

Duncanville Special Called Meetings Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:00p.m. in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall with a quorum to wit:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember At-Large DeMonica Gooden
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Councilmember Jeremy Koontz
Councilmember Karen Cherry-Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Contreras

COUNCIL ARRIVING AT:

COUNCIL ABSENT:

2. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Submit a comment by 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 9, 2023
- Email city.secretary@duncanvilletx.gov
- Email title: Public Comment – November 9th – SPECIAL MEETING.
- First and Last Name; and address.
- *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:

Teresa Montgomery
519 Allen Ave.
Opposition to Wheatland Plaza development

Jim Jones
1627 Nob Hill
Ladd Ordinance

Robbie Robbins
343 Shorewood Dr.
Ladd Property

Mayor Gordon recessed the regular session at 6:09p.m. and opened the executive session.

City Attorney Robert Hager joined meeting virtually at 6:09p.m.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Secretary Taylor departed the meeting at 6:13p.m.

- A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, of the Texas Government Code, Personnel, to deliberate the duties and/or appointment of the City Manager under the Home Rule Charter and, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on the same topic.

City Secretary returned to the meeting at 6:44p.m.

- B. City Council shall convene into closed executive session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Gov't Code, concerning PD zoning on Wheatland Plaza.

- C. City Council shall convene into closed executive session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Gov't Code, concerning ordinances amending the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and zoning on Ladd property.

Mayor Gordon closed the executive session at 7:41p.m. and reconvened the regular session at 7:42p.m.

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

Item 3A. Councilmember Veracruz made a motion to appoint Douglas Finch as City Manager for the City of Duncanville, Texas effective on January 8, 2024; and authorize the mayor to execute an employment contract after approval as to form from the City Attorney; subject to completion of a background check and pre-employment screening test. Seconded by Councilmember Koontz. A roll call vote was taken with 7-0 for approval.

Item 3C. City Council directs the Interim City Manager and City Attorney to present at the next city council meeting on November 21, 2023, the following ordinances:

- 1) An ordinance amending the comprehensive plan 2) an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance 3) an ordinance placing the Ladd Nature Preserve on the land tract.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:


CITY SECRETARY