

**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Villarreal called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Trueman

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Oscar Villarreal, and Councilmembers Sean Moore, Debbie Trueman, Michael Voorhies, Mayor Pro Tem Delaine Hall, and Glenna Pearce.

V. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS [2:41]

1. Fire Department monthly report

- Fire Chief John Butrico reported 55 calls for service in February with an average response time of 4 minutes and 49 seconds.
- Chief Butrico presented Chad Lowry with a certificate of promotion to Lieutenant and presented Brian Rychlik with a certificate of promotion to Engineer.

2. Police Department monthly report

- Police Chief Shad Prichard reported 297 calls for service in February and 74 citations. Chief Prichard reminded residents to lock their cars.

3. Public Works Department monthly report

- Public Works Director Kelly Cowan reported 20 Voigt Center rentals, 24 code enforcement cases, announced new signs in Voigt Park about hours, pool rules, and cameras, and announced leaf bag pickup during the month of April.

4. Finance monthly report by City Treasurer

- City Treasurer Fred Timmons provided an overview of revenues and expenditures.

5. Administration Department monthly report by City Secretary

- City Secretary Patrick Aten reported 14 open record requests, 60 defendants in Municipal Court, 83 permits processed in February, and discussed the RFP issuance for the fire bay expansion project.

6. City Attorney monthly report on any matter not posted on the agenda

- no report

7. Mayor's monthly report on any matter not posted on the agenda

- no report

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION [32:12]

- Chester Drash spoke about his concerns regarding the ballot application process.
- Cody Shirlberg spoke in favor of keeping basketball in Voigt Park.
- Carson Shirlberg spoke in favor of keeping basketball in Voigt Park.
- Norelle Voorhies spoke about her concerns for events at the Voigt Center.
- Tonya Cummings provided compliments to City Council and all department heads and spoke about her concerns of lawsuits against the Town by someone who is representing the Town.
- Andy Moon spoke about his concerns regarding the ballot application process.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA [53:20]

1. Approval of the Minutes for the February 15 City Council Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2021.
3. Approval of a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Economic Development Corporation regarding use of billboards located within the Town of Hollywood Park for promotional and advertisement purposes including discussion of issues related thereto.
4. Approval of an ordinance amending the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.
 - Councilmember Pearce moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised minutes. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS [1:05:48]

1. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance for the creation of an ethics code.
 - Ryan Henry introduced the item and requested feedback.
 - Councilmembers discussed the timing of approval of the ordinance, including comments within the ordinance, receiving gifts, state code references, inclusion of the complaint form, and utilizing employee-owned businesses.
 - Ryan Henry confirmed that Councilmembers cannot order or give direction to City staff.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to approve the item with the conditions discussed and clarifying comments. Mayor Pro Tem Hall seconded the motion which failed 2-3, with Councilmembers Trueman, Voorhies, and Pearce opposed. The item will be brought back at the next City Council meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS [56:12]

1. Presentation and acceptance of annual audit report.
 - Fred Timmons introduced the item and auditor Brian Magness.
 - Brian Magness presented a few notes from the report and commented that the response the audit was better from the current administration.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to accept the annual audit report. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS [1:30:03]

2. Discuss and consider options for the sport court in Voigt Park.
 - Kelly Cowan presented the item.

- Councilmember Moore requested the options be narrowed down by staff and bring back those options to a future City Council meeting.
 - During Citizen Comment, Wendy Gonzalez spoke in favor of the option to split the sport court between basketball and pickleball as well as the possibility of adding a fence.
 - Councilmembers and staff discussed safety and security options for Voigt Park including gates, signage, and an ordinance. Ryan Henry stated he would bring back an ordinance for City Council to consider at the next City Council meeting regarding security measures for Voigt Park.
 - Patrick Aten read emails from Joe Isenhardt in favor of pickleball courts, Kelly Polansky in favor of the basketball court and posting signs in Voigt Park, Jamalyn Jaquess in favor of the basketball court, Jodie Olds in favor of the basketball court, Finnley Olds in favor of the basketball court, and Nathan Shirlberg in favor of the basketball court.
 - No action was taken.
3. Discussion about extermination services for the parks.
- Kelly Cowan presented the item.
 - Councilmember Moore spoke in favor of continuing to keep the exterminations inhouse but change up bates and treatment options.
 - No action was taken.

Councilmember Voorhies recused from items 4, 5, and 6.

4. Presentation of survey results and market study regarding the Voigt Center.
- Patrick Aten presented the item.
 - No action was taken.
5. Discuss and consider approval of Voigt Center rental rates for non-residents.
- Kelly Cowan's proposals included lowering the rates from Monday – Thursday to \$1,000 for an all-day rental, \$400 for a half-day rental, a \$170 cleaning fee, and audio-visual a la carte pricing.
 - Wendy Gonzalez spoke in favor of working with community groups when scheduling rentals.
 - Councilmember Trueman moved to approve the proposals. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).
6. Discuss and consider approval of the retention of special legal counsel for the Michael R Voorhies et al vs The Town of Hollywood Park lawsuit and related litigation issues.
- The City Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss this item at 8:41 p.m.
 - City Council returned into open session at 9:23 p.m.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to retain Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION [2:41:35]

1. Deliberate pending/contemplated litigation and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in accordance with Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, specifically: Michael R Voorhies et al vs The Town of Hollywood Park.
 - City Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss this item from 8:41 p.m. – 9:23 p.m.
 - Councilmember Voorhies recused from this item.
2. Deliberate the appointment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or removal of the City Attorney in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.
 - City Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss this item from 9:24 p.m. – 10:51 p.m.
 - Councilmember Voorhies participated in this item.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 10:51 p.m. No action was taken. Mayor Villarreal adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on April 19, 2022.

Oscar Villarreal, Mayor

Attest:

Patrick Aten, City Secretary