

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:03 pm in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Mark D. Cooks
Councilmember Greg Contreras

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

In accordance with an Order of the Office of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020, as extended, the City Council for the City of Duncanville, Texas will conduct a City Council Regular Meeting in person and by video conference at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This is an open meeting conducted by in person and video conference.

Due to limited seating in council chambers, persons or participants may attend by video conference in order to maintain safe social distance as provided in this notice.

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Register in advance for this webinar:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A recording of the video meeting will be made available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

I. WORK SESSION / BRIEFING

I.1. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gordon read the item into the record, and City Manager Ferrell-Benavides reviewed each item. Item 4D - Resolution authorizing approval of a Façade and Paint Incentive Grant by the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) to Sarah R. Mitchell of Mitchell Commercial Investments, LLC in an amount of \$14,800 for a building located at 1307 S. Alexander Ave, Duncanville, Texas, 75137. Mayor Pro Tem Harvey questioned why a couple of the DCEDC board members voted against the item. Director Garcia stated a couple of the board members felt the building needed to be brought up to Code before approving the grant.

I.2. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

I.2.A. *Discuss Annual City Council Calendar.*

City Secretary Downs presented the item.

Mayor Gordon called for a Special Meeting on March 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm to present the information on the petition. City Council agreed on March 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Gordon recessed the Briefing Session at 6:25 pm for City Council to convene into Executive Session.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II.1 *“City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Gov’t Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties of a public officer, to wit: City Manager; and, pursuant to Section 551.074 Texas Gov’t Code to seek legal advice from the City Attorney concerning an employment contract of the City Manager.*

Reconvene into open session and take necessary action as a result of executive session.”

The Executive Session was called into session at 6:27 pm, and City Attorney Hager read the item into record.

The Council closed the Executive Session at 6:51 pm.

III. REGULAR SESSION - CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 pm or immediately following the 6:00 pm Work Session/Briefing)

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 7:00 pm with Mayor Gordon presiding.

The Invocation was delivered by Senior Pastor Abril Goforth, First United Methodist Church of Duncanville.

Mayor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III.1. REPORTS

III.1.A. *Mayor’s Report.*

Mayor Gordon spoke on the voting during the upcoming Elections.

III.1.B. *Councilmembers’ Reports*

Mayor Pro Tem Harvey recognized the Black History Month Wellness event held at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Cooks spoke on Meet, Connect, and Learn.

III.1.C. *City Manager’s Report.*

City Manager Ferrell-Benavides spoke on the acceptance of Gwendolyn Thornton Spencer as the new Chief Information Officer.

III.2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

III.2.A. *Recognition of Keep Duncanville Beautiful Spring 2022 Curb Appeal Residential Properties.*

Keep Duncanville Beautiful Staff Liaison presented the properties.

District 1: Roger & Brenda Hardy - 614 Oxford Dr. Duncanville, TX 75137

District 2: Robert Lathan - 706 Walnut St. Duncanville, TX 75116

District 3: Joel, Maria, & Jessica Perales - 614 E. Cherry St. Duncanville, TX 75116

District 4: Terry & Miriam Sonak - 727 Valley Hill Rd. Duncanville, TX 75137

District 5: James & Kathryn Crichton - 430 Longworth Blvd. Duncanville, TX 75116

III.2.B. *Recognition of Mayor's City Champion.*

Mayor Gordon presented the City Champion to Ginger Hertenstein-Conley.

III.2.C. *A Proclamation recognizing March 2022 as Women's History Month.*

Mayor Gordon read the proclamation.

III.3. CITIZENS' INPUT

"Pursuant to Section 551.007 of the Texas Gov't Code, any member of the public has the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any matter of public business or any posted agenda item; however, the Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating any issues not on the public agenda and such non-agenda issues may be referred to City staff for research and any future action; all persons addressing are subject to council adopted rules and limitations permitted by law"

To address the Council, please submit a fully-completed request card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the Citizens' Input portion of the Council meeting.

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Mayor Gordon read the item into record.

Janet Dawson, 7206 Blackwillow Ln, Dallas – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Paul Dryer, 1401 Primrose, DeSoto – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Amy Martin, 980 S. Rustic Circle, Dallas – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Judy Johnson, 419 Oleander St. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Gracie Horton, 631 Alameda Ave. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Devon Kodzis, 6348 Shady Brook Lane – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Shannon Roberts, 906 Rock Canyon Drive – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Brenda Jones, 1627 Nob Hill Circle – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Mari Vega, 611 Oriole Blvd. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Jan & Anne Araki, 215 South Horne Street – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Eloise Square, 627 Alameda Ave. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Ted Carrington, 803 Athenia Way – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Rhonda Renfro LeWorthy, 703 S Forest Lane – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Sam Kieschnick, Texas Parks and Wildlife – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Tessa Gonzales, 2110 Blueridge Drive – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Betty Taylor, 422 Oleander St. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Bonnie Cook, 554 Johnson Dr. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Susan and Christian Dozzler, 915 Jungle Dr. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Alyce Rodriguez, 1207 Wellington Drive – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Jennifer Cole, 434 East Mona Ave. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Misty Bain, 102 Walnut Street – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

David DeRocha, 418 Oleander St. – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Roxanne Gebauer, 1039 Quail Run – submitted a comment in support for the Ladd Property.

Jim Jones, 1627 Nob Hill Circle – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Erika Browning, 442 E. Cherry Street – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Mark Graham, 410 Santa Fe Trail – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Annemarie Bristou, 802 Haines – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Denise Wynn, 247 Merribrook – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Alejandro Estrada, 211 Calder Avenue – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Donald Browning, 442 E Cherry Street – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Eva Brown, 1703 Creekhaven Drive – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Quinn Sikes, 322 Linkmeadow – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Nancy Gutierrez, 730 Middale Road – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Jessamin Jensen, 711 Olympia Drive – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Marci Buck, 1310 Green Hills Road – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Sandra Guillen, 514 Walnut Street – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Galus Robbins, 310 Azalea – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Ron Thompson, 603 Katherine Ct. – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Deniz Unal, 1014 Briar Hill Circle – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Corrina Unal, 1014 Briar Hill Circle – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Justin Edwards, 226 Mizell Street – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Aaron Munoz, 1611 Nob Hill Drive – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Luis Garcia, 711 Meadowbrook Circle – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Christen Griffith, 901 Sleepy Hollow Drive – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Sarah Koontz, 226 Creekwood Court – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Emily Bridges, 418 Oleander Street – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Lee Daniels, 627 Athenia Way – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Nicholas Wright, 507 Trail Ridge – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Mick Crawford, 610 Willowbrook Circle – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Thomas Lackey, 1818 Seabrook – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Roger Harch, no address – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Jen Cole, 434 East Mana Avenue – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Christopher Price, 214 Cliffwood Drive – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

Peg Shrum, 612 Carriage Way – spoke in support for the Ladd Property.

{Councilmember Koontz left the meeting at 8:18 pm}
 {Councilmember Koontz returned to the meeting at 8:19 pm}

{Mayor Pro Tem Harvey left the meeting at 8:26 pm}
 {Mayor Pro Tem Harvey returned to the meeting at 8:28 pm}

III.4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gordon requested that City Secretary Kristin Downs read the Consent Agenda Items.

- III.4.A. *Consider the Minutes for February 1, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting, the February 15, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting, and the February 21, 2022, Special City Council Meeting.***
- III.4.B. *Consider a Resolution to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Election Services contract between Dallas County and other jurisdictions holding election on May 7, 2022, to be administered by the Dallas County Elections Administrator in accordance with Subchapter D of Chapter 31 and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.***
- III.4.C. *Consider a Resolution appointing Election Judges for the City of Duncanville in Dallas County for the May 7, 2022 General Election; and authorizing the City Secretary to approve on behalf of the City of***

Duncanville any changes in the list of recommended election judges which may become necessary because of the inability to serve of any of the persons named in Exhibit "A".

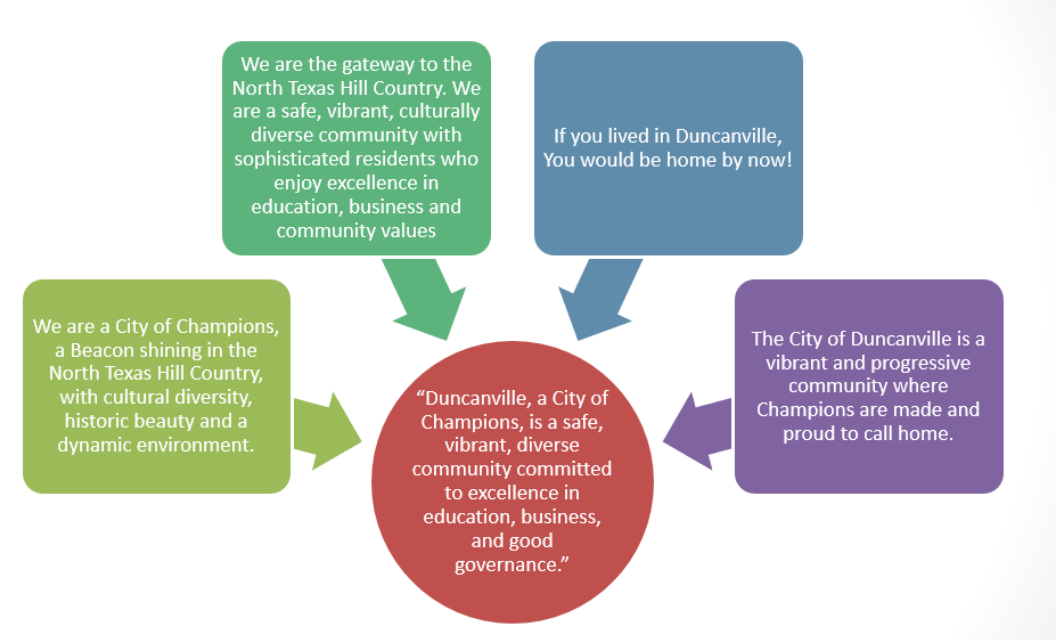
III.4.D. Consider a Resolution authorizing approval of a Façade and Paint Incentive Grant by the Duncanville Community and Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) to Sarah R. Mitchell of Mitchell Commercial Investments, LLC in an amount of \$14,800 for a building located at 1307 S. Alexander Ave, Duncanville, Texas, 75137.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Joe Veracruz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Items passed.

III.5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

III.5.A. Consider a Resolution adopting the City Council Vision Statement and establishing the Strategic Pillars or Priorities of the City Council.
Budget Administrator and Strategic Planning Otey presented the item.

Vision Statement



2022 Proposed Pillars

Re-Imagine: High Quality of Life	• Develop, maintain, and encourage safe, attractive, viable family-oriented neighborhoods that embrace diversity and pride, promoting economic vitality.
Emphasize: Government Accountability, Customer Service, Efficiency and Process Improvement	• Develop a high performing organization that encourages innovation, transparency, and collaboration while delivering exceptional customer service.
Promote: Innovative Ideas for Development and Re-development	• Pursue a diverse and robust economy through various business, housing, and employment opportunities that encourage forward-thinking community and economic development.
Develop: Infrastructure Improvement Strategy	• Ensure the viability and adaptability of the city’s infrastructure, facilities, and transportation network through thoughtful financial and long-term planning.
Advance: Marketing Strategy of the City and Community Engagement Plan	• Strengthen communication and engagement within the community while championing the City of Duncanville regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

III.5.B. Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 ‘General Provisions’, Division 1. General Code Construction, Section 1-5 ‘General Penalty for Violations of Code; continuing violations’ by adding a new Section ‘1-5a Enforcement of the Code of Ordinance’ to authorize and establish regulations for the Enforcement of the Municipal Code of Ordinances and other codes and Ordinances of the City; authorizing any designated Code Enforcement Officer, Inspector, or Animal Control Officer of the City to issue citations for violations of the Municipal Code Ordinances and other Codes and Ordinances of the City.

Neighborhood Services Manager Tennant presented the item.

Reasons for Ordinance Request

- City staff has begun the task of reviewing the City of Duncanville’s Code of Ordinance’s processes, procedures, and practices.
- Staff is looking to ensure that there is no conflict with Texas statutes and to clarify any potentially ambiguous and conflicting language related to code enforcement.
- The primary goal is to ensure our current ordinance is comprehensive and inclusive of all current practices authorized by State of Texas regarding code enforcement.
- Current practices within Code involve the issuance of citations by our enforcement and inspection entities for all violations.
- The issuance of citations has been explicitly authorized for certain violations; however, many core code areas are not specifically detailed in our current Code of Ordinances.
- The request will...
 - o Update our current municipal ordinance to be in compliance with our current practices.
 - o Validate City Administration’s ability to authorize licensed Neighborhood Services Officers, Health Inspectors, and Animal Control Officers to continue issuing citations for all Code and health-related violations within the City’s Code of Ordinances.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Mark D. Cooks seconded the motion. The vote was cast 7 for, 0 against. Item passed.

III.5.C. Take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session.

No action.

III.6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

III.6.A. Receive the Public Works Department Quarterly Report.

Public Works Director Ramey presented the item.

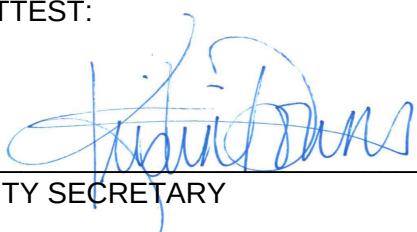
IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY