



CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, March 29, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

4:00 P.M. - CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Evans advised the public they could participate during the meeting by registering through the link provided on the posted agenda or by phone. He also advised the public could address the Council by submitting an online speaker card through the city's website or by direct email to City Secretary Susana Marin.

Present 7 - Larry Broseh; Julie Short; Mike Leyman; Casey Lewis; Todd Tonore; Michael Evans and Tamera Bounds

INVOCATION

Mayor Evans gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bounds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TEXAS PLEDGE

"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State Under God; One and Indivisible"

Council Member Lewis led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council announcements.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Report or Authorized Representative

Current/Future Agenda Items

There were no staff comments.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH THE MEDC BOARD

Discussion of the Ernst and Young Labor Market Study

Director of Economic Development Richard Nevins introduced John Rees and Jennifer Burrington with Ernst and Young, who presented the labor market study analysis they prepared for the City of Mansfield. Mr. Rees discussed employment trends, labor dynamics of Mansfield employers and workers, labor dynamics of the broader Dallas region, and gave his final thoughts on Mansfield's economy. Mr. Rees answered Council questions.

WORK SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE MEDC BOARD

Discussion Regarding Special Event Planning

Special Events Manager Angie Henley presented the plans for the Rockin' 4th 2021 Weekend event, which will consist of multiple events across the city and will be held July 2 - 4, instead of only one event on July 4. Angie and Director of Community Engagement Theresa Cohagen answered Council questions. The Council commended staff on a great job planning the event.

Theresa also discussed possible locations to hold the "Remembering Our Fallen" traveling memorial event for Veteran's Day. Mayor Evans suggested a bond election to fund a permanent veterans memorial in Mansfield, which the Council voiced their support of. Director of Finance Troy Lestina provided information regarding the financials of a bond election to fund the memorial and the deadlines to get such an item on the ballot in November.

Discussion Regarding the City Council Vision Statement

City Manager Joe Smolinski stated the Council formed a Council Vision Statement at the Council Workshop in February and displayed the statement. Council Member Lewis suggested a new statement, which the Council discussed, edited, and approved.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Mayor Evans recessed the meeting into executive session at 5:43 p.m. Mayor Evans called the executive session to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:19 p.m. Mayor Evans adjourned the executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Pending or Contemplated Litigation or to Seek the Advice of the City Attorney Pursuant to Section 551.071

Seek Advice of City Attorney Regarding the American Rescue Plan

Discussion Regarding Possible Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property Pursuant to Section 551.072

Personnel Matters Pursuant to Section 551.074

Deliberation Regarding Commercial or Financial Information Received From or the Offer of a Financial or Other Incentive Made to a Business Prospect Seeking to Locate, Stay or Expand in or Near the Territory of the City and with which the City is Conducting Economic Development Negotiations Pursuant to Section 551.087

ADJOURN

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Michael Evans, Mayor

Susana Marin, City Secretary