

**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 15, 2015**

The City Council held a work session on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: Acting City Manager Police Chief Pat Stallings, Finance Director Patrick Harvey, Library Director Liz Gant, Accounts Payable/Payroll Shirley Booth, Public Works Director Steve Miller and City Secretary Dara Crabtree.

ITEM 1. STAFF UPDATES.

- A. Dates to remember.
- B. Dallas County Health and Human Services will be spraying for mosquitos on Friday and Saturday night; no positive traps; and the County was being proactive.
- C. Departmental Reports were provided by Library Director Gant and Public Works Director Miller.
- D. Finance Director Harvey commented on the employee make-up of the Finance Department; goals hope to achieve; and announced the City of Seagoville received the Platinum Leadership Circle Award from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the second year in a row.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS.

ITEM 1C. Following a City Council inquiry, the minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

The work session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2015**

The City Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The Invocation was provided by Jean Landess. Mayor Childress led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT. Mayor Childress reported the City of Seagoville recently received the Seagoville High School Community Partner Award.

CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (items on the agenda).

Daniel Jackson, 819 Hall Street – commented on Agenda Item 9; the required 30 foot setback; in the past, hail has torn up his vehicle; residence has a one car garage; cannot place carport in either side yard due to sewer line and air conditioning unit; unpaved alley behind residence; consider allowing 15' setback; trying to protect vehicle; and will construct to standards.

Terri Ashmore, 605 N. Watson Road – commented on Agenda Item 9; Board of Adjustment (BOA) procedures for variances; BOA decisions not consistent; financial hardship is not considered true hardship; citizens not treated equally by BOA; consider redefining hardship and setback; less setback does not look bad; self-imposed hardships; cars are now designed longer than previously and no longer fit in garages; a car is the largest investment next to home; and consider re-evaluating.

Lee Landess, 403 Riley Drive – commented on Agenda Items 7, 8, 8A, 12A and 12B; encourage the City Council when discussing the scope of work to be transparent; need for Special Counsel; previously served on City Council that contracted Special Counsel with SEDC scandal; choose to spend funds without looking into risks exposed; previous Council agreement with City Manager; City now exposed to potential expenses; and was City Attorney present when agreement altered.

CONSENT AGENDA. *[Minutes removed from Consent Agenda and considered separately.]*

ITEM 1C. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the minutes for meetings held on June 01, 2015 with Item 6 to be amended to read as follows: *Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to change the days of operation of city hall and the service center from a four day week to a five day week. Councilmember Hernandez amended his motion, providing for the City Manager to think outside the box. The office hours did not necessarily have to be the typical Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (but 5 days a week), Councilmember Epps accepted to the amendment. A vote was cast 3 for, 2 against (Howard, Lemond). A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against.*

ITEM 2. Two (2) Board and Commission applicants were interviewed: Garry Adams and Dee Thompson.

ITEM 3. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lemond, to appoint Garry Adams to the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 3 with a term expiring in June 2017 and Dee Thompson to the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 5 with a term expiring in June 2017. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 4. Following a discussion, Councilmember Epps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, approving Resolution No. 19-R-15 ratifying Seagoville Economic Development Corporation Resolution No. 04-2015 approving a Grant Agreement between the Seagoville Economic Development Corporation and the City of Seagoville for park improvements in the amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) at Bearden Park located at 500 May Road, Seagoville, Texas. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 5. Following a discussion, Councilmember Epps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, approving Resolution No. 20-R-15 ratifying Seagoville Economic Development Corporation Resolution No. 05-2015 approving an Economic Development Grant Agreement for Infrastructure by and between the Seagoville Economic Development Corporation and Seagoville Venture No. Three-S-SI Rio Grande, L.P. in the amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for property located northeast of Malloy Bridge Road and U.S. Highway 175 intersection, being more particularly described as Tract 3, John D. Merchant Survey, Abstract No. 850, Page 070, City of Seagoville, Dallas County, Texas. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 6. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion approving Resolution No. 21-R-15 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Communications Facilities License Agreement between the City of Seagoville and the Seagoville Chamber of Commerce for the housing and operating of a radio antenna at 101 N. Watson Road, Seagoville, Texas, Dallas County; providing a severability clause; providing an effective date; and amending Section 4.1 to provide fair market return based on twenty-four (24) Public Service Announcements of upcoming City Council and other city related meetings and events in lieu of payment for premises use by Licensee for the first two (2) years of agreement, Councilmember Howard seconded the motion. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 7. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to table the discussion and consideration of establishing a scope of work and an amount not to exceed to provide a legal opinion regarding the City Manager, City Attorney and the City of Seagoville Home Rule Charter until after Item 12A and 12B, Executive Session and take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 8. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fruin, to not direct staff to seek resumes for Special Counsel specializing in Municipal Government Law for the purpose of providing a legal opinion regarding the City Manager, City Attorney and the City of Seagoville Home Rule Charter at this time. A vote was cast 3 for, 2 against (Lemond, Howard).

ITEM 8A. Following a comment, Councilmember Fruin made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to table the discussion and consideration of the appointment of Boyle

& Lowry L.L.P. as Special Counsel until after Item 12A and 12B, Executive Session and take any necessary action as a result of the Executive Session. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 9. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to remove from table to discuss and consider directing staff on carports (placed on table at March 2, 2015 regular meeting). A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against. Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fruin, to direct staff to begin the necessary process to consider amending carports. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

ITEM 10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS.

Jon Epps – thanked Public Works Director Miller for work on streets; commented on sticking together; and moving forward.

ITEM 11. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No one spoke.

ITEM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Jon Epps – Park on Clover Hill Drive.

ITEM 12A. Recessed into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.074; Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Manager. Reconvened into open session at 8:39 p.m.

[City Council recessed for 5 minutes; reconvened at 8:50 p.m.]

ITEM 12B. Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fruin, to direct the City Attorney to draft a letter on behalf of the City Council and Mayor in response to the City Manager’s letter and have the Mayor sign. A vote was cast 4 for, 1 against (Howard)

The City Council agreed to move previously tabled **ITEMS 7 & 8A** to future agenda items.

ITEM 13. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY