

City Council met for a special called City Council meeting on September 1, 2020, in person at 907 E Houston, Cleveland TX and also virtually using Zoom.com due to social distancing needs related to COVID-19, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding. Facebook Live was not working on this day so it was not streamed live.

MEMBERS: Mayor Richard Boyett, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Fred Terrell, Councilmember Danny Lee, Councilmember Jennifer Bergman, Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn McWaters, City Manager Kelly McDonald, City Attorney David Olson and City Secretary Angela Smith

EMPLOYEES: Bobby Pennington, Jennifer Jeude, Darrel Broussard, Rod Hainey, Sean Anderson and Mary Cohn

Mayor Richard Boyett called the special called city council meeting to order at 3:00 pm and did a roll call of council which showed all were present which creates the quorum and that this is a virtual meeting on Zoom as well. Lance Blackwell gave the invocation and Jennifer Bergman led the pledge to both of the flags.

Comments

1. **Public Comments.**

None

Agenda items 6-9 were moved up on agenda.

Executive Session

6. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney.**
7. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the duties, responsibilities and performance of the EDC Director**
8. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the duties, responsibilities and performance of the City Manager**
9. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**

Executive session started at 3:10 pm

Return to Open Session

10. **Take action on any additional items from executive session as needed.**

Returned to open session at 6:01 pm. No action taken from executive session.

Discussion and Action

2. Consider awarding bid from recent Asphalt Paving Request for Bids

Request for Bids was conducted and three bids were received. After review one of the bids was disqualified. The remaining two bidders are Washburn Paving at \$1.62 per square foot and CCC Blacktopping at \$1.79 per square foot. Question was asked about why one of the bidders was disqualified. Rod Hainey (Public Works Director) stated that they added items to the bid outside of the City's bid form which is not allowed and also had a page of exclusions. He contacted the city attorney and he instructed him to disqualify that bidder. Staff is recommending awarding the bid to Washburn Paving. Mayor Boyett asked if Public Works was happy with the staff recommendation of Washburn Paving and the reply was yes.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to award the asphalt paving request for bid to Washburn Paving for the bid amount presented with a second by Councilmember Clay. Councilmember Terrell voted "NAY" with Councilmembers Bergman, Clay, McWaters and Lee voting "AYE". Motion passed.

3. Consider ratifying EDC's approval of the 50/50 cost sharing request from Burgerworks for the offsite utilities at the new Whataburger Cleveland location under EDC's Job Creation and Retention project

EDC has approved this project at their monthly meeting. Council has to ratify EDC's approved projects. Discussion about recommended line size occurred.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to ratify EDC's approval of the cost sharing request from Burgerworks for the offsite utilities at the new Whataburger Cleveland location with a second by Councilmember Bergman. Councilmember Terrell voted "NAY" with Councilmembers Bergman, Clay, McWaters and Lee voting "AYE". Motion passed

Budget Workshop

4. Consider approval on setting the proposed tax rate required for the Notice of Tax Rate Hearing publication for FY 20-21

Council had discussed 77 cents tax rate and then a 76 cent tax rate to help with a lower tax rate.

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to approve the 76 cent tax rate for FY20-21 with a second by Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

5. Budget Workshop for FY20-21

There is a change in debt service fund with less to M & O and more to I&S. The budget is slim and trim in general fund this year with a balanced budget. There are no other changes in the supplemental funds. There were no changes by council to staff so final documents will be presented at the September monthly meeting.

Adjourn

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Lee. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October 2020.

Carolyn McWaters
Richard Boyett, Mayor as Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: 

Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC