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A Regular Meeting of the Aransas Pass City Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2022. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Mayor Ramiro Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Scruggs and Council Members Jason Knight and Janet Moore were present; Vickie Abrego was absent. Also present was City Manager Gary Edwards and City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo (via conference phone).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

City Manager Gary Edwards gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

3.I. POSTPONED

Update on the Conn Brown Harbor Bulkhead -- Javier Solis, JM Davidson

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

4.I Coastal Bend Foundation

A motion was made by Council Member Knight to reappoint Jay Attaway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

5.I Approval of February 25, 2022 and March 17, 2022 Special Meetings, and March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 5.I, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearing items.

7. CITY MANAGER:

7.I Consider and Act on Ordinance establishing regulatory speed limits during construction along SH 35 to construct an overpass at Oak Lane within the corporate limits of the City of Aransas Pass; and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Gary Edwards, City Manager explained that due to the construction of an overpass on SH 35 at Oak Lane, the Texas Department of Transportation has requested a regulatory speed limit for the duration of the construction.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve Item 7.I, seconded by Council

Member Knight, and the motion passed.

8. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:

There were no Community Enrichment items

9. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

9.I Consider and Act on awarding the contract for the Highland and Johnson Drainage Improvements to Lester Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$787,593.50.

Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works stated that Items 9.I and 9.II are the last two items funded under the CDBG-DR grant. He further stated the Highland and Johnson project includes a section from Avenue A to 1069, with a crossing underneath 1069 to push water out, and continued by the County up to the slue to help alleviate flooding in this area. Mr. Quintanilla stated the Johnson portion includes Saunders to Commercial replacing the entire storm system and repaving the road.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 9.I, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed.

9.II Consider and Act on awarding the request for proposals to MAX Underground Construction, LLC for the 13th , W. Wilson Avenue and W. Nelson Avenue Drainage Improvements in the total amount of \$475,167.00.

Mr. Quintanilla stated this project begins at Palm Drive going south to Stoddard Ditch to replace the storm drainage, and Wilson/Nelson consist of a block each replacing the storm pipe completely. Council Member Moore asked who will be overseeing these projects, and Mr. Quintanilla responded Michael Bonner.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs to approve Item 9.II, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed.

10. FINANCE:

There were no Finance items

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

There were no Information Technology items.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

12.I Consider and Act on renewing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Department and the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend.

Eric Blanchard, Police Chief stated this is for renewal of the MOU with the Children's Advocacy Center, and the service they provide is forensic interviews for abused children.

A motion was made by Council Member Knight to approve Item 12.I, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the motion passed.

13. CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:

There were no staff announcements.

14. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Eric Woods, commented on the Panhandling issues specifically the area in front of city hall and suggested ideas to deter and discourage panhandlers. Eric Blanchard, Police Chief responded that since this area is TxDOT right-of-way, and is awaiting approval from TxDOT before installing signage.

Jan Lambert, commented that her property has mounds of dirt and is unable to access her property. She stated the property belongs to the City and wants it removed. She also inquired on the city's plans for the street, will be paved or remain a dirt street. Fernando Quintanilla, Director of Public Works responded the City attempted to remove the dirt, but learned the dirt belongs to the contractor and they will take care of this issue. Mr. Edwards stated he would follow-up on the status of the dirt and inform Ms. Lambert.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 5:48 pm under the provision of Section 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the authority of:

15.I.1 Section 551.071 - Complaint Against Contractor.

15.I.2 Section 551.071 - Property at 1104 No. Houston, a 2,708.76 square foot tract of land herein described as a Drainage Easement out of a called 1.369 acre tract known as Lot 1 of the Perry Subdivision, Aransas Pass.

The council reconvened in open session at 6:04 pm.

A motion was made by Council Member Knight to terminate the Building Official Services Agreement with Burl Smith per the terms of the agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to acquire said right-of-way easement by any lawful means, including but not limited to negotiations for the property at 1104 No. Houston, a 2,708.76 square foot tract of land described as a Drainage Easement out of a called 1.369 acre known as Lot 1 of the Perry Subdivision, Aransas Pass, Texas between Myron Schroeder and the City of Aransas Pass, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Scruggs, and the motion passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Ramiro Gomez
Mayor

Mary Juarez
City Secretary

Approved on: _____