

Council Work Session

February 14, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given Councilman Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance led by City Clerk Bedingfield.

Welcome Extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans and Councilman Edward Armijo. Absent City Attorney Rebecca Tydings – jury duty.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

Job Description Revised- Event and Marketing Coordinator: Councilman Armijo recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield informed Mayor and Council that there is a copy of the revised job description in their packet for review. Mr. Brumfield also stated, the only change to the document is regarding supervisor, adding the employee would report to Director Brumfield and City Clerk Bedingfield. Motion made by Councilman Bird to adopt revised job description-Event and Marketing Coordinator; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

New Business

Home Based Business License-WIT Bros, LLC- (owner: Kenneth Newsom, 520 St Marlo Dr): Councilman Bird explained type of business, also informed all that he has several businesses in city. Motion to approve made by Councilman Bird; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Approval FY 2023 Budget Preparation Calendar and Appoint Budget Sub-Committee: Councilman Bird recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided a copy of the budget preparation calendar and highlighted key dates. Motion to approve budget calendar made by Councilman Evans; seconded by Councilman Wright. Councilman Evans amend motion to approve budget calendar and appoint Councilman Evans and Councilman Bird to serve on the budget sub-committee; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried.

Point of Information – Update- ARPA- State and Local Recovery Funds- Final Rule: Councilman Bird recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided update.

ARPA Final Rule – January 6th, 2022

Recap of eligible uses:

1. Response to Covid-19 and negative impacts
2. Premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work during the pandemic.

3. Provision of Government Services due to Loss of Revenue (New Option under the Final Rule)
4. Water & Sewer Infrastructure and Broadband Infrastructure

Provision of Government Services – Loss Revenue – Under the Final Ruling from the treasury there are now two options to calculate loss revenue for the project “Provision of Government Services due to loss Revenue”

First, and as in the interim rule, City would compare actual revenues to base year to calculate revenue loss for each year (2020 to 2023) based on growth adjustment of 5.2% (interim rule used growth rate of 4.01%)

Second is new option to elect to use the “Standard Allowance “instead of calculate actual revenue loss for each year. This gives the option to elect to say that the full amount of ARPA funds (up to 10 million) is to be treated as the project “Provision of Government Services due to Loss of Revenues”

Under this election M&C would approve the full amount of the ARPA- Local recovery funds of \$2,944,172 to be used for the eligible project “Provision of Government Services due to loss revenue” This is a blanket election for the full amount of ARPA Funds, however M&C will still have to approve within the budget what government services these funds would be spent on of which would be reported to treasury in the annual April 30th reports each year through 2024.

Not asking for a vote today, just wanted to provide an update with change.

No motion or action taken.

Resolution- Adopt Houston County Joint Comprehensive Plan Update: Mayor Harley read resolution. Joe Black, Project has been underway for some time, state has reviewed plan, no changes, happy with end product. Motion to adopt resolution made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried. See Resolution 2022-3.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, no comment.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, no comment.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, no comment.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, no comment.

Executive Session-Personnel Matters: Mayor Harley entertained motion. Motion made by Councilman Wright to enter into executive session at 5:19pm; seconded by Councilman Armijo.

Mayor and Council reconvened at 5:36pm.

Affidavit & Resolution: Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt resolution; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Motion carried. Affidavit executed by Mayor Harley and notarized by City Clerk Bedingfield. Affidavit and Resolution attached and made part of official minutes.

Economic Development Director Position: Councilman Armijo made motion to appoint Shannon Bryant as Economic Development Director, annual salary of \$50,000, effective March

1, 2022, pending successful satisfaction of all pre-employment requirements; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date