

CITY OF EL CAMPO, TX

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

Minutes April 10, 2017 – 6:30 PM

315 East Jackson Street - City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Randy Collins	Mayor	Present	
Richard Young	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Anisa Longoria Vasquez	Councilwoman	Present	
Ed Erwin	Councilman	Present	
Tommy Hitzfeld	Councilman	Present	
Gloria Harris	Councilwoman	Present	
Steven Ward	Councilman	Present	

City Staff Present: City Manager Mindi Snyder, Police Chief Terry Stanphill, Sergeant Freddie Douglas, City Secretary Lori Hollingsworth, Personnel Director Rene Garcia, Planning Director Penny Hornsby, EMS Director Chase Nielsen, Interim Public Works Director Stephen Korenek, Building Official Liz Staff, Aquatic Center Manager Stephen Nadolski and City Attorney Ronnie Collins.

Media Present: None

Guests Present: Beverly Supak, John Hancock

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Councilman Erwin led the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Ward performed the invocation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, any person with city-related business, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the City Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is limited to making a statement of specific factual information in response to the inquiry, or reciting existing policy, but may not discuss, deliberate, or take any action on any item. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. The issue may be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Chief Stanphill announced promotion from Corporal to Sergeant for Freddie Douglas, ECPD.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Mar 27, 2017 6:30 PM

Councilman Erwin made a MOTION to accept the minutes for March 27, 2017.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Erwin, Councilman
SECONDER:	Tommy Hitzfeld, Councilman
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Erwin, Hitzfeld, Harris, Ward

2. City Council & City Development Corporation - Special Called Joint Meeting - Mar 29, 2017 5:30 PM

Councilwoman Harris made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the Special Called Joint Meeting City Council & City Development Corporation for March, 29, 2017.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gloria Harris, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Tommy Hitzfeld, Councilman
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Erwin, Hitzfeld, Harris, Ward

5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

1. Appointment of City Secretary and Assistant City Secretaries

City Manager Mindi Snyder announced appointment of new City Secretary Lori Hollingsworth, Mindi also appointed Assistant City Secretaries, Finance Director Courtney Sladek and Personnel Director Rene Garcia. No questions or comments made.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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2. Capital Projects Status Report

City Manager Mindi Snyder presented an update /overview of current ongoing projects.

Councilman Ward asked a couple of questions on the new Public Safety Building. He asked where did we come in? Did we come in under budget? Snyder responded that there are some bills that haven't been paid, including the 911 move and final invoices, but are still under budget. She added that the final account will be brought to Council.

Councilman Ward asked why were items taken out if we are under budget. Snyder stated the carport was an additional item added to the original bid of \$10,100,000, and we were trying to stay in the original budget of \$10,000,000 for the building and \$500,000 for demo. Ward asked about the motion that approved for \$10,119,000 that included the covered parking, the hardening of the jail and materials. Snyder responded the hardening of the jail is in there and there was a change order during the process. Snyder also added, administration has the leeway to authorize up to 25% of contract, this was taken to the Public Safety Committee. Chief Stanphill responded that the additional covered parking was for employee parking and there is enough garage space or covered parking for all city vehicles. He also stated that when the issue came up that the City had to redo CR 346, the county backed out of any assistance. When the City had to come up with \$100,000 to \$125,000, the City eliminated additional covered parking. Ward stated that funds were earmarked of \$10,119,000 for building construction, so how can we use it for a road? Snyder responded that the City did not use the building construction money, fund balance money was used for the road. Mayor Pro Tem Young asked if we were going to the County in the next budget cycle to re-coop road expense? City Manager Mindi Snyder responded it was unlikely that they would fund the road as they prefer to only provide in-kind assistance and we did not approach them prior to the work being done.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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6. CLOSED SESSION

1. DOC-2017-21 Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code - will retire into closed session for the purpose of deliberations about the purchase, lease, exchange or value of Real Property - W. Monseratte & E. Jackson

Mayor Pro Tem Young made MOTION and Councilman Erwin 2nd, to proceed with the advertisement of 2 parcels for sale in the 600 Block of W. Monseratte. Recommended for sale as single parcel and / or combined.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Young, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Ed Erwin, Councilman
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Erwin, Hitzfeld, Harris, Ward

7. TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY

No action was taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

7:17PM

Attest:

Lori Hollingsworth, City Secretary

Randy Collins, Mayor