

MARCH 22, 2022

The Bastrop City Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were: Mayor Schroeder and Mayor Pro Tem Peterson and Council Members Jackson, Crouch, Rogers, and Plunkett. Officers present were City Manager, Paul A. Hofmann; City Secretary, Ann Franklin; and City Attorney, Alan Bojorquez.

CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met at 5:32 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

- 2A. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .074 Real Property, and .087 Economic Development to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding public-private partnerships for possible multipurpose lodging projects.

Mayor Schroeder recessed the Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Schroeder called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mason Goertz and Parker Connell, Mina Elementary Harry Potter Club led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Dale Burke, Police Chaplain, gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

- 7A. Mayor's Report
- 7B. Council Members' Report
- 7C. City Manager's Report
- 7D. A proclamation of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, recognizing April 3rd-9th as National Library Week. (Submitted by: Ann Franklin, City Secretary)
Presentation was made by Mayor Schroeder and accepted by the Library Board Members and the Library staff.

WORK SESSION/BRIEFINGS – NONE

STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

- 9A. Receive presentation on the unaudited Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2022. (Submitted by: Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer)
Presentation was made by Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer.
- 9B. Receive presentation on Cultural Arts Commission Year 1 and Year 2 Work Plan and provide feedback as appropriate (Submitted by: Rebecca Gleason, Assistant City Manager)
Presentation was made by Rebecca Gleason, Assistant City Manager.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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Bastrop, TX 78602
512-704-4438**

**Joey Najera
The Colony
843-437-5362**

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Items 11A, 11C, and 11D as listed on the Consent Agenda after being read into the record by City Secretary, Ann Franklin. Seconded by Council Member Crouch, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

- 11A. Consider action to approve City Council minutes from the March 8, 2022, Regular meeting. (Submitted by: Ann Franklin, City Secretary)
- 11C. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2022-25 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas confirming appointment by the Mayor of Nicole DeGuzman to Place 7 of the Cultural Art Commission, as required in Section 3.08 of the City's Charter, and establishing an effective date. (Submitted by: Ann Franklin, City Secretary)
- 11D. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2022-26 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, confirming appointment by the Mayor of Lyle Nelson to Place 7 of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, as required in Section 3.08 of the City's Charter, and establishing an effective date. (Submitted by: Ann Franklin, City Secretary)

DISCUSSION ITEM

- 11B. Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending Chapter 9, "Personnel," by adopting Chapter 9, Article 9.05, Division 2; and amending Divisions 3 and 6; and Chapter 9, Article 9.09, Divisions 2, 3, and 4; by creating the Chief of Police position and removing the remaining

references to the repealed Director of Public Safety position; and by reassigning duties formerly delegated to the Director of Public Safety and clarifying the duties and authority of the Chief of Police and Fire Chief; and providing for findings of fact, enactment, a repealer, and severability; establishing an effective date; proper notice and meeting. (Submitted by: Tanya Cantrell, Human Resources Director)

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peterson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 12A. Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2022-28 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, awarding a contract for the mowing of various parks and City Rights-of-Way to Brightview Landscape Services, Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six And 24/100 Dollars (\$215,896.24) as attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the contract; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date. (Submitted by: Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works)
Presentation was made by Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peterson to approve Resolution No. R-2022-28, seconded by Council Member Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

- 12B. Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-12 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 in accordance with existing statutory requirements; appropriating the various amounts herein as attached in Exhibit A; repealing all prior ordinances and actions in conflict herewith; establishing an effective date, and move to include on the April 12, 2022 City Council agenda for a second reading. (Submitted by: Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer)
Presentation was made by Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-12, seconded by Council Member Crouch, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met at 7:46 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

- 2B. City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding Bastrop Charter section 3.11 (Investigations) in terms of State of Texas v. James Robert Crouch, Bastrop Municipal Court of Record Cause No. 20211193, Bastrop Code of Ordinances section 3.01.003 (Working without a Permit), and Councilman Crouch's conduct related to Bastrop Code of Ordinances section 1.15.009(e) (Undue Influence), section 1.15.009(d) (Representing Private Parties), and Charter sections 3.05 (Giving Orders to Staff) and 3.01 (Personal Interest in City Contracts) as relates to projects at 602 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 709 Spring Street, 906 Pine Street, and 1305 State Highway 95.

Mayor Schroeder recessed the Executive Session at 8: 37 p.m.

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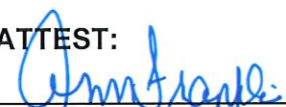
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peterson to approve a resolution of the City of Bastrop, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to file a complaint with the Bastrop Board of Ethics on behalf of the City Council addressing the conduct of City Council Member James Robert Crouch, seconded by Council Member Rogers, motion was approved on a 4-1 vote. Council Member Crouch voted nay.

A motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve a resolution of te City of Bastrop authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the City Council addressed to Joe Grady Tuck, Attorney at Law, seconded by Council Member Plunkett, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Adjourned at 8:41 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:


Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:


City Secretary Ann Franklin

The Minutes were approved on April 12, 2022, by Council Member Jackson’s motion, Council Member’s Plunkett second. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.