

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD Thursday, June 1, 2017
at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 5705 Azle Ave., Sansom Park, Texas.

City Council Members Present: Crystal Harris, Mayor Pro Tem
Donna Bell, Place 1
Jerry Sewall, Place 2
Jim Barnett, Sr., Place 3
Tanya Gregory, Place 4

City Staff Present: Lee Thomas, City Attorney
Wendy Blocker, City Secretary
Ron Douglas, Community Development Director
Allen Richards, Fire Dept.
Will Wilkerson, Police Chief

Absent: Jim Barnett, Jr., Mayor
Angela Winkle, City Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Crystal Harris called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum present and Mayor Barnett absent.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Jim Barnett, Sr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were both recited.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris announces that the Tarrant County Mayors' Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are routine and administrative in nature. As such, these items are considered for approval by a single motion and vote without discussion. Council Members can remove an item or items from the agenda, so it can be considered separately, and/or add any item to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Consider approval of the Special Called meeting minutes held on May 16, 2017 and the Regular meeting minutes held on May 18, 2017, as presented.**

2. Consider approval of an Agreement between the City of Sansom Park and the Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector to provide assessment and collection services of Ad Valorem taxes levied by the City of Sansom Park.

3. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 1010-17, a Resolution Authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Authorizing the payment of two cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Member Jim Barnett, Sr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Member Tanya Gregory. Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1a. Hold a public hearing to receive public input to consider an amendment to Chapter 14, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sansom Park by amending Section 4.12-Permitted Use Table by Amending Furniture, Fixture and Appliance Store to a permitted use in the commercial district and that no outside display or storage is allowed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris opened the public hearing at 7:02pm.

City Secretary Wendy Blocker addressed the Council as to the consideration of this amendment to the Permitted Use Table for the numerous inquiries that had been received from business owners to allow the furniture, fixture and appliance store back into the Commercial district, however with the updated change for no outside display or storage. Member Barnett, Sr. said allowing display during business hours would be ok if the business would bring everything inside when the store closes for the day and not to allow outside storage at any time. Member Jerry Sewall agreed with Member Barnett, Sr. to the display during business hours. Business owner Linda Chadwick expressed that she also agrees with the concerns that Council has with the display being only during store hours and to keep storage inside only.

As there was no further public input Mayor Pro-Tem Harris closed the public hearing at 7:09pm.

b. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 525-17, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sansom Park, Texas, Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 4.12-Permitted Use Table by amending Furniture, Fixture and Appliance Store to a permitted use in the Commercial District and that no outside display or storage is allowed; providing a cumulative clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

Member Barnett, Sr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 525-17 with the changes made to outside storage not being allowed and outside display is allowed only during business hours, second by Member Sewall. Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 525-17, an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sansom Park, Texas, Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 4.12-Permitted Use Table by amending Furniture, Fixture and Appliance Store to a permitted use in the Commercial District with no outside storage being allowed and outside display is allowed only during business hours. Motion carried 5-0.

2a. Hold a public hearing to receive public input to consider amending the Master Fee Schedule of the City of Sansom Park Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Pro-Tem Harris opened the public hearing at 7:11pm.

City Secretary Wendy Blocker addressed Council to the details of the amendments to the Master Fee Schedule. Building Official Barry Barber addressed Council to the updates for the commercial and residential fees for permits and signs. Member Barnett, Sr. asked would these changes affect the revenues on the budget. Mr. Barber explained that by reducing these fees to take some financial burden off the home owner would allow for more to become compliant in applying for permits on repairs which are required. The commercial would now be based off the value of the project and that will impact commercial at a higher rate than residential. Mr. Barber also updated the fees for signs to include plan reviews. Fire Chief Allen Richards addressed Council to advise that the Fire Marshall has been making the annual inspections on a routine basis and this revenue is now being added to the current budget and in the past this fee was not included to revenues. Solicitors/Peddlers will have a fee for applying to allow the City Secretary for background checks and business references; non-profits will not be charged a fee.

As there was no public input Mayor Pro-Tem Harris closed the public hearing at 7:24pm.

b. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 526-17, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sansom Park, Texas amending Appendix "A" of the Sansom Park Code of Ordinances, Fee Schedule; by adding and amending various fees and amending Article A3.000 Fire, Police and Public Safety Fees; Article A5.000 Buildings; Article A7.000 Business Fees; and Article A8.000 Utility Fees; providing for Severability, providing a Repealing Clause; providing for Publication; and providing an effective date.

Member Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 526-17, second by Member Donna Bell. Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 526-17, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sansom Park, Texas amending Appendix "A" of the Sansom Park Code of Ordinances, Fee Schedule; by adding and amending various fees and amending Article A3.000 Fire, Police and Public Safety Fees; Article A5.000 Buildings; Article A7.000 Business Fees; and Article A8.000 Utility Fees. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and consider nominating and electing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Member Jim Barnett, Sr. made a motion to nominate and elect Crystal Harris for Mayor Pro-Tem, second by Member Gregory. Council voted unanimously to elect Crystal Harris for Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried 5-0.


ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST


Items of community interest include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognitions of city officials, employees, or citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the city or other entity that is scheduled to be attended by a city official or employee; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety.

Fire Chief Allen Richards advised Council of the "Push-In" Ceremony for the new fire engine on June 3, 2017 at 9:00am at the Sansom Park fire station and pictures will be taken at 8:00am. Also, the SPFD was selected to be in the next issue of the Firefighter's training manual.

As there was no further business to discuss or consider, Mayor Pro Tem Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:


Wendy Blocker, City Secretary


Jim Barnett, Jr., Mayor

