

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 29, 2024, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Pete Konidis, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Representatives from the local VFW 4820 then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024, City Council Meeting and Councilmember Konidis seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024, Special Meeting and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and there was a presentation from Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool R.O.A.D. ready completion certificate to the Public Works Department. This certificate was presented by Darral Oliver and Kolby Burkhardt, who are representatives of TMLIRP. The TML Risk Pool has more than 2,800 members. This prestigious Certificate of Recognition was awarded due to the department's achievement of all R.O.A.D Ready badges, and the City of Groves is one of only four cities in the State of Texas to receive this distinguished award.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSES TO THE 2025-2026 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act on the appointment of a selection review committee consisting of the Mayor, Public Works Director, and Finance Director for responses to the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant request for proposals for professional administration services. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked City Manager Kevin Carruth if this is done every year and Mr. Carruth stated it is not and that if you apply every year then you don't get maximum points if you were awarded something the year before. Mr. Carruth then stated that it doesn't make sense to do it every year because not getting maximum points for that one criteria is usually enough to keep you out of the money. Mr.

Carruth then informed Council that this is the regular CDBG program and the State priorities are water, sewer, and streets. Mr. Carruth then stated that the RFP will be the next step and that is what we will be working with the engineers on to decide where it's vested and see which areas have low to moderate income.

Councilmember Dugas asked what the amount is that we could possibly receive and Mr. Carruth stated the maximum amount is now \$700,000 with a 15% match from the City. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

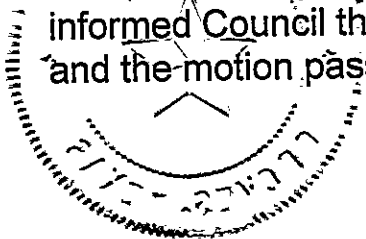
Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act on the appointment of a selection review committee consisting of the Mayor, Public Works Director and Finance Director for responses to the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Resilient Communities Program request for proposals for professional administrative services and Councilmember Oliver seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth informed Council that this committee is the same that we just voted on and the Resilient Communities Program is a one-time program that was kicked off with Harvey along with a couple of other disasters. Mr. Carruth then stated that it is a no match comprehensive plan of up to \$300,000 and the money is authorized to go until 2028 or until the funds run out. Mr. Carruth also informed Council that the RCP is community-based planning process so there would be a lot of community engagement that would last 4 or 5 months and would be very helpful for the community. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE TO RE-DESIGNATE ORDINANCE 2024-05 REGARDING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR GAMING MACHINES AT 5130 TWIN CITY HIGHWAY TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-17: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act to approve to re-designate Ordinance 2024-05 regarding a Specific Use Permit for Gaming Machines at 5130 Twin City Highway to Ordinance number 2024-17. Councilmember Oliver seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that this is just a housekeeping issue because it was discovered that the original Ordinance (2024-05) was at the County Courthouse and the next Ordinance was accidentally assigned the same number. Mayor Borne asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk if he was ok with this and Mr. Monk stated he was. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR A REBATE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER OF INDIAN SPRINGS FOR PHASE III: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the contract for a rebate agreement with the developer of Indian Springs for Phase III and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk informed Council that this contract is consistent with the prior agreement that we reached with them for Phase I & II and is also consistent with our ordinance that is set forth within the agreement. City Manager Kevin Carruth then explained to Council that the developer of Indian Springs installed all of the water, sewer and drainage facilities. The City will rebate 50% of the utility revenue for 20 years or up to the cost of the infrastructure, whichever occurs first, and those three infrastructures will be dedicated to the City. Mayor Borne asked if the number given here is just for Phase III and Mr. Monk stated it is. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-09 OF THE CITY OF GROVES, TEXAS, DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN SPRINGS PHASES I & II AS AGREED ON NOVEMBER 23, 2020 IN THE CONTRACT WITH DEVELOPER, INDIAN SPRINGS ACH, LLC.: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to approve Ordinance 2024-09 of the City of Groves, Texas, dedicating and accepting certain infrastructure in Indian Springs Phases I & II as agreed on November 23, 2020, in the contract with developer, Indian Springs ACH, LLC. and Councilmember Konidis seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth informed Council that this item and the following item which is for Phase III are basically the same it is just accepting the water, wastewater, and stormwater improvements from the developer. They were all inspected as they were being built and meet the City's standard. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-12 OF THE CITY OF GROVES, TEXAS DEDICATING AND ACCEPTING CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN SPRINGS PHASE III AS AGREED ON JULY 29, 2024, IN THE CONTRACT WITH DEVELOPER, INDIAN SPRINGS ACH, LLC.: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act to approve Ordinance 2024-12 of the City of Groves, Texas dedicating and accepting certain infrastructure in Indian Springs Phase III as agreed on July 29, 2024, in the contract with developer, Indian Springs ACH, LLC. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth informed Council that this is the same as the previous item. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.



INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$65,981.67 as follows:

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| 1. Lower Neches Valley Authority | Raw water purchased. | \$22,892.32 |
| 2. Otto Environmental Systems | New trash carts. | \$31,099.20 |
| 3. Republic Services | Sludge disposal June 2024. | \$11,990.15 |

Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act for the July 29, 2024, Invoice Approval List in the amount of \$65,981.67 and Councilmember Konidis seconded. Councilmember Konidis asked how many new trash carts we received and Assistant Public Works Director Glen Boudoin stated 560. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and Mayor Borne congratulated the Public Works employees for accomplishing something that apparently not very many people can accomplish and stated for them to keep up the good work. Councilmember Dugas stated that she thinks they do an excellent job everyday for us.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

