



**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

The Work Session of the City Council of the City of Seagoville, Texas was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 702 N. Hwy 175, Seagoville, Texas with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Jose Hernandez	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Harold Magill	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: Police Chief Ray Calverley, Community Development Director Ladis Barr, City Attorney Alexis Allen, City Secretary Dara Crabtree, and Interim City Secretary Christie Wilson.

ITEM 1. STAFF UPDATES.

City Manager Stallings provided a copy of the proposed city secretary recruitment brochure to each council member and asked that they provide their comments to him by Thursday. He inquired whether council had any questions on either of the Consent Agenda items and there were none.

ITEM 2. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS.

Director Ladis Barr addressed regular agenda **Item No. 3** concerning an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would increase the minimum square footage requirement for new dwellings by an additional 200 square feet. Various sections of the Code of Ordinances will be updated to reflect the increase. A new section included in the proposed ordinance provides for 2,400 minimum square foot for dwellings built on 2 acres or more in Agricultural Zoning Districts. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval following their public hearing on December 13, 2016.

Item No. 4 on the agenda is regarding parkland dedication. Currently there are 9 parks in the city. Director Barr told the council this amendment will increase the park development fee to \$500 per new dwelling unit and allow for the expenditure of such funds to improve the existing parks within 5 miles of such development. This will only apply to new developments with 250 or more dwelling units. If a developer desires to build a park within the development, homeowner associations must maintain it. Further, the ordinance repeals the option for cash in lieu of land.

Director Barr told the council that the current ordinance regarding fireworks [agenda **Item No. 5**] is outdated and needs to be current per state law. This ordinance will allow fireworks buildings to be in the city as long as they are located within a planned development (PD) with Light Manufacturing zoning. The ordinance covers storage and selling, as well as the ability to transport. The ordinance will continue to prohibit fireworks from being discharged in the city. Director Barr presented some additional recommendations that council may want to include. Specifically, that the building must be a stand-alone building, building must have a sprinkler system installed, building must be a minimum of six thousand square feet, and the owner must provide \$20M liability insurance policy showing the city as additional insured. After considerable discussion, it was determined these recommendations should be included in the ordinance.

ITEM 3. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION.

At this time, Mayor Childress recognized former city secretary Dara Crabtree for her service to the city of Seagoville and presented her with a plaque of appreciation. Ms. Crabtree has accepted a position with the city of Leander.

The work session was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Dennis K. Childress

ATTEST:


Christie Wilson, Interim City Secretary