



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Greg Wharton, Mayor
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Rodney Thompson, Councilmember
Zac Carroll, Councilmember

and all said persons were present except Rodney Thompson thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills; Residents Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kovacich.

CALL TO ORDER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- Project Management Tool

The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Kovacich appeared for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of July 13, 2021, Regular Meeting
Table approval of July 13 minutes until advice from the City Attorney is received.
2. Finance/Treasurer's Report for July 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval to table minutes and approve Finance Report; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich presented her written report:

- The Property Manager, Rhona Spears tendered her resignation from Grand Manors. Lisa Dorey will temporarily fill in until a replacement can be found.
- Alpha Paving will repair areas of road de-lamination later in August
- The Security Committee is considering changes in registering contractors on Quick Pass; arm bar & gate damage policy updates.
- The Architectural Committee is revisiting the AC Rule book to clarify playscape definition and allowed locations; front yard furniture and yard tree swings.

2. MUD Liaison

Councilmember Nelson reported that two main up coming projects is painting the water tower and repairing/replacing the pond liner. The new LCRA water contract was also discussed.

3. Park Liaison

Councilmember Smith reported that the Commission is waiting for bids on the landscaping project. The playscape project was discussed and colors decided. The free lending library is almost finished as well as the Eagle Scout project in the dog park. HillsFest will have a country theme this year with a country band and dancing with an instructor.

4. City Manager's Report

Wendy Smith reported on the following:

- IT is working on changing the .org domain over to hillstx.gov. Anyone using .org will automatically be switched over to .gov.
- The Walking Trail survey has been completed and the design should be completed by the end of the year.
- Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant paperwork has been completed and submitted to the government.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wharton met with the MUD re the Interlocal Agreement between the MUD and the Village. All agreed on a 2 % increase with the right to exit the agreement at any time. A representative from the City Council will participate in the selection of a replacement of the City Secretary. The Mayor will

present a communication policy to the next meeting. He will meet with Travis County Commissioner Ann Howard this week.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Discussion and possible action related to a proposal for TF Harper to replace the park playscapes and fall zones.**

Sarah Carroll appeared to answer questions on material presented on the playscape. It was recommended that any maintenance required is performed when needed.

Councilmember Carroll moved to amend the previous approval made at the July 13 2021 meeting to authorize the City Manager and Park Commission not to exceed \$205,000 on the Atlantic design and color with a neutral shade color; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 2. Discussion and possible action related to the Lohman's Crossing/Wingreen Loop intersection signalization, sidewalk and crosswalk revisions, and related improvements.**

Wendy Smith presented a cost estimate on the sidewalk revision and new striping of the crosswalk and improvement to affected landscape of \$11,000.

Councilmember Smith moved to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$11,000 for the Lohman's Crossing/Wingreen Loop intersection improvements; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 3. Discuss and possible action related to Austin Energy Franchise Agreement.**

The City Manager will continue to have discussions with neighboring communities about impacts of an increase to residents and possible alternatives with AT&T.

- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a Technology Commission**

Due to timing issues, the council will go into more depth at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of preliminary Budget for FY 2021-2022

Wendy Smith presented the proposed budget. The General Fund revenue reflects a total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.1000 per \$100 valuation, the same a FY 20-21. Expenses related to Winter Storm Uri debris removal were charged to the Solid Waste Management Fund under Special Projects. The budget reflects a 9% increase in law enforcement.

The Public Hearing on the Tax Increase will be held on September 24, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the proposed budget with a proposed tax rate of \$0.1000 to be filed with the City Secretary; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

- New business items to be included on the next agenda

There were no requested items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went back into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m.

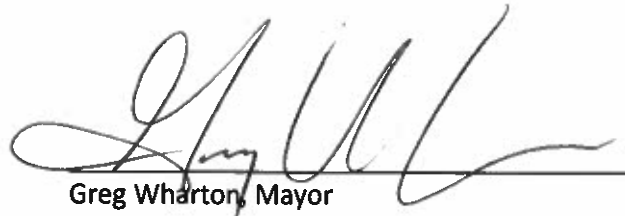
The Council came out of Executive Session at 10:45 am.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of a 2% cost of living increase for the City Manager; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Signed this 14th day of September 2021.



Greg Wharton, Mayor



Linda Lunney, City Secretary

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