

REGULAR MEETING- TELECONFERENCE
LINDALE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020 6:00 P. M.
CITY HALL, 105 BALLARD DR.

DUE TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE OPEN MEETING ACTS TO ALLOW TELEPHONE OR VIDEOCONFERENCING PUBLIC MEETINGS HAS BEEN GRANTED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT. A TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE LINDALE CITY COUNCIL WAS CONDUCTED INSTEAD OF MEETING PROVIDING A PHYSICAL ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE BY JOINING A MEETING LIVE OR BY CALLING TO LISTEN LIVE.

MAYOR JEFF DAUGHERTY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M. HAVING ESTABLISHED A QUORUM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE: RICK THELEN, GINGER SIMS, BOB TARDIFF AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE.

COUNCIL MEMBER CLYDE HARPER JOINED THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AT 6:14 P.M.

OTHERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER, CAROLYN CALDWELL (IN PERSON), CITY SECRETARY, MICHELLE PHILLIPS (IN PERSON), FINANCIAL DIRECTOR, DAVID CRAFT (IN PERSON). WATER DIRECTOR, KYLE MCCOY (VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE.)

C-1 DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AWARD BY RESOLUTION, TRAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S 2020 TEXAS CAPITAL FUND - DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM APPLICATION PREPARATION AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION. RICK THELEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION R08-2020** APPOINTING TRAYLOR AND ASSOCIATES AS THE GRANT WRITER/ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. SECOND BY GINGER SIMS. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GO OUT TO BID FOR REBUILDING LIFT STATION #15 (RODEO GROUNDS). REA BOUDREAU WITH BRANNON ENGINEERING STATED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO UPGRADE THE LIFT STATION AT THE RODEO GROUNDS. THEY ARE READY TO GO OUT TO BID. BOB TARDIFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE GOING OUT TO BID ON THE LIFT STATION #15. SECOND BY RICK THELEN. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. CLYDE HARPER JOINED THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 6:14 P.M.

C-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE UTILITIES ALONG HWY 16. REA BOUDREAU WITH BRANNON ENGINEERING STATED THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING PLANS TO RELOCATE WATER AND SEWER. THE BEST OPTION IS TO MOVE OUTSIDE TXDOT RIGHT OF WAY AND GET INTO PRIVATE UTILITY EASEMENTS. THE RELOCATION COST WILL BE LESS BY BEING ON PRIVATE EASEMENTS. BRANNON ENGINEERING IS ASKING PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS TO OBTAIN PRIVATE EASEMENTS. RICK THELEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS FOR UTILITIES ALONG HWY 16. SECOND BY GINGER SIMS. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL GINGER SIMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 09-2020** AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL TO INCLUDE FMLA, CHANGES TO LEAVE ABSENCE AND MATERNITY LEAVE, CHANGES TO VACATION ACCRUAL, CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT TYPE OF CHARTER, CHANGE WORDING FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CITY MANAGER THROUGHOUT DOCUMENT. SECOND BY CLYDE HARPER. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD BID FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED 3 BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND THE LOWEST BIDDER WAS VICTOR MARTINEZ. SHE RECOMMENDS TO APPROVE LOWEST BIDDER. RICK THELEN MADE A MOTION TO AWARD BID TO VICTOR MARTINEZ FOR \$22,500.00 FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE. SECOND BY BOB TARDIFF. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-6 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION PLACING A BRICK WALL AROUND AIR CONDITION UNITS AT PICKER'S PAVILION. BOB TARDIFF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BUILDING BRICK WALLS AROUND A/C UNITS AT PICKERS AND ASSIGN COUNCILWOMAN GINGER SIMS TO APPROVE DESIGN AND BRICK COLOR. SECOND BY BRYAN SUMMERVILLE. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-7 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO GO OUT TO BID FOR SEWER MACHINE. KYLE MCCOY, WATER DIRECTOR, SPOKE ABOUT THE CURRENT UNIT BEING OVER 10 YEARS OLD AND NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. HE WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT TO BID. THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$90,000.00. BRYAN SUMMERVILLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO GO OUT TO BID FOR SEWER MACHINE. SECOND BY CLYDE HARPER. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

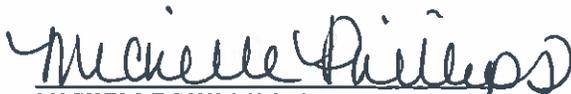
C-8 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTINUE OR EXTEND THE CITY OF LINDALE DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. MAYOR DAUGHERTY ADDRESSED COUNCIL TO EXTEND DECLARATION UNTIL JULY 31, 2020. NEW UPDATE FOR SMITH COUNTY COVID-19 CASES AS OF MONDAY WERE 77 NEW CASES, AS OF TODAY, THERE ARE 250 NEW CASES. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES TO DATE ARE 1098 CASES, WHICH SOME HAVE RECOVERED, THERE ARE 799 ACTIVE CASES, AND 294 RECOVERED CASES, 70 CASES IN THE TYLER HOSPITAL AND 5 DEATHS IN SMITH COUNTY. LINDALE HAS 52 CASES, WHITEHOUSE 44 CASES, FLINT 43 CASES, BULLARD 25 CASES, AND HIDEAWAY 6 CASES. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER, STATED CITY HALL IS LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT CAN COME INTO CITY HALL AND REQUIRING THEM TO WEAR A MASK. ANYONE COMING TO CITY HALL TO MEET WITH AN EMPLOYEE ARE BOTH REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. THE CITY WILL BE PUTTING OUT SIGNAGE IN THE PARK TO OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR A MASK IF YOU CAN NOT SOCIAL DISTANCE. RICK THELEN MADE A MOTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. SECOND BY BOB TARDIFF. RECORD OF VOTE RICK THELEN FOR, CLYDE HARPER FOR, GINGER SIMS FOR, BOB TARDIFF FOR, AND BRYAN SUMMERVILLE FOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C-9 CITIZEN TALK TIME. NONE.

C-10 REPORTS: CITY COUNCIL, CITY MGR., CITY STAFF (NO DISCUSSION, INFORMATION UPDATE ONLY). COUNCILMAN RICK THELEN THANKED KYLE AND THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR HELPING WITH THE FLAGS AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL. COUNCILMAN CLYDE HARPER GAVE UPDATE ON HIS UPCOMING EYE SURGERY.

D. WORKSHOP FOR 2020-2021 BUDGET YEAR. COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP. ITEMS DISCUSSED; THE GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL FUND, WATER DEPARTMENT FUND, AND HOTEL/MOTEL FUND. CAROLYN CALDWELL, CITY MANAGER STATED SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING OFF PRELIMINARY TAX ROLL SHE HAS NOT RECEIVED THE CERTIFIED TAX ROLL YET, ONCE SHE RECEIVES IT, SHE WILL GO BACK AND ADJUST AD VAL TAX AMOUNT NUMBERS. SHE IS ALSO WAITING ON SALES TAX NUMBERS. THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUND BUDGET WILL BE CUT BY \$100,000.00. TOURISM DEPARTMENT WILL CUT BUDGET BY \$50,000.00. PARROT PARK WILL BE CUT BY \$25,000 BY CUTTING HOURS TO 2 DAYS A WEEK. THE CHAMBER CURRENTLY PAYS \$6,000 TO THE CITY FOR RENT AND THOSE FUNDS ARE EARMARKED FOR PARKS. SHE SUGGEST CUTTING CHAMBER LEASE TO \$1.00 FOR NEXT YEAR AND CUT CHAMBER FUNDING BY \$10,000 FOR NEXT YEAR. THIS WOULD BE A 1 YEAR CONTRACT. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER WORKSHOP AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO ADDRESS CAPITAL ITEMS.

E. ADJOURNMENT. 6:49 P.M.


MICHELLE PHILLIPS, CITY SECRETARY


JEFF D. DAUGHERTY, MAYOR