

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Pittsburgh City Council
7:00 P. M. April 13, 2009
City Hall, 200 Rusk Street

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor	Shawn Kennington
Mayor Pro-tem	D.C. Moore
	Sue Sharp
	Fred Cook
	Kendal Burns
	Barbara Ford

City Staff Present:

City Secretary	Margaret Jackson
City Attorney	Mike Setty
Street Supervisor	J.D. McElhaney
EDC Coordinator	Gus Gustafson
Chief of Police	Richard Penn

Pittsburg Gazette	Susan Taft
Mt. Pleasant Daily Tribune	Marcia Seale
Longview Morning News Journal	Angela Ward

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kennington called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed all present.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Kennington gave the invocation.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL

3.1 Public Hearing and considered for approval an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to Phillip R. Hawkins, DBA/The Donut Palace at 505 S. Greer Blvd., Lots 2, 3-OL 11 for a drive-through window.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

3.2 Public Hearing and considered for approval an Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to Destiny Willette, DBA/The Holman House at 218 N. Texas Street Lot 2, WPT BLK 15 for renewal of permit to operate The Holman House as a Bed & Breakfast.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

3.3 Public Hearing and considered for approval an Ordinance rezoning property from R-1A Single Family Residential to R-2 Two Family Residential at the corner of Quitman and Broach Street.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore and carried unanimously.

4. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Considered for approval an Ordinance canceling the May 9, 2009 City Election.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore and carried unanimously.

- 4.2 Considered for approval upon first reading an Ordinance amending a prior ordinance concerning a no parking zone on Texas Street in the vicinity of Pittsburg High School.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve with the understanding that PISD police would be responsible for enforcement of the parking and PISD will cover all expenditures relating to costs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ford and carried unanimously.

- 4.3 Considered for approval a Resolution proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sharp and carried unanimously.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- 5.1 Discussed and considered for approval an agreement awarding a bid for the ground maintenance contract ending September 30, 2009.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to award the bid to Tim Nicholson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

6. CITY IN GENERAL

- 6.1 Discussed and considered for approval janitorial services for City Hall and the Police Department.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ford and carried unanimously.

- 6.2 Discussed and considered for approval nomination and appointment to Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Board.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve reappointment of Pat Smith. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore. Councilmembers Ford and Sharp voted yea. Councilmember Burns abstained.

- 6.3 Patrick McCoy with Census Bureau to discuss 2010 Census.

Patrick McCoy discussed the importance of citizens mailing in the surveys for the 2010 Census, "Number one is, it's the law." Other reasons are apportionment, redistricting, and distribution of funds. \$300 billion is distributed back to the states, counties and city governments. The information collected determines how much of these funds the entities receive.

- 6.4 Discussed and considered for approval resumes for city manager search provided by Chris Hartung from Waters Consulting Firm.

An executive session may be convened according to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 discussing employment or appointment of personnel.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Councilmember Cook made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sharp and carried unanimously.

Returned to Open Session at 8:15 P.M.

Chris Hartung stated they had received 94 resumes for this position, after reviewing the resumes and going through preliminary interviews we are recommending interviews with Ted Chinn of Mesquite, John Moran of Waco, Charles Nickerson of Powder Springs, Ga., and Tammi S. Saddler of Kingston, Conn.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to interview these four candidates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moore and carried unanimously.

- 6.5 Discussed and considered for approval a proposal from Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for payment of 2008 city property taxes.

An executive session may be convened according to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 pending litigation.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sharp and carried unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 7:36 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Councilmember Burns made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

Returned to Open Session at 7:47 P.M.

Jim Lambeth, delinquent tax attorney, presented a proposal on Pilgrim's taxes. Pilgrim's offered to pay all of 2008 based taxes. A payment of 65% of the total amount due will be paid in April or early May 2009. The remaining 35% of taxes owed will be in their finalized plan to go before the bankruptcy court later in the year. Interest will be paid on the remaining 35% determined by the bankruptcy court.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilmembers Sharp, Moore and Ford. Councilmember Cook abstained.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 7.1 Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

8. ADJOURN

- Mayor Kennington adjourned the meeting at 8:16 P.M.

Shawn Kennington, Mayor

Margaret Jackson, City Secretary