

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
MAY 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Mary Penson, Council Member
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez states there is a quorum, and that Council Members Gonzalez and Prince are absent.

Staff: Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Thomas Mattis, City Manager

INVOCATION

Mayor Ramirez asked Council Member Penson to do the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Rolingson spoke in support of the bond proposal and stated she had attended the public forum and was very impressed with the forward vision and very enthusiastic over the proposal to expand the parks system. She thanked the Parks Department and the city for enabling the continuance of the family literacy education program during the pandemic.

PRESENTATION

1. Oath of Office for new City Councilmembers.

Mayor Ramirez swore in and administered the Oath of Office to Council Members, Arthur Gibson III, Skyler Maldonado, and Matthew Callahan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Action with Respect to the Proposed Projects for the City's Certificates of Obligations, Series 2021 and other Matters Related to the Certificates.

Mayor Ramirez stated that at this time they would convene into Executive Session and when they returned there might be action taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting at any time during the meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on the agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Ramirez convened into Executive Session at 6:40 pm.

RECONVENE

Mayor Ramirez reconvened into the Special Meeting at 7:37 pm.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there was a petition by a group, Vote Elgin that had gotten enough signatures and that the petition stated that they want all the projects under the CO's to be put up for public vote. He stated that at tomorrow night's Council meeting there was to be the final vote on all the projects they had been working on the last 4 ½ months. He stated the petition was legal and they had to follow the law. He stated they had been negotiating with the leaders of the group, and the Council would be looking at passing the projects in the Certificates of Obligation that deal with water and wastewater. He stated all other projects would have to be addressed later, either in a public vote or whatever the City Council decides to do with each of those individual projects.

Mayor Ramirez asked for questions or comments from the Council and being none, he asked for a motion on item #1 under New Business.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar moved to authorize staff to move forward with taking these Certificates of Obligation Bonds to market tomorrow in the amount of \$14,830,000 the amount rolled up because bonding is done in \$5000 increments, for strictly water and wastewater items. Council Member Ibis seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

City Manger Thomas Mattis stated for clarification that it was for the projects that had been looked at in the last few months.

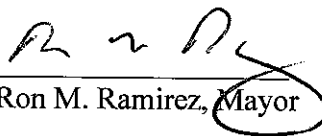
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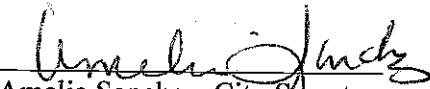
City Manager Thomas Mattis reminded everyone of the Council Meeting tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:43 pm.


Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary