Burton, 204 Texas Ave.
- 2) Magaly Bernal, 5801 Honeygrove Ave. yielded her time to Fred Burton
- 3) Ana Rivera, 202 Pinedale Ave.

II. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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.

Council Member E. Jones stated she enjoyed the Cultural Festival and that it was well attended.

Council Member R. Bigby stated she enjoyed the Cultural Festival too.

Mayor Williams addressed the drainage problems in Arcola and the concerns of the constituents in the City of Arcola.

III. MATTERS HELD

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action authorizing Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) to put in a sewer line extension at 207 Manor not to exceed the amount of \$13,000.00 (Enterprise Fund). ***Roland Leal, MOC Area Manager Operations***

Llarance Turner with Kaluza, Inc., spoke in place of Roland Leal. Mr. Turner made comments and answered questions from City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Items III-A authorizing Municipal Operations and Consulting (MOC) to put in a sewer line extension at 207 Manor not to exceed the amount of \$13,000.00 (Enterprise Fund) motion was made by Council Member E. Jones, and seconded by Mayor Pro- Tem E. Sanco, the motion **Passed**.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: 5-0

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute a Separation Agreement with the former Financial Director. *Justin Pruitt, City Attorney*

Justin Pruitt, City Attorney, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-A: The approval on a Resolution authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute a Separation Agreement with the former Financial Director (General Fund) was made by Council Member G. Abarr, and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, and Council Member F. Jackson
Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco and Council Member R. Bigby
Motion carried. 3-2

- B. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a Resolution accepting a Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy. *Justin Pruitt, City Attorney*

Justin Pruitt, City Attorney, gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

A motion to **Approve**, Item IV-B: The approval a Resolution accepting a Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy was made by Council Member R. Bigby, and seconded by Council Member G. Abarr, the motion **Passed**.

Ayes: Council Member E. Jones, Council Member G. Abarr, and Council Member F. Jackson,
Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco and Council Member R. Bigby
Nay: 0
Motion carried. 5-0

V. **PLANS, PLATS, AND PERMITS**

- A. Discussion, Consideration of and Possible Action to approve a Resolution accepting with conditions the Final Plat for Reverie Ranch Section 1. A subdivision of 44.647 of land situated in the David Fitzgerald Survey, Abstract 25, City of Arcola *ETJ, Fort Bend County*, Texas, 230 Lots and 8 Restricted Reserves in 7 Blocks. *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc., gave a presentation, made comments and answered

A motion to **Approve**, Item V-A: The approval of a Resolution accepting with conditions the Final Plat for Reverie Ranch Section 1. A subdivision of 44.647 of land situated in the David Fitzgerald Survey, Abstract 25, City of Arcola *ETJ, Fort Bend County*, Texas, 230 Lots and 8 Restricted Reserves in 7 Blocks was made by Council Member G. Abarr, and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion **Passed with Conditions**.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried. 5-0

- B.** Update on Reverie Ranch design plans – Detention. (INFORMATION ONLY) *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc., gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

- C.** Update on Reverie Ranch design plans - Lift Station. (INFORMATION ONLY) *Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc.*

Llarance Turner, Kaluza, Inc., gave a presentation, made comments and answered questions from the City Council.

VI. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene into Closed Executive Session as authorized under Sections 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for:

- A. Consultation with Attorney.** The city council will seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer (section 551.071).

RECESS: The Mayor recessed the meeting into Closed Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. under Texas Local Government Code, Section 551.087, for the purpose of deliberation regarding Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney.

PRESENT

All Members of City Council were Present.

Council Member E. Jones; Council Member G. Abarr; Council Member R. Bigby;
Council Member F. Jackson; Mayor Pro-Tem E. Sanco; Mayor Veeda Williams; Dr.
Annette Goldberg, City Administrator; Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary; and Justin
Pruitt, City Attorney

VII. COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION

- A. RECONVENE:** The Mayor reconvened into the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. with no action to be taken on items VI-A: **Consultation with Attorney.** The city council will seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer (section 551.071).

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

A motion to Approve the closing of the meeting was made by Council Member G. Abarr and seconded by Council Member E. Jones, the motion was Passed.

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

Ingrid Flornoy, City Secretary

