

MINUTES OF AN ONLINE STUDY SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, AT 8:08 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Prior to the study session, Joanna Mekeal, Town Secretary, explained that as provided by the State of Texas, this online Town Council study session could be viewed via the Town's website, or listened to by telephone, and gave the toll-free and alternate telephone numbers, as well as the access number for citizens to call. Mrs. Mekeal conducted a roll call of the Town Council Members. Present at the study session were Mayor Margo Goodwin, Mayor Pro Tem David Dowler, and Town Council Members Jimmy Grisham, Marc Myers, Lydia Novakov, and Craig Penfold.

UPCOMING AGENDA DISCUSSION

Action

Review, discuss, and consider approval of a request to extend the replat submittal deadline for the combined building site at 4510 Abbott Avenue. Matthew Boyle, Town Attorney, explained the briefing. On October 28, 2019, the Town Council approved combining 4508, 4510, and 4512 Abbott Avenue into one building site. The Town Council required the replat of the properties to occur within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the ordinance. Staff contacted the property owners after observing the replat process had not been complete within the required time. In response, the property owners requested an extension of an additional twelve (12) months to complete the purchasing transactions and file the final plat document at Dallas County Records to complete the process of combining the lots. Mr. Boyle has advised the Town Council to consider approval of the requested extension. Council Member Myers asked why would the project require a year to replat then require an additional twelve (12) months. Mr. Boyle stated the buyer and sellers have said the extension of time is needed in response to the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic had on their acquisition of the properties. Council Member Penfold asked if the applicant is at the meeting today. Mark and Mason Miller, Provident Realty Advisors, confirmed they are present and introduced themselves. Mark Miller expanded on Mr. Boyle's comments. Due to the pandemic and resulting uncertainty in the debt and equity markets, they respectfully request this extension. Mayor Pro Tem Dowler clarified that Mark and Mason Miller are not the owners. Mark Miller confirmed that is correct, however the application was made by the property owners. Council Member Myers asked if there is an adverse effect to the Town if the request is granted. Mr. Boyle confirmed there is no direct adverse effect to the Town. The Mayor asked for any further questions from the Town Council, to which there was none. On a motion by Council Member Myers, seconded by Council Member Grisham, the Town Council voted unanimously to approve the request to extend the replat submittal deadline for the combined building site at 4510 Abbott Avenue.

ORDINANCE NO. 2073

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2056 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE REPLAT OF 4508, 4510, AND 4512 ABBOTT AVENUE FOR TWELVE MONTHS; PROVIDING A VALIDITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Future Agendas Discussion

Review and discuss proposed landscape and irrigation improvements for Douglas Park.
Discussion of this item was deferred to a later meeting of the Town Council.

CLOSED SESSION

1. In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 – REAL ESTATE – the Town Council will convene into closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (West side governmental and public uses).

2. In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS – the Town Council will convene into closed session to deliberate the employment, evaluation, and duties of the Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Goodwin recessed the study session at 8:17 a.m. and convened a closed session pursuant to: (1) Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, to wit, a parcel of land owned by the Town located on the West side governmental and public uses; and (2) Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to convene a closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Goodwin closed the closed session at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened the study session in open session. No final action, decision, or vote was taken during the closed session.

OPEN SESSION

1. Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding Closed Session Item 1. above, shall be made, if any.
No action, decision, or vote was taken on Open Session Item 1.

2. Pursuant to Section 551.102 of the Texas Government Code, the final action, decision, or vote regarding Closed Session Item 2. above, shall be made, if any.
No action, decision, or vote was taken on Open Session Item 2.

Mayor Goodwin adjourned the study session at 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED on this 1st day of December 2020.

APPROVED:



Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary