

Minutes

The City of Princeton

City Council Meeting of October 23, 2023

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, met in Regular Session on October 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, located at 2000 E. Princeton Dr. Princeton, Texas 75407.

The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Brianna Chacón, Mayor Pro Tempore Steven Deffibaugh, Councilmember Marlo Obera, Councilmember Bryan Washington, and Councilmember Gerfers.

The following Councilmembers were absent: Councilmember David Kleiber.

The following Staff Members were present: Interim City Manager Lesia Gronemeier, City Secretary Amber Anderson, Deputy City Manager Shawn Fort, Director of Communications Tenishea Turner, City Attorney Grant Lowry, Interim Police Chief Waters, Officer Toler, Detective Loya, and Fire Chief Harvey, Fire Inspector Joe Cedeno, Lieutenant Solano, Fire Fighter Hollingsworth, Fire Fighter Carter, Battalion Chief Gammons, Deputy Chief Operations Stiltz, Fire Administrative coordinator Trish Hall, Director of Development Craig Fisher, and Director of Public Works Tommy Mapp.

Mayor **Chacón** called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor **Chacón** called roll, present were Councilmembers: **Obera, Gerfers Washington** and Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh**.

Invocation

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced Public Appearance: The following is a list of speakers that spoke in order under Public Appearance: Clinton Lowrance, Wes Brown.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Mayors Comments: Pursuant to Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, Mayor may report on Items of Community Interest, including: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to public health and safety. No action will be taken on any Item of Community Interest. In addition to the foregoing, Mayor will address the following subject matters: Recognition of City staff, volunteers, and vendors for Fall Fest contributions and update on the event.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Consent Agenda: 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 Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Minutes: Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of October 10, 2023, Special City Council Meeting. **PEDC Consultant Agreement:** Discussion and possible action for the approval of a consulting services agreement between the PEDC and P&M Media LLC dba Innovaytus Solutions. **Resolution No. 2023-10-23-R (ETJ Removal Request - D.L. Caldwell):** Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution of the City of Princeton, regarding a request from D.L. Caldwell to remove a tract of land from the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, said property being a 5.00 acre tract of land situated in the Hardin Wright Survey, Abstract No. 957, Collin County, Texas. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Councilmember **Washington** seconded the motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**. The motion carried **4-0**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the first item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-239 FD Promotion)**: Steven Gammons is the first Officer promoted to Battalion Chief in the Princeton Fire Department. Gammons has 15 years with Princeton, with 6 years as a volunteer and 9 years as an employee, presented by Chief Harvey. **No Action**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the second item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-240 Life Saving Award)**: Life-Saving Award for Lt. Chris Solano, FF Steven Hollingsworth, FF Chad Carter of the Princeton Fire Department, presented by Chief Harvey. **No Action**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the third item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-241 Ordinance No. 2023-10-23 (Southridge))**: Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Princeton Approving A Project Plan And Financing Plan For Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Six. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** made a motion to approve. Councilmember **Washington** seconded motion to approve. The motion carried **4-0**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the fourth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-242 Ordinance No. 2023-10-23-01 (TIRZ 1))**: Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Princeton, Texas Terminating Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** made a motion to approve. Councilmember **Obera** seconded motion to approve. The motion carried **4-0**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the fifth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-243 Resolution No. 2023-10-23-R02 (Invocation Policy))**: Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution of the City of Princeton, Texas, approving and adopting an Invocation Policy for opening invocations to be offered before meetings of the City Council and all boards and commissions of the City. Councilmember **Obera made the motion to approve**. Councilmember **Washington seconded the motion to approve**. The **motion carried 4-0**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the sixth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-244 AMR Contract Agreement)**: Discussion and possible action regarding the Ambulance Services Agreement between the City of Princeton, Texas, and American Medical Response Ambulance Service, INC. Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh made a motion to approve**. Councilmember **Washington seconded the motion to approve**. The **motion carried 4-0**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the seventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-245 JJ Book Pond)**: Discussion and update regarding the pond at JJ Book Park, requested by Councilmember Obera. **No Action**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the eighth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-246 Building Permits)**: Discussion and presentation on the building permit process, requested by Mayor Pro Tem Deffibaugh. **No Action**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the ninth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-247 Cell Towers)**: Discussion and update regarding cell towers throughout Princeton, requested by Councilmember Gerfers. **No Action**.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the tenth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-248 6th Street TXDOT Reconstruction (Trash Cans)**: Discussion and possible action regarding the TXDOT 6th Street reconstruction project and the location for homeowner trash cans. **No Action.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the eleventh item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-249 4th Street & Monte Carlo Entrance)**: Discussion and update regarding the entrance from 4th Street onto Monte Carlo, requested by Mayor Chacon. **The council gave Staff Direction to move forward with update of entrance.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the twelfth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-250 Sicily Lagoon)**: Discussion and update regarding the status of the Sicily Lagoon, requested by Councilmember Obera. **No Action.**

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the twelfth item under the Regular Agenda: **(2023-251 Future Agenda Items)**: Possible action to approve request for items to be placed on a future agenda and NOT for discussion of these requests.

- 1) Councilmember **Obera** requested the discussion and possible action for speedbumps on Teakwood St.
- 2) Councilmember **Obera** requested the reservation process for J.M. Caldwell Park.
- 3) Councilmember **Obera** requested an update on Mable St.
- 4) Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** requested clarification on sign ordinance update.

Executive Session: Under terms of Chapter 551 of Texas Government Code the City Council may enter into CLOSED SESSION or Executive Session to discuss the following: Tex. Gov't Code 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney - A governmental body

may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) 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 this chapter. Any agenda item listed elsewhere within this agenda, and/or the subject matter listed below: 1) Moyle Litigation 2) Derek Borg Tex. Gov't Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. 1) Derek Borg
ACTION PERTAINING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Action.

Mayor **Chacón** then announced the Report Agenda: Deputy City Manager Shawn Fort spoke on the following items:

- 1) Next City Council Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023, @ 6:30 PM .
- 2) Meal on Wheels-Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center.
- 3) CPR/AED and Fire Safety Education Training-Classes are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ the Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center.
- 4) Senior citizen exercise program will be held on Monday/Wednesday/Fridays at 10am located at Steven and Judy Deffibaugh Community Center. 5) The week of Nov 27, we

will have kindergarten classes from all 6 schools here to help decorate the Municipal's Christmas tree.

6) Dec 2nd is our annual Christmas tree lighting 5-9pm and the Parade put on by the Chamber of Commerce will start at 6:00 pm.

7) Richard Sheehan Pump Station Dedication Ceremony, November 4th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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Mayor **Chacón** would like the Councilmembers to consider reaching out to the Events Director to volunteer at Tree Lighting Event on December 2nd.

Mayor **Chacón** would like Councilmembers to get involved on November 27th with Decorating of the Christmas tree with the second graders.

Mayor **Chacón** asked for a motion of adjournment of the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore **Deffibaugh** made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember

Washington seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Brianna Chacon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Anderson, City Secretary