

CITY OF ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON CITY COUNCIL IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor John Wright
Mayor Pro-Tem Travis Townsend
Council Member Cecil Booth
Council Member Terry Roberts
Council Member Christiene Daniel
Council Member Tanner Sartin

City Manager Chris Whittaker City Attorney Judith El Masri City Secretary Michelle Perez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Council Member Booth gave the invocation.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

Kristi Mehrens, Angleton resident, spoke during item No. 14 of the agenda.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation of the National Night Out in Texas proclamation.
 - Mayor Wright presented the National Night Out proclamation to Seargent Harold Vandergrifft with the Angleton Police Department.
- 2. Ceremonial Presentation of the September 2024 Keep Angleton Beautiful Yard of the Month and Business of the Month.

Tracy Delesandri, Keep Angleton Beautiful Chairwoman, presented Yard of the Month to William and Rhonda Gray and Business of the Month to Central Brazoria County Business Park.

Moved to Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. Discussion and possible action to approve an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County to assist the City of Angleton with construction, improvement, maintenance and/or repair of a street or alley located within the corporate limits of the city.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of real property in the amount of 30,175 square feet of land, known as Dickey & Hazel Street R-O-W Angleton West Addition, City of Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas for \$15,000 with parkland dedication fees with the exception that downed trees are addressed before closing.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement for a project of the Angleton Better Living Corporation with Burditt Consultants, LLC for Abigail Arias Park design, construction document development, bidding, and construction administration subject to final review and acceptance by Burditt Consultants, LLC.

Mayor Wright removed from the agenda.

- 8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Angleton Fire Department to perform the Fill the Boot Campaign to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommended streets for new solar light installation. Colony Drive (5 lights), Farrer Street (9 lights), and North Brook (9 lights) by Fonroche Lighting America.
- 10. Discussion and possible action for bids submitted for the remodel of the City Hall Annex.
- 11. Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Ellen Eby, on behalf of Peach Street Farmers Market, to obtain permission to extend the closure of the 200 block of East Peach St. on Saturday, September 28, 2024, until 4:00 PM.

Consent Agenda item No. 10 was moved to the Regular Agenda.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved Consent Agenda Item No. <u>5</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County to assist the City of Angleton with construction, improvement, maintenance and/or repair of a street or alley located within the corporate limits of the city; <u>6</u>. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of real property in the amount of 30,175 square feet of land, known as Dickey & Hazel Street R-O-W Angleton West Addition, City of Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas for \$15,000 with parkland dedication fees with the exception that downed trees are addressed before closing; <u>8</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve the Angleton Fire Department to perform the Fill the Boot Campaign to raise money for Muscular

Dystrophy; <u>9</u>. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommended streets for new solar light installation; and <u>11</u>. Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Ellen Eby, on behalf of Peach Street Farmers Market, to obtain permission to extend the closure of the 200 block of East Peach St. on Saturday, September 28, 2024, until 4:00 PM. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote with Council Member Booth opposed.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Discussion and possible action for bids submitted for the remodel of the City Hall Annex.

John Deptuch, Safety and Facilities Coordinator presented the agenda item to Council.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth to *abandon* the project for council to receive and review more information on the scope of work and bid packages. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend abstained due to professional and personal reasons.

Moved to agenda item No. 14

14. Discussion and possible action on Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 3. – Use of Public Parks, Section 17-38. – Permits and reservations and Section 17-75. - Merchandising and advertising.

Megan Mainer, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed Council and stated that on September 17, 2024, Mayor Wright requested an agenda item be placed on the City Council agenda to discuss park usage related to Angleton ISD Project Graduation. This request stemmed from messages and posts on Facebook, Parks & Recreation staff communicate regularly with individuals requesting to utilize park facilities for fundraisers. Recently, Angleton Recreation Center staff fielded inquiries related to fundraising at Bates Park for the Angleton ISD Spanish National Honor Society, fundraising at Bates Park for Project Graduation, and fundraising at Freedom Park for Project Graduation. When the Parks & Recreation Department receives nonprofit requests, we reference our use of public park ordinances. Our ordinances state the following: Sec. 17-38. - Permits and reservations. (a) The Bates Park Pavilion shall not be reserved, except by the city. (b) A permit shall be obtained from the parks director by any person wishing to reserve any city park facility other than the Bates Park Pavilion. Sec. 17-75. -Merchandising and advertising. (a) No person shall expose or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall he station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing. Exception is here made as to any regulation of the director. (b) No person shall announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire. 106 Item 14. Exceptions have been made if it's not in conflict with concession sales at the sports complexes (e.g. Freedom Park, Bates Park, & BG Peck Soccer Complex). We refer non-profit groups to these organizations to receive approval to work in conjunction with these groups. Also, while we try to adhere to the ordinance due to the numerous requests we receive, we have made exceptions for non-profit groups (e.g. Juneteenth Celebration and food pickup/drivethrough location for non-profits with no transactions onsite). Additionally, Parks and Recreation staff note that individuals must acquire appropriate food permits from City Hall

if food is sold to the public. The Parks & Recreation Department receives numerous requests for fundraisers, business operations, classes, private lessons, etc. within Angleton parks. The ordinance outlined in Sec. 17-75. – Merchandising and advertising help to prevent activities that may impact park user enjoyment and safety. However, the Parks & Recreation Department considers activities that may be mutually beneficial to the city, park users, and aforementioned entities through contractual agreements or mass gathering permits. The Parks & Recreation Department is working with Park Board members to revise the Use of Public Parks ordinance. Any proposed changes by the City Council will be reflected.

Christine Marin, Angleton resident, addressed the Council and stated that she is the President of the Angleton Project Graduation. Ms. Marin stated that Project Graduation is an event held the night of graduation where the students are locked in and participate in activities to earn prizes. She reached out regarding using city parks to fundraise for this event and to her surprise was told no.

Todd Patterson, Angleton Girls Softball Association (AGSA) President, addressed Council and stated he wouldn't mind partnering with project graduation to do a fundraiser at one of their sports tournaments.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved non-profits, associated with schools to use city parks with a deposit. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Moved to Executive Session item No. 3 and 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council convened into executive session at 7:16 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

- 3. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Presiding Municipal Court Judge).
- 4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (City Attorney).

OPEN SESSION

The City Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened into Open Session at 9:10 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

3. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Presiding Municipal Court Judge).

No action was taken

4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (City Attorney).

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved to bring back this item to the first Council meeting in November. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Moved to agenda item No. 12

12. Discussion and possible action on the election of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Upon a motion by Council Member Daniel and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council elected Travis Townsend as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

13. Discussion and possible action to elect a director and approve the ballot for the Texas Municipal League Region 14 Director Election.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved to elect Joe Zimmerman as Texas Municipal League Region 14 Director. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20240924-015 authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Project.

John Peterson, HDR, City Engineer, presented the agenda item to Council.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved Resolution No. 20240924-015 authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Project. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

16. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 20240924-016 regarding the possible determination of a substandard building located at 504 Farrer Street within the City of Angleton, Texas, and approval to hold the public hearing on October 8, 2024.

Otis Spriggs, Director of Development Services, presented the agenda item to Council.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded Council Member Sartin, Council approved Ordinance No. 20240924-016 regarding the possible determination of a substandard building located at 504 Farrer Street within the City of Angleton, Texas, and approval to hold the public hearing on October 8, 2024. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 20240924-017 amending the utility rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Phillip Conner, Director of Finance, presented the agenda item to Council.

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Booth, Council approved Ordinance No. 20240924-017 amending the utility rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Council Member Daniel stated that this is a Brazoria Water Authority increase to fund the reservoir and not at the fault of the City.

18. Discussion and possible action on current Hurricane Beryl debris status.

Jamie Praslicka, Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed Council and stated The City of Angleton continues to face the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. Despite the initial collection of 125,000 cubic yards of debris, additional debris has accumulated along the City's rights-of-way. This accumulation has been delayed due to residents requiring assistance from non-profit organizations like Samaritan's Purse and the prolonged process of insurance assessments. The presence and volume of debris poses ongoing health and safety risks to the community. The City's current contract with Waste Connections does not include storm debris removal. Although Waste Connections has assisted with limited debris collection, the substantial volume has led them to request that residents pay a fee for a full collection service.

Ms. Praslicka stated there are three potential cost assessments that have been provided: 1. Activate the Crowder Gulf contract – This option ensures a comprehensive city-wide debris collection and is FEMA-eligible. 2. Waste Connections Services – This option is not FEMA-eligible and includes: Option 1: Debris collection from the Samaritan's Purse list, with a supplementary contract needed for hauling logs that exceed equipment capacity. Option 2: A complete city-wide debris collection.

Upon a motion by Council Member Booth and seconded by Council Member Sartin, Council approved Crowder Gulf for debris removal. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

19. Discussion and possible action on the amount of the emergency note.

Phillip Conner, Director of Finance, addressed Council and stated at the September 10 City Council meeting the Council passed a reimbursement resolution that set the "not to exceed" amount for the emergency note at \$4,220,000. Working with staff and Hilltop, the amount of the note was able to be reduced.

Joe Morrow with Hilltop Securities gave a presentation on the 2025 debt issuance assumes taxable assessed valuation at 8%, preliminary emergency notes sizing, and possible payment of emergency notes depend on amount and timing of FEMA payments.

Upon a motion by Council Member Sartin and seconded by Council Member Roberts, Council approved to proceed with the emergency note at \$4,063,000, staggered over 5 years. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

20. Discussion and possible action on decision packages to be included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Phillip Conner, Director of Finance, addressed Council with a presentation.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend and seconded by Council Member Daniel, Council approved \$20,000 to the Information Technology (IT) Department for new computers, \$20,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for a new mower, and 2% COLA raises across the board for all full-time employees and IT's part-time position effective October 1, 2024. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council did not hold executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained therein:

21. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Board and Commissions appointments/reappointments).

Upon a motion by Council Member Roberts and seconded by Council Member Sartin to *table* the executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. (Board and Commissions appointments/reappointments). The motion to table passed on a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 P.M.

These minutes were approved by Angleton City Council on this the 10th day of December 2024.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Perez, TRMC City Secretary