

Council Minutes April 27, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in and Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. via videoconference, on the 27th day of April, 2021 with the following members present:

Michael Boyter
Dan Cogan
Ruth Culver
Rob Gagliardi
Amy Sabol
Rusty Sartor

Mayor
Councilmembers

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Jimmy Stathatos
Cliff Blackwell
Bryn Meredith
Michael Wells
Joey Lankford
Maria Redburn
Andrea Roy
Eric Welborn
Jeff Williams

City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Interim Fire Chief
Library Director
Development Director
Detention Services Supervisor
Police Chief

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session began at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Boyter called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Sartor gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas were given.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody signed up to speak during Open Forum.

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

Motioned by Councilmember Cogan, seconded by Councilmember Culver, to approve the following item by consent: 1

Motion approved 6-0-0. Mayor Boyter declared the motion carried.

- 1. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
a) April 13, 2021 regular meeting**

This item was approved by consent.

- 2. Consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the Intergovernmental Service Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the continuation of providing services to the administrative detainees detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs and brought to the City of Bedford Detention Facility for temporary holding.**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

- 3. Proclamation declaring May, June, and July as Summer Reading Club Season in the City of Bedford.**

Mayor Boyter read a proclamation declaring May, June, and July as Summer Reading Club Season in the City of Bedford. Library Director Maria Redburn accepted the proclamation.

- 4. Proclamation declaring the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Bedford.**

Mayor Boyter read a proclamation declaring the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Bedford. He stated he was honored the City is recognizing this month, that his mother chose to come to the United States from Japan, and to claim it as part of his heritage. He was thankful to have the opportunity to give back to the community and thanked everybody for this recognition on behalf of his mother, himself, and the 2,000 people of Asian heritage who live in Bedford.

Ms. Redburn discussed Library activities for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month, including book displays, physical displays in the lobby and children's area, and a kickoff event on May 8, 2021, featuring the movie "The Farewell," the Happiness Tree dedication, virtual story times, and hula dancing.

- 5. Proclamation recognizing the week of May 11-17, 2021 as National Police Week and Saturday, May 15, 2021, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.**

Mayor Boyter read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 11-17, 2021 as National Police Week and Saturday, May 15, 2021, as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Police Chief Jeff Williams accepted the proclamation.

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6. Proclamation recognizing the week of May 2-8, 2021, as National Correctional Officers Week.

Mayor Boyter read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 2-8, 2021, as National Correctional Officers Week. Chief Williams and Detention Services Supervisor Eric Welborn accepted the proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Consider a resolution appointing members to Bedford's Citizen Boards and Commissions.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

8. Mayor/Council Member Reports

No reports were given.

9. City Manager/Staff Reports

a) Discuss development of Library Greenspace, outdoor programming, and potential fundraising.

Library Director Maria Redburn reported that two Wi-Fi extenders were being installed at the Library due to a donation from the Bedford Public Library Foundation. This would allow users to have Wi-Fi access from their cars in the parking lot or the Library greenspace. She stated the Happiness Tree dedication will occur on May 8, 2021. Ms. Redburn asked Council if the greenspace concept aligned with their vision for the area. She stated the greenspace has 150 geothermal wells that increases the Library's energy savings, but that cannot be built upon. She presented information on potential additions to the greenspace, including outdoor seating, fencing for festival space, a bluebonnet field, a StoryWalk trail, and a pocket playground.

There was discussion on the limitations of the space due to the geothermal wells; the area of the greenspace; the fencing; the Wi-Fi extension and Council's vision for a "smart," connected City; the StoryWalk trail; the current maintenance of the greenspace; the greenspace's utilization and functionality and how it would fit in with the greenspace in front of the future Performing Arts Center; the placement of the seating under trees; the best use of the greenspace; working with the Boards and Commission on the project; the costs for the different elements of the project; the possibility of sponsorships and grants; and the interconnectedness of the greenspace with other developments within the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - possible acquisition of real property for redevelopment purposes.**
- b) Pursuant to Section 551.071, to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551:**

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- a. Application of the City Charter**
- b. Vacancy in Place 4 of the City Council**
- c. Regulation of short term rentals**

Council convened into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property - possible acquisition of real property for redevelopment purposes; and Section 551.071, to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551: application of the City Charter, vacancy in Place 4 of the City Council, and regulation of short term rentals, at 6:52 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. Any necessary action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session will be during the Regular Session.

10. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyter adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Michael Boyter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary