



Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Fushille called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Paul Fushille, Chair

Hope Boatright

Kristy Caldwell (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)

Olivia Barnard

Christian Krueger

Thomas Lengel

Bryant Scheppler

Commission Members absent:

Tyson Joe

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Travis Crow

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

DSRP Manager Emily Nelson

Aquatics Manager Lina Daugvilaite

Community Event Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the Commission that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least nine (9) copies; if nine (9) copies

are not provided, the Commission will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the July 17, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to approve the July 17, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Boatright seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Commissioner Caldwell arrived @ 6:10 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to approve a professional services agreement with Halff and Associates, Inc. for the procurement of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan update. Presented by Andy Binz, PCS Director

Andy Binz presented this item. Presentation is on file.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright to approve of a recommendation to City Council to approve a professional services agreement with Halff and Associates, Inc. for the procurement of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan update. Commissioner Lengel seconded the motion which carried 7 to 0.

3. Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of a recommendation to City Council regarding the Rathgeber Natural Resources Park Vision Plan. Presented by Andy Binz, PCS Director

Andy Binz presented this item. Presentation is on file. Alan Mackey with RVI and Dan Brown with Malone-Wheeler were available to answer questions.

The following individuals spoke regarding Rathgeber Natural Resources Park concerns about traffic, park access, general parking/ADA parking area, noise, environmental impact, lack of community input, size and scope of project, and impact of neighboring properties:

Clark Fredrickson
Johnathan Fitzgerald, requested postponement of action on this item
Charlie Pitkin
Trudy Sietsema

Alan Hutchinson spoke in support of the Rathgeber Natural Resources Park project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard to approve of a recommendation to City Council regarding the Rathgeber Natural Resources Park Vision Plan. Commissioner Lengel seconded the motion which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

4. Discussion on Chairperson's appointment of Vice Chair to the Commission.

A motion was made by Chair Fushille to appoint Kristy Caldwell as Vice Chair to the Commission. Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

5. Discussion and reassignment of sub-committees to each of the City's Parks.

The Commission discussed vacancies and reassignments to sub-committees for City Parks. The following reassignments were made subject to change:

Charro Ranch Park

Commissioners Fushille & Lengel

Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Boatright & Lengel

Founders Memorial Park Committee

Commissioners Barnard, Scheppler, & Joe

Rathgeber Natural Resource Park

Commissioners Caldwell, Fushille, & Barnard

Sports & Recreation Park Committee

Commissioners Krueger, Scheppler, & Joe

Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Commissioner Caldwell

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

6. Parks & Community Services Director's Report

Andy Binz, PCS Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

7. Charro Ranch Park

Commissioners Fushille & Fougerat

8. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioner Boatright

9. **Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners Barnard & Wright
10. **Rathgeber Natural Resource Park**
Commissioners Caldwell, Fushille & Fougerat
11. **Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioners Cloutier & Krueger
12. **Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioner Caldwell

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

The Commission did not meet in Closed Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

September 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

October 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chair Fushille to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lengel seconded the motion which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.