

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Greg Contreras

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT: Councilmember Mark D. Cooks – 5:14 p.m.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey

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.

I.2. BRIEFINGS / PRESENTATIONS

I.2.A. *Discuss Annual City Council Calendar.*
City Secretary Downs presented the item.

City Council concluded to cancel the May 3rd Regular City Council Meeting.

I.2.B. *Presentation from Village Tech students regarding a Dog Park in Duncanville.*
Parks and Recreation Director Stevenson introduced Village Tech Dog Park Summit Team who presented the item.

Council thanked the Village Tech students on their hard work and how impressed they were. Staff looks forward to working with the Village Tech Students.

Briefing Session was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Sessions were held.

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

The City Council convened into Regular Session in the Council Chambers at 5:31 p.m. with Mayor Gordon presiding.

Pastor Jeff Conrad, Grace Place Church delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III.1. REPORTS

III.1.A. *Mayor's Report.*
Mayor Gordon invited everyone to attend:
Coffee with the Mayor
Senior Center
April 27, 2022
8:30 a.m.

III.1.B. Councilmembers' Reports

There were no Councilmember Reports.

III.1.C. City Manager's Report.

City Manager Ferrell-Benavides spoke on upcoming events and Economic Development.

III.2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

III.2.A. Recognition of Mayor's Champion.

Mayor Gordon recognized Amy Jackson as the City Champion.

III.2.B. Proclamation Recognizing Police Memorial Week.

Mayor Gordon presented the proclamation.

{Councilmember Cooks left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.}
{Councilmember Cooks returned to the meeting at 5:47}

III.2.C. Receive a presentation from McConnell & Jones, LLP on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, including the independent auditors' report.

Item was removed.

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"
At this time, two-minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. 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. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

To speak by video conference during Citizen Comments, you must register with the City Secretary before 4 pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, email citysecretary@duncanville.com and title the email. "Public Comment – April 19th". You will need to register with the link below to attend the meeting by video conference. During the Citizen Comments period of the agenda, the City Secretary will call your name and allow access to your camera and microphone. Feel free to email your citizen comment to the City Secretary when registering for the Mayor to read into the record if any unexpected technical issues arise.

To submit a comment via email and for your comments to be read, the following information is required:

- Submit a comment by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
- Email citysecretary@duncanville.com
- Email title: Public Comment – April 19th.
- First and Last Name; and address.
- State if you would like the Mayor to read your comment or if you would like to speak via ZOOM.
- *The City Secretary will still set a two-minute time limit on the comments as they are read.*

Mayor Gordon read the item into record. The following spoke during the Citizens Input Period:

Erika Browning, 442 E. Cherry - spoke on the Audit Commission meeting and the dog park presentation made by Village Tech students.

III.4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

III.4.A. Consider the Minutes for the March 21st Joint Meeting, the March 28th Joint Meeting, the April 5th City Council Regular Meeting, and the April 11th City Council Special Meeting.

III.4.B. A motion to accept the audit of financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2021.

Item was removed.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Jeremy Koontz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against, with Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey absent. Item passed.

III.5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

III.5.A. Conduct a Public Hearing (2022-05) for consideration and action regarding the request of Oscar D. Castillo, applicant, representing J. Carmen Ortiz, owner, to include a Specific Use Permit "SUP" for Carport on Hilltop Estates 7, Block E, Lot 13, City of Duncanville, Dallas County, Texas, more commonly known as 455 Azalea Lane.

Neighborhood Services Director Tennant presented the item.

- Request for Carport
- Proposed to meet area, yard, bulk standards
- Proposed to meet material standards
- No responses for or against the request

On March 28, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously in favor of the request.

Mayor Gordon opened the Public Hearing at 5:54 p.m.

In Favor:
No one spoke.

Opposed:
No one spoke.

Emily Bridges, 418 Oleander St. – submitted a card for opposition.

Councilmember Don McBurnett made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Councilmember Jeremy Koontz seconded the motion. The vote was cast 6 for, 0 against (Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey absent).

Mayor Gordon closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Councilmember Koontz stated he will be voting against the item; plans were not submitted and cannot properly evaluate.

Councilmember Contreras questioned if the plans would be submitted to the Building Official with the permit. Director Tennant stated yes.

Councilmember Greg Contreras made a motion to approve the item as stated, Councilmember Mark D. Cooks seconded the motion. The vote was cast 5 for, 1 against (Councilmember Jeremy Koontz), with Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Harvey absent.

III.6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

III.6.A. Receive the Monthly Financial Report as of February 28, 2022.

Item moved to the next Council meeting.

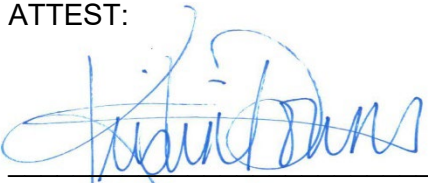
IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY