

MINUTES OF REGULAR TELEPHONE/VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

September 22, 2020

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sara Countryman declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Sara Countryman Mayor
Kevin Lacy City Council Place #1
Randy Burleigh City Council Place #2
T.J. Wilkerson City Council Place #3
Rebecca Huss City Council Place #4
Tom Cronin City Council Place #5

Absent:

Also Present: Richard Tramm City Administrator
Susan Hensley City Secretary
Alan Petrov City Attorney

INVOCATION

T.J. Wilkerson gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

Mr. Tramm stated the City had received a press release from hydrocephaluskids.org declaring that Montgomery's Kaylie Mae Lingor has been announced as the 2020 National Ambassador for Hydrocephalus Awareness for incurable brain cancer and is the female Ambassador for the organization.

Mr. Tramm said Kaylie Mae, nearly four years old, was diagnosed with an incurable brain condition before she was born. Mr. Tramm said Kaylie Mae has already faced six life-saving brain surgeries before her fourth birthday in April.

Mr. Tramm said Kaylie Mae has also had a battle with meningitis and has gone through seven additional surgeries for various things from tubes for her ears, surgery on her feet, and back to major cranial reconstruction.

Mr. Tramm stated Kaylie Mae was selected as one of two children to serve as this year's National Ambassador of Hydrocephalus Awareness for the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation to help raise the level of awareness and education about Hydrocephalus in the United States.

Mr. Tramm said Kaylie Mae, whose family lives in Montgomery, Texas, will represent the girls, while eight-year-old Jared Stallbories of Tennessee will represent the boys.

Mr. Tramm said this is not the first meeting they have had with Kaylie Mae as she is part of a rock finding duo that has returned several of the rocks, more than anyone else, since they have been hiding them for a couple of contests. Mr. Tramm said Kaylie Mae's story is well known in City Hall and she is probably well on her way to becoming a legend because if there is any good finder of hidden materials out there in the City, the Lingor's are definitely the people.

Mayor Countryman read the City of Montgomery, Texas Proclamation, and informed Kaylie Mae she would be able to receive her signed Proclamation at City Hall tomorrow, as follows:

***WHEREAS**, occurring in approximately one of every 500 births and in over one million Americans today, Hydrocephalus is a condition in which excessive fluid gathers in the brain, abnormally widening spaces in the brain and placing potentially harmful pressure on brain tissues; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2009, the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution designating the month of September as National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and*

WHEREAS, at almost four years old, Kaylie Mae Lingor was diagnosed with an incurable brain condition before she was born and has already faced six life-saving brain surgeries before her fourth birthday in April: and

WHEREAS, Kaylie Mae also had a battle with meningitis and has gone through seven additional surgeries for various things from tubes for her ears, surgery on her feet and back to a major Cranio reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Kaylie Mae, who lives in Montgomery was selected as one of two children to serve as this year's "National Ambassador of Hydrocephalus Awareness", for the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, to help raise the level of awareness and education about Hydrocephalus in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kaylie Mae, whose family lives in Montgomery, Texas, will represent the girls, while 8-year-old Jared Stallbories of Tennessee will represent the boys; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sara Countryman, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Texas do hereby proclaim September 2020 as HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH and recognize Kaylie Mae Lingor of Montgomery, Texas as the "2020 Female Pediatric Hydrocephalus Ambassador."

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Matters related to the approval of minutes of the September 8, 2020, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

Rebecca Huss stated she did not have any comments regarding the minutes.

Tom Cronin moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Rebecca Huss seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

2. Consideration and possible action on Department Reports.

- A. City Administrator's Report

Mr. Tramm said they had a recent overlap of tropical activity with Hurricane Laura preparation a couple of weeks ago and fortunately the primary storm activities missed the City. Mr. Tramm said they had some electrical issues with brownouts by Entergy and now there are bands of rain from the tropical storm. Mr. Tramm said through all this, work continues as normal as possible during the pandemic, keeping services open to the public and following COVID-19 guidelines.

Mr. Tramm said they had great progress this month with the Home Grant homes. Mr. Tramm said three of the homes are well on their way to completion and the fourth is early in the construction process.

Mr. Tramm stated they recently posted an RFQ on the City's website for the City Engineer that was previously authorized by City Council. Mr. Tramm said the responses are due by October 13th which envisions will be like the City Attorney RFQ where the top firms will be interviewed by City Council.

Mr. Tramm said two Planning and Zoning Commission members' terms are expiring in October and they are accepting applications through October 16th which will give staff time to vet and submit to City Council for selection before the end of October.

B. Public Works Report

Mr. Tramm said they replaced two irrigation nodes at Memory Park and Fernland recorded 418 visitors and provided 25 tours.

Mr. Tramm said some may have seen around town or on social media that Public Works has completed the first goat silhouette cut-out as part of the City's social media icon campaign. Mr. Tramm said they have a two-dimensional goat with the Texas flag logo represented on it so people will begin to see more of the goat around town and on social media.

C. Police Department Report

Mr. Tramm stated the Police Department had no major incidents to report this month and is currently working with several groups who are planning local events.

Mr. Tramm stated he was happy to report Officer Bauer has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant within the department and thinks he is very deserving.

D. Court Department Report

Mr. Tramm advised the report was self-explanatory.

E. Utility/Development Report

Mr. Tramm said there were no large miscellaneous categories of income.

Mr. Tramm said in the arrears categories, accounts that are on payment plans and being properly paid are considered current accounts. Mr. Tramm said there is a setting in the software that allows payment plans to be automatically billed to the customers, so it does not require additional math on the part of the staff.

Mr. Tramm said the category of 120+ days that is currently shown are closed accounts with an outstanding balance. Mr. Tramm said they should always plan to review those annually, if not semi-annually, to prevent them from building up to a large amount which has happened in the past. Mr. Tramm said before considering any final action, they would make a final effort to collect and reach out one last time. Rebecca Huss said or send them to collections for professionals who find them. Mr. Tramm agreed and said it might just be sending a letter to them resulting in a payment and they get 100 percent of the payment.

Mr. Tramm said there are 845 active accounts and a year ago there were 784 which is nearly an eight percent growth rate over last year, which is significant. Mr. Tramm said they do have a fair amount of construction and are continuing to move forward, so they are seeing strong growth in residential and commercial construction in the City.

Mr. Tramm said the water consumption charts were also adjusted so the scale of use of larger accounts does not throw off the imaging and you can read the smaller accounts.

Randy Burleigh asked why the usage for Cedar Brake Park restrooms was so high when it normally runs a thousand or two just for the restroom. Randy Burleigh said it was 14,000 gallons in July and 12,000 gallons in June, which is quite a bit for that restroom. Randy Burleigh asked if there might be a leak somewhere. Mr. Muckleroy said he was not sure and would investigate. Randy Burleigh said the sewer plant flow has been around 1,000 gallons ever since they put the bleach injection pump in it has been creeping up and asked if they use it more than just for the restroom at the sewer plant. Mr. Muckleroy said recently the contractor for Lift Station #1 Project has been using it a lot at their project and they have a water hose running from their office to the back and it has been that way

for the last couple of months. Mr. Muckleroy said if he does not get an answer by the end of the reports he will have an answer tomorrow regarding the restrooms at Cedar Brake Park.

Kevin Lacy asked who controls the fountain at Memory Park and whether it was not working or just shut off. Mr. Muckleroy said he thinks it went down when they lost power at the last outage. Mr. Muckleroy said they went and checked it today and it looks like the motor could be burned up so they have Solomon Electric looking at getting a replacement and getting a fail-safe switch so it will not kick back on when power is lost.

Kevin Lacy said he assumed the water level would be going back up at Memory Park after the rain they had and asked if they typically let it go down that low. Mr. Muckleroy said he tries not to add water to the pond until they talk to the Rotary Club because they have a good eye for the levels since it takes a lot of water to fill the pond up. Mr. Muckleroy said they have not had to do it this year and hopefully with this rain, it will resume the normal water level. Kevin Lacy said it seems like the lower the water is the more snakes they see. Mr. Muckleroy said he had not heard that and does not know why that would be. Rebecca Huss said overall, wildlife gets more desperate and the only reliable water source is probably right there, so it does not have anything to do with the water level itself, but just the lack of availability everywhere else. Rebecca Huss said she gets that too with their pond and they start seeing quite a bit more activity.

F. Water Report

Mr. Michael Williams, with Gulf Utility, advised there were several district alerts and many of them were due to power issues or pumps acting up.

Rebecca Huss asked if this was related to the specific power outages that the whole City experienced and not a return to the dirty power issues. Mr. Williams said that was correct and said they have not had any issues of dirty power this summer.

Mr. Williams said the flow for August was 4,552,000 gallons, the daily peak flow was on August 8th at 226,000 gallons and the daily average flow was 146,800 gallons, which is 37% of permitted capacity.

Mr. Williams said all samples were compliant for August and reported 1.50 inches of rainfall for the month.

Mr. Williams stated they sourced a total of 12.368 million gallons, had a flushing of 227,000 gallons and sold 14,799,000 gallons which brings it to 100% accountability, with a connection count of 970.

Rebecca Huss asked about the total amount produced, just over 15 million gallons versus last September producing 19 million gallons, which is a 4-million-gallon difference when they have a fair number of additional connections. Randy Burleigh said that is the leak. Rebecca Huss asked if the leak was only a million gallons. Randy Burleigh said he did not think so. Rebecca Huss asked if it was more than that. Randy Burleigh said yes. Mayor Countryman said the difference might be the schools too. Randy Burleigh said the difference is the leak.

Mr. Williams said he failed to point out the note below the chart on page six where Well #3 had gone down and they did calculate the flows. Rebecca Huss said they estimated it so they should be in the ballpark because he didn't say their accountability was better or worse than 100 and their behavior was different in terms of getting to lower usage with higher prices although they haven't raised prices in a while and she was just wondering if that was the driver. Mr. Williams said they estimated the flow based on the well's elapsed time meter so they were able to get the actual amount of time the well ran compared to the flows they received out of the well before and after that time period, so he was confident with the number they came up with. Randy Burleigh asked if they used the run time like they use the lift station. Mr. Williams said yes. Randy Burleigh said hopefully next month they will have a good month because the last three months they over billed then they under billed and then the water meter went out and he thinks they have averaged around 95 percent. Rebecca Huss said she was just curious because they were seeing a difference in behavior year-round year to account for the difference and asked if Randy Burleigh thought it was a four-million-gallon leak. Randy Burleigh said yes.

G. Financial Report & Quarterly Investment Report

Mr. Lasky, Senior Accounting Clerk, stated in the Operating Fund there is a little over five months of reserves, the MEDC fund is close to two and a half years reserves and there are 10 months reserves in the Utility Fund.

Mr. Lasky said the Cash Flow account did receive the sales tax of \$375,019.12 and a quarter of that amount was transferred to the MEDC Fund.

Mr. Lasky said the budget for the Operating Fund did receive the September amount of \$225,114.00 and \$168,835.00 went into the General Fund and the remaining \$56,278 went toward the MEDC Fund, which leaves a balance in that account of \$2.293 million. Mr. Lasky said there are two accounts he wanted to point out that are a bit under which are the ad valorem taxes and the fines, otherwise, everything else looks good.

Mr. Lasky said on page 24 of the report it shows the debt payments due on September 1st and the next ones will not be due until March 1st of next year which will be principal and interest.

Mr. Lasky apologized for the delay regarding the Quarterly Investment Report and stated it should have been received a month earlier and said he will meet with Municipal Accounts to receive it earlier. Mr. Lasky stated this report has all the investments for the money market and CDs and all the transactions which took place ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Lasky said the next report should be ready by the December 8th meeting.

Mr. Lasky stated he will be out of the office for the last meeting in October but will plan to have the report out a week early so if there are any questions for the September financials he will be able to address them.

Randy Burleigh said he noticed going through the budget there were some COVID-19 items like additional supplies and monies and asked if the County or Federal government offered money for COVID-19 type items. Mr. Tramm said they have filed the necessary paperwork and have inserted those lines in the report to help track those expenses. Mr.

Tramm said since the emergency condition is still ongoing and even under the best circumstances, it is usually a three-year wait for receiving money and cannot say if it is three years from the beginning of the emergency or three years from the conclusion of the emergency. Mr. Tramm said they are tracking those items that are necessary and they would not have needed face shields and N-95 masks and other emergency materials they have acquired and changes in their operations. Mr. Tramm said, fortunately, they have not had as much expense as other places have, but they have had expenses directly related to COVID-19, with some of them being employee time-based. Mr. Tramm said they will continue to track those and seek what reimbursement they can and that is what those items in the budget are referencing. Mr. Tramm said they have received some supplies and materials from the County, but they have not received any cash funds.

Mayor Countryman said they do have funds, but there are hoops you have to jump through and she has spoken with other City Councils and Mayors who have said they spend their money and expect a payback and then there is so much red tape that they are likely not going to get paid back.

Mayor Countryman asked the Police Chief if their personal protective equipment (PPE) was free through the County and said she has been in contact with the County through Mr. Jason Millsaps and if they ever needed it they could pick it up. Mr. Tramm said they have received some supplies in a bulk shipment that included N-95 masks, face shields, gowns, and gloves and some of those have been distributed here to City personnel and some are still in storage.

H. Engineer's Report

Mr. Chris Roznovsky, City Engineer, said they have received comments on the contracts from the Texas Water Development Board regarding the Downtown Waterline Improvements which have already been executed by the contractor and sent over to the City Attorney to do a final review.

Mr. Roznovsky said regarding the 18" Gravity Sanitary Sewer Extension, the contractor was able to do testing now that the lift station is complete and discovered the manhole on The Shoppe's retail center site was buried by the contractor. Mr. Roznovsky said Public

Works met with the contractor and developer and they will be raising that manhole and once that is done, they will be able to complete the project.

Mr. Roznovsky said they met again last week with BGE regarding the draining analysis and reviewed the status of the report and recommendations. Mr. Roznovsky said he did receive something back from them yesterday and thinks they have some preliminary results. Mr. Roznovsky said they also met with the Grant Administrator to get clarification on the scope and they had good responses in the fact of the GLO loosening up on some of their guidelines so it will be a more efficient project than was initially thought.

Mr. Roznovsky said they had the final inspection on September 3, 2020, and put in service Lift Station No. 1 Replacement and there have been no issues. Mr. Roznovsky said there was a power outage at the time, but the generator turned on as programmed and powered the plant. Mr. Roznovsky said the contractors are working through the final punch list items and documents so at the next meeting they will bring certificates of substantial completion to start their warranty time. Mr. Roznovsky said they had a pay estimate of \$67,122.00 this month which brings them to 97% complete by value, which is without retainage so there is still 10% held which is roughly \$103-106,000 retainage.

Mr. Roznovsky said they received revised plans for the townhomes on Plez Morgan and work has begun on that site. Mr. Roznovsky said they provided plan approval for AutoZone on September 2, 2020. Mr. Roznovsky said they received revised plans for the Hills of Town Creek on Friday and will be reviewing those this week, and if approved, they will be coming back to Council for approval. Mr. Roznovsky said they submitted additional comments to Moon Over Montgomery.

Mr. Roznovsky said regarding the Hills of Town Creek and Emma's Way the contractors who did that work have gone under so the developer has hired another contractor to complete the work and starting the Hills of Town Creek Section 4. Mr. Roznovsky said they are getting a scope and proposal from them regarding exactly how they are going to address the items.

Mr. Roznovsky said at the previous City Council meeting they spoke about Town Creek and the potential issues with it. Mr. Roznovsky said Public Works went out and took pictures which show it is full of debris and one of the box culverts under FM 149 is 60% full of sediment. Mr. Roznovsky said they reached out to TxDOT, since it is their culvert, to request their assistance in getting it cleaned out. Mr. Roznovsky said they have also reached out to the property owner who is willing to meet and discuss obtaining results.

Mr. Roznovsky said they are still contending with the easements and right-of-way regarding TxDOT and Atkins Creek and they have been going back and forth with TxDOT to get clarification on exactly what they are needing to obtain. Mr. Roznovsky said they have had to talk with a couple of different people at TxDOT because no one could give them the answer they are looking for. Mr. Roznovsky said they are still planning on starting that project in January 2021 and are trying to get what they need or at least get the process started with the property owners.

Kevin Lacy asked if Mr. Roznovsky had reached out to Mr. Larry Jacobs with Moon Over Montgomery concerning his plans on when he is going to build the retention pond. Mr. Roznovsky said yes and in Mr. Jacobs's current plans it shows the pond is going in with Phase I.

Randy Burleigh asked what they did with the old generator for Lift Station No. 1. Mr. Roznovsky said Mr. Muckleroy took the generator, the pumps, and maybe the control panel over to the old sewer plant and stored them there. Mr. Muckleroy said they are going to try and put the generator at Lift Station No. 6, which is at the stadium and they received a quote to do the work from NTS last year in the range of \$30,000, but everything was put on hold. Mr. Muckleroy said he hopes to get that done next year. Randy Burleigh asked what was driving it to go to No. 6 instead of No. 8. Mr. Muckleroy said because the whole west side of town runs through No. 6, then No. 5 and then to No. 2. Mr. Muckleroy said Nos. 5 & 2 already have generators so the only thing they are lacking on that side of town is No. 6 and with the future development going in at Hills of Town Creek, they decided No. 6 would probably be the smarter place to install it. Randy Burleigh said to be careful as far as storing it because you could lose the entire generator if it sits too long.

Randy Burleigh moved to accept the Departmental Reports as presented. Tom Cronin seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

3. Consideration and possible action regarding street closures for Downtown Halloween Event by HMBA.

Mr. Tramm said HMBA is planning a Halloween event for Saturday, October 31st and those plans include a car show at the Community Building parking lot at 11:00 a.m., trick or treat beginning at 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m., a parade at 2:00 p.m., vendors will set up for Sip-n-Stroll at 3:30 p.m., and Sip-n-Stroll begins at 4:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Tramm said the Police Department has met with HMBA and reviewed the parade route. Mr. Tramm said the Police Chief was satisfied with the parade route and there may be some flexibility in the exact timing of the schedule, but this was a good general representation.

Mr. Tramm said the item is presented for action from City Council on the street closures as Council would deem fit. Mr. Tramm said it is his understanding that in the past street closures have been presented to City Council for approval and after reviewing the City Ordinances it is meant for City Administrator approval but he did not want to change anything without discussing it first with City Council. Mr. Tramm said in the future if Council would prefer to have all closures run through City Council, they could discuss changing the Ordinance, otherwise, he would approve them in the future administratively and report them to Council.

Rebecca Huss said going with the Ordinance as being the legal way to go, she is fine with that, but they have discussed before that street closure is a very broad thing and they need to respect the impact that it has on the businesses within the area, so setting up the most expeditious closure and reopening is an important part of the process. Mr. Tramm agreed.

Randy Burleigh asked the Chief when they close SH 105 for the parade or reduce the flow for it, will there be signs set up at the outside of town directing people to go around. Chief Solomon said yes when they set the detours up on the east and west side they had an actual detour with signs to direct people where they need to go. Chief Solomon said if you do not have the detour clearly marked people get lost and they will also have police officers in those areas. Chief

Solomon said all those closures came from TxDOT because they had to close it down and City Council is exactly right because when you start doing street closures you have to make sure you are not affecting someone's business and they need to be notified to know how long their business is going to be affected. Chief Solomon said streets must be opened as soon as possible once the event is over. Chief Solomon said they have done this on several occasions, and they do understand.

Mayor Countryman asked Ms. Kambra Drummond how large of a parade are they expecting to have and how many entries. Ms. Drummond said now they are looking at 15 floats with a total of 25 vehicles. Rebecca Huss asked what the length of the floats are. Ms. Drummond said they have been reduced to a 16-foot trailer so they can maintain social distancing on the floats and all that information is going out to anyone that joins and they will be made aware of all the restrictions and guidelines which need to be followed for COVID-19. Ms. Drummond said the Fire Department has agreed that they would like to enter but all floats would need to be reduced to 16-feet in length.

Rebecca Huss said she was looking at the map to see if they could drive from SH 105 up to College Street but with the float, she does not think you could make that turn. Ms. Drummond said they discussed that in their meeting with the Chief, and if the trucks with the trailers could not make the turn at College Street maybe they could go through Jim's parking lot to come back so they have an easier turn radius coming into Jim's parking lot and then exiting out onto College Street. Rebecca Huss said that is Clepper Street. Ms. Drummond said Clepper Street was correct.

Ms. Drummond said she did receive an email back from the officers that reviewed their proposal and they have requested that the parade be earlier and the car show later and have they requested those two items switch time slots, which is what she initially thought would happen, so now it is back to the original with the early parade, then the car show, trick or treating, and then Sip-n-Stroll in the evening.

Mayor Countryman said Jennifer Skinner started this and in the first year, they estimated that 1,200 kids came through. Ms. Drummond said she thinks it is a good addition and all of this works great together.

Mayor Countryman asked how you register to be in the parade. Ms. Drummond said they are trying to funnel everyone to the HMBA website at this moment.

Kevin Lacy asked regarding the trick or treating festivities as it is, what types of things are they working on to maintain social distancing. Ms. Drummond said she cannot answer that as Jennifer Skinner is handling the trick or treating, but said she is assuming that Ms. Skinner is following the same guidelines she is. Ms. Drummond said you can ask that the participants maintain social distancing and family members can stay together, but you try and distance from other families and that is how all of the businesses are participating when they have shoppers in the buildings, and she knows that trick or treaters will be treated the same way. Ms. Drummond said most trick or treating is done outside of the buildings, it is an in-passing situation, so you don't have a lot of people congregating, as it is rather a steady flow moving through town. Rebecca Huss said by opening the longer periods, hopefully, that will stretch things out too. Rebecca Huss said if people know that it lasts longer then they will not all show up at the starting gate at the same time. Ms. Drummond agreed and said you do not have to rush through as everybody will get a chance to participate. Ms. Drummond said she knows that all the candy is wrapped, and no one will be giving out handmade items, it will all be store-bought and sealed. Chief Solomon said there will be no handing out candy from the floats. Ms. Drummond said yes, there will be no handing or throwing candy. Kevin Lacy stated that rule did not seem to work very well for the Christmas parade. Ms. Drummond said no it did not. Rebecca Huss said everyone must learn how to dance a new dance and they will learn as they go along.

Rebecca Huss said she would like to give Mr. Tramm direction to follow the Ordinance as it is written and thinks it is the most logical way to proceed. Kevin Lacy asked if it needed a second. The City Attorney stated you do not need a motion because the City Code already authorizes it, but thinks Mr. Tramm was wanting consensus.

4. Update on Water Well #3 Project.

Mr. Tramm said this is an informational update and no action is needed. Mr. Tramm stated as discussed at the last meeting the project is on hold pending inspection of the Ground Storage Tank and the timing of getting a diver to inspect the tank while still in operation is over six

weeks out which means draining and inspecting the tank physically from the inside will be the best way to accomplish this quickly.

Mr. Tramm said the engineers have confirmed that the contractor for the project is willing to hold their bid price long enough for the inspection to be performed. Mr. Tramm said the tentative timeline for the inspection is to drain the tank and conduct the physical inspection the first week in October and provide an inspection report and recommendation to City Council for the October 13th meeting.

Mr. Tramm said City Council should be able to act on the project at the October 27, 2020 meeting.

Randy Burleigh asked what the internal inspection consists of and is it just a visual. Mr. Roznovsky said it is a visual with metal thickness readings at points. Mr. Roznovsky said at a minimum it is a point thickness throughout the tank and then a visual inspection. Mr. Roznovsky is also getting recommendations on scan options. Randy Burleigh asked if Mr. Roznovsky mentioned that he had a grid before. Mr. Roznovsky said that is correct and they divided it up into eighths. Randy Burleigh asked if he has some comparisons to look at. Mr. Roznovsky said yes.

Mr. Roznovsky said he knows with this project there are a handful of questions so they will put a summary together and do a final review and cost estimates for the conversion of doing a liquid bleach instead of gas chlorine. Mr. Roznovsky said that is complete but he needs to do a final look and send it over to staff so they can take a look as well as some of the alternatives they talked about regarding tank sizes and pump sizes. Mr. Roznovsky said they are working with the contractor to see what his bid price would have been so they can tie it all together in their discussion.

T.J. Wilkerson asked if there was a cooling tower with the tank. Mr. Roznovsky said that was correct. T.J. Wilkerson asked if they are going to inspect it also. Mr. Roznovsky said the cooling tower is part of the project but will not be inspected. Mr. Roznovsky said he knows what they had talked about last time was doing an additional look at some of the materials and conditions that are out there, and the thought would be when they get the contractor out there

before he orders parts to do some of that so they aren't taking it offline. Mr. Roznovsky said they will meet with staff and Public Works and if it is something they can take offline for a short period to do some of those inspections while they are out there the first week of October they can do that.

T.J. Wilkerson asked if they have run across any cooling tower with any type of algae growing. Mr. Roznovsky said he would need to do some research on that because it is chlorinated water that is going in so it should remain relatively clear, but he has not had a chance to look at that specifically and if that has been an issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

5. Adjourn into Closed Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following:
 - a) Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney); and
 - b) Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property).

Mayor Countryman adjourned into Closed Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session.

Mayor Countryman reconvened into Open Session at 7:31 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6. Consideration and possible action(s), if necessary, on matter(s) deliberated in Closed Executive Session.

Kevin Lacy moved to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to move forward regarding negotiations of real property and direct the Mayor to sign all associated contracts. Randy Burleigh seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

T.J. Wilkerson said he would like to thank Mayor Countryman, Ms. Hensley, Mr. McCorquodale, Chief Solomon, and Lieutenant Belmares for helping him out with the COVID-19 drive-thru free testing that was held on September 5, 2020, at Mount Sinai and also the volunteers and Pastor Davis for reaching out. T.J. Wilkerson said it showed that the community could come together and really accomplish something worthwhile. T.J. Wilkerson said he told Pastor Davis going forward they could look at bringing other things such as blood drives, mammograms, and prostate cancer testing.

T.J. Wilkerson said he also wanted to thank Chick-Fil-A for providing lunch for everyone and all the volunteers involved. Mayor Countryman thanked T.J. Wilkerson for working so hard in organizing the event.

Kevin Lacy asked T.J. Wilkerson to share information regarding a prayer event. T.J. Wilkerson said Ms. Chery Geggelman reached out to him and said they are hosting a prayer vigil for the City on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Cedar Brake Park starting at 9:00 a.m. to pray for the City, the officials, and leaders of the City to establish unity within the community. Kevin Lacy asked if it would be appropriate to post the event on the City Facebook page. Rebecca Huss said possibly, they would follow-up on that and see what they could do.

ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Lacy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

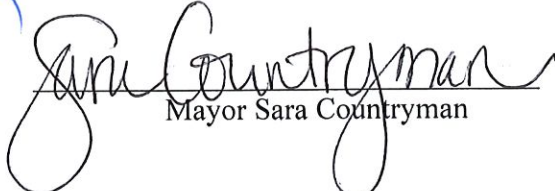
Submitted by:


Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved:

10/13/2020




Mayor Sara Countryman