



CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

MPR EVENT CENTER – 60 MORGAN'S POINT BLVD

To View the meeting go to: www.MorgansPointResortTX.com/YouTube

1. Call to Order, Invocation, & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Green called meeting to order at 6:00PM

PRESENT

Dennis Green

Dorothy Allyn

Jimbo Snyder

Pat Clune

Roxanne Stryker

Stephen Bishop

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance given by Scout Oliver Teegarden

2. Announcement and Citizen Comments

This is an opportunity for members of the public to suggest the addition of topics for discussion, or to address topics of interest, with the presentation limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will conduct themselves in an orderly and lawful manner. All speakers will be recognized prior to speaking and will announce their name and address to be included in the minutes. State law prohibits the Mayor and Members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law.

Andrea Hankins, 35 Tanyard, MPR TX 76513 - Complimented Council on how they are having citizens involved the City Manager hiring process. Also offered recommendations on what to research thoroughly on the resumes about each candidate. Voiced concerns about the new City Manager having too much power.

Stephanie Newell Candidate for District Attorney - Gave a brief introduction

a. Club and Organization Reports

3. Consent Agenda

All items under this heading are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion unless the Mayor or a Councilmember request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

Any item removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered immediately following the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

a. Approve 1-9-2024 Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes

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Motion made to accept 1-9-2024 minutes

Motion made by Allyn, Seconded by
Clune.

Voting Yea: Snyder, Stryker, Bishop

Passed

4. Committee Reports

a. EDC Report

N/A

b. Library Board Report

(Video 8:30)

Pam Robinson Mary Ruth Briggs Library Chairperson - February 29th meeting has been cancelled due to early voting using the Community Center. The February meeting on Therapy Dogs will be held in April. The March 28th meeting will be an interactive session with Barbara Wilson, of Wilson School of Art. The Library was able to donate 200 books to the Helping Hands Ministry in Belton Tx. For further details see the council packet or online recording.

c. Planning and Zoning Committee Report

See packet

d. Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Stephen Bishop, Parks & Recs Chairperson - advised their first Parks and Recs meeting and things are going well so far.

e. Ladies Auxiliary Report

See packet

5. Department Reports

a. Maintenance Department Report

See packet

b. Fire Department Report

(Video 15:50)

Taran Williams, Fire Chief - Addressed some comments made by a citizen. Ambulance service used by MPR has changed our response time/location from 6 minutes (2.73mi) to 11 minutes (5.53mi). See packet/video for further details.

c. Finance Department Report

See packet/attachment

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d. Marina Department Report

See packet

e. Water Department Report

Jesse Measles Utility Director – Water department passed TECQ requirements and thanks given to Katrice Jackson and his guys for their work. TECQ gave Jerry Word his updated license using his degree as a qualification.

Sam Evangelista, within his first two months, received his first water license.

Jordan Richards is now a Reserve Morgan's Point Resort Police Officer.

f. Code Enforcement Report

See packet

g. Police Department Report

See packet

6. Regular Agenda

a. Discuss and Consider - Approval of Resolution 2024.03 to appoint Leslie (Les) Minor to Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion to accept Resolution 2024.03 to appoint Les Minor with corrections

Motion made by Bishop, Seconded by Allyn.

Voting Yea: Snyder, Clune, Stryker

Passed

b. Discuss and Consider - Approval of Resolution 2024.04 to appoint Ted VanLier to EDC for 2-year term

Motion to accept Resolution 2024.04 to appoint Ted VanLier

Motion made by Snyder, Seconded by Stryker.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Clune, Bishop

Passed

c. Discuss and Consider - Bell County Short Term Rental ILA

Motion to accept Bell County Short Term Rental ILA

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Bishop.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Snyder, Clune

Passed

d. Discuss and Consider - ILA Amendment with Temple for water

No action needed at this time

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Interim City Manager, Uryan Nelson is working with the City of Temple to amend ILA

e. Discuss and Consider - FY23-24 Strategic Plan

Interim City Manager, Uryan Nelson advised there will be a Special Session February 19th in the Library to discuss and approve the strategic plan

Council agreed to time and place

f. Discuss and Consider - Ratification of action taken during the regular city council meeting of June 13, 2023, for Councilmember Allyn to work with the Finance Director to provide a shorter concise financial report for council packet

Motion to ratify action taken during previous council meeting designating Councilmember Allyn to work with Finance Director

Motion made by Snyder, Seconded by Stryker.
Voting Yea: Allyn, Clune, Bishop

Passed

g. Discuss and Consider - Police Department Staffing

(Video 27:55)

See attachment/video for further details

Motion to table Police Department staffing until after budget amendment discussion

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Allyn
Voting Yea: Snyder, Clune, Bishop

Tabled at 6:53 pm

(Video 1:00:00) 7:02 pm

Motion to accept Police Department Staffing

Motion made by Allyn, Seconded by Bishop.
Voting Yea: Snyder, Clune
Voting Abstaining: Stryker

Passed

h. Discuss and Consider - Ordinance 2024.01 Budget Amendments

Motion to accept ordinance 2024.01 Budget amendments with discussed changes

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Snyder.
Voting Yea: Allyn, Clune, Bishop

Passed

i. Discuss and Consider - City Manager Recruitment

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Motion to accept 2nd draft of brochure as discussed

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Snyder.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Clune, Bishop

Passed

Motion to accept schedule with changes to interview dates moving to the 11th and 12th or near the end of April

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Allyn.

Voting Yea: Snyder, Clune, Bishop

Passed

- j. Discuss and Consider - Road study

Interim City Manager, Uryan Nelson, gave update and clarification on timeline

No action taken

- k. Discuss and Consider - Resolution 2024.06 to approve Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$35,043 for radios under the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program

Motion to accept Resolution 2024.06 matching funds are not required at this time

Motion made by Clune, Seconded by Snyder.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Stryker, Bishop

Passed

- l. Discuss and Consider - Resolution 2024.07 to approve the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$9,350 under the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program

Motion to accept Resolution 2024.07, matching funds are not required at this time

Motion made by Stryker, Seconded by Bishop.

Voting Yea: Allyn, Snyder, Clune

Passed

It was agreed to begin the Executive Session now—City Manager Updates and Items for Future Agendas to be deferred and discussed at the February 19th Special Session.

7. City Manager's Updates

(Video 1:37:00)

See attachment

- a. Project Updates
- b. Website updates
- c. FM 2483 update

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- d. Audit Updates
- e. Comprehensive Plan Update
- f. Speed limits/Stop signs

Items for Future Agendas

Speed limits

Stop signs

Executive session

8. City Council Comments

9. Executive Session

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn, to discuss any items in executive (closed) session whenever permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:39 pm

- a. Pursuant to Section 551-071(a)

Discuss - Update on Litigation

10. Discussion of and possible action resulting from Executive Session.


No action taken

11. Adjournment

All items on the agenda are for discussion and/or action. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

Adjourned at 8:12 pm

I certify that a copy of the ___2/13/2024___ agenda of items to be considered by the Morgan's Point Resort was posted and could be seen on the City Hall bulletin board and Morgan's Point Resort website on the ___2/9/2024___ at 4:00PM and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours succeeding the scheduled time of the meeting. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 254-742-3206 for further information.


City of Morgan's Point Resort
Dennis Green, Mayor

Attest:



City of Morgan's Point Resort
Camille Bowser, City Secretary

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TO: CITY OF MORGAN'S POINT RESORT MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: URYAN NELSON – INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: UPDATE

DATE: 2/13/2024

CC: FILE

This memo acts as a high-level summary for your informational purposes. If you desire greater detail than is offered here, do not hesitate to contact me, or set up a meeting.

Personnel:

The communications and staff support position has been advertised. We received approximately 15 applications and sent out requests for additional information and writing samples from 5 of those applicants. At this time, we have received 4 responses. Interviews for those selected to move forward in the process will begin this week.

Website Updates:

Staff and volunteers continue to use our website to share information with the public and council. We are currently working to get a module added to our website that will allow citizens to submit and track the progress of work orders digitally. This will make our process more efficient and effective. We are also working to implement the council discussion board that was referenced at a previous meeting. This will give the council the opportunity to discuss items in a forum open to the public, which is not an official meeting, without violating the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I am also coordinating with our platform provider to get general information in our ordinances updated as well as establish a routing schedule or process to update our ordinances.

FM2483:

Staff participated in a kick-off meeting for this project with TxDOT on January 9th. During this meeting we discussed multiple items: timeline, staff requirements, other projects that may impact this project.

Currently staff are working on getting all necessary information completed for submission to TxDOT for a draft Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA), and getting Cary scheduled to attend the local government course that TxDOT requires someone on staff has attended. Following the receipt of the draft AFA we will have a better idea of the timeline and can report that information to the council as appropriate. This project must be under construction by October 2026 in order for funds not to lapse and be returned to the state. The TARGET let date

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(date for the project to be officially funded and work on the project be officially authorized) for this project is January 2025.

Audit Updates:

The trial balance for FY21 has been completed and the audit is moving forward. Barring any setbacks, we should expect to have our report no later than the March council meeting. If we receive the audit report prior to this time we can either have a special session for the audit or receive the report at the March council meeting.

Comprehensive Plan:

Staff continue to meet with Colliers Engineering on the Comprehensive Plan. At this time, we are reviewing all documentation they have drafted, and next steps will follow the Revised DRAFT Schedule below:

DRAFT Schedule presented at January Council meeting:

January 15 – 26: Draft Comprehensive Plan – Staff Review and Comments Received

January 30 or February 1: Steering Committee Meeting – Plan Overview

February 1 – 7: Steering Committee Comments

February 13: City Council Meeting – Plan Overview

February 13 – 21: City Council Comments

February 27: Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting – Plan Overview

February 27 – March 6: Planning and Zoning Committee Comments

March 7: Advertisement and Story Map Updated

March 8 – 22: Fifteen Day Public Comment Period

March 14 or 21: Drop In Open House Hosted by Steering Committee 5 PM – 7 PM at Event Center

March 26: Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing and Recommendation

April 9: City Council Adoption

Revised Schedule for February Council meeting:

January 30: Steering Committee Meeting - Plan Overview & Future Land Use Plan and Parks and Open Space Plan Discussion

January 31 – February 6: Received Additional Comments from Steering Committee

February 8: Staff Meeting - Steering Committee Comments and Plan Edits

February 13: City Council Meeting – Plan Status

February 15: Staff Meeting - Review Updates to Future Land Use Plan and Parks and Open Space Plan

February 21: Final Plan Submitted and Staff Review and Comments

February 27: Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting – Plan Overview

February 27 – March 6: City Council, Planning and Zoning Committee, Steering Committee Comments Received

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Speed Limits/ Stop Signs:

Following our conversations at previous meetings about the need to implement speed limits on some of the roadways, I have also received a few requests for stop signs through the city. At the March meeting I plan to bring forward and ordinance to adopt speed limits on all roads that are currently set at 30 mph by default. In addition, I plan to bring an ordinance to adopt stop signs at different locations in the city.

Moving Forward:

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As we continue to move forward, it is my intent to work with staff to start reviewing the accounting policy for the city, and over the course of the next few months, bring a DRAFT Financial Policy to council for feedback and possible adoption, if time permits. We will also start the process of developing the Fixed Asset Replacement Fund (FARF) and Critical Infrastructure Plan (CIP) for the city. This will allow for these items to be considered in upcoming budgets. Lastly, staff and I will start working on the budget, establishing dates for workshops, hearings, and for adoption of the next annual budget for MPR.

Chief Schuetze:

Expanding the police force in Morgan's Point Resort is a decision that warrants careful consideration, with justifications falling into several key categories. Firstly, performance measures highlight the need for additional manpower. With an increased officer presence, the department can better meet response time targets, ensuring swift assistance in emergencies. Research by the International Association of Chiefs of Police suggests that adequate staffing levels positively correlate with response times, thereby enhancing public safety and satisfaction. Moreover, a larger force enables officers to allocate more time to proactive crime prevention strategies, such as community policing initiatives and targeted patrols, which can contribute to a reduction in crime rates over time.

Secondly, addressing the specific context of Morgan's Point Resort, data on crime rates underscores the necessity for bolstered law enforcement resources. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program, the area has experienced a steady uptick in certain types of offenses in recent years, including property crimes and drug-related incidents. By adding a police officer position, the department can intensify its efforts to deter criminal activity and apprehend offenders, thereby fostering a safer environment for residents and businesses alike.

Furthermore, enhancing traffic safety constitutes a critical rationale for augmenting the police force. As traffic congestion and accidents pose significant concerns for the community, deploying an additional officer can facilitate more effective enforcement of traffic laws and regulations. Research published in the Journal of Safety Research highlights the impact of visible police presence on reducing speeding and other risky behaviors, leading to fewer accidents and injuries on roadways. By proactively addressing traffic safety issues, the department can mitigate potential harm and enhance overall quality of life for residents.

In conclusion, the decision to add a police officer position to the Morgan's Point Resort Police Department is multifaceted, with justifications spanning performance measures, crime rates, and traffic safety concerns. By evaluating these factors comprehensively, stakeholders can make informed decisions to allocate resources effectively and promote the well-being of the community.