



Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Bond 2024 Program Council Workshop

A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

C. City Council Workshop on the Bond 2024 Program

City Manager Peter Zaroni stated the purpose of this workshop is to get a consensus agreement for the recommended candidate project list for the Bond program to present to the community and stakeholders.

1. [24-0672](#) Bond 2024 Program Presentation

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topics: table of contents; vision; our progress - Navigation Blvd. before and after; Rodd Field Rd. before and after; Swatner Dr. before and after; Ayers St. before and after; Staples St. before and after; Laguna Shores Rd. before and after; Everhart Rd. before and after; Bond 2004-Bond 2022; Bond 2022 compared to Bond 2024; and 12 guiding principles for developing Bond 2024.

Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa presented information on the following topics: stormwater improvements historical analysis; stormwater improvements analysis; and FY 2024-2028 five year enhancement forecast.

Council Members, City Manager Zaroni, Assistant City Manager Young, and Assistant Director Hinojosa discussed the following topics: a recommendation to use general obligation bonds for stormwater to reduce rates; stormwater rates are tailored

to meet the City's operation needs; the purpose of street sweeping and impact on the environment; and a request to breakdown the proposed \$92 million allocated for streets into specific categories.

Assistant City Manager Young presented information on the following topics: proposed candidate projects categories; proposed candidate projects streets; citywide Lower Broadway St.; citywide North Beach drainage improvements; citywide Yorktown Blvd. (design only); District 1 Rand Morgan (design only); District 1 Sam Rankin (utilities only); District 2 South Staples Access Road; District 2 Alameda (construction only); District 2 Alameda (design only); District 3 Bear Lane (design only); District 3 Allencrest (design only); District 3 Schanen (design only); District 4 Holly (construction only); District 4 Graham Road (design only); District 4 Tara Estates subdivision; District 4 JFK Causeway improvements; District 5 Cimarron (design only); District 5 Acushnet (design only); District 5 Lipes (design only); District 5 Grand Junction (design only); District 5 Rodd Field extension (design only); District 5 Brooke (design only); and District 5 trail connectivity.

Council Members, City Manager Zaroni, Assistant City Manager Young, Director of Public Works Ernest De La Garza, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds, and Assistant Director of Engineering Services Ratna Pottumuthu discussed the following topics: how concrete will help with slope stabilization on the reconstruction of Lower and Upper Broadway; a concern that sidewalks in District 2 were not included in this presentation; a request to address Airline to Everhart Road, as well as Santa Fe Street; whether Type B funds can be used for Bear Lane reconstruction since it is a commercial street; and a request to add language in the bond package stating funding from one bond could be moved to another year for design and possible construction.

Assistant City Manager Young presented information on the following topics: proposed candidate projects parks; citywide Oso Golf Center; citywide Texas State Aquarium parking; District 1 Northside/Hillcrest Aquatic Center; District 1 Labonte Park expansion; District 1 Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park; District 2 Cole Park parking improvements; District 3 Greenwood Sports Complex; District 4 Commodores Park; District 4 Peary Place; District 4 Dimmitt Pier Boat Ramp (design); and District 5 Bill Witt Park improvements.

Council Members, City Manager Zaroni, Assistant City Manager Young, President & CEO of Texas State Aquarium Jesse Gilbert, and Assistant Director of Park Operations and Development Sergio Gonzalez discussed the following topics: the necessity of maintaining all current parks; economic development growth at the Texas State Aquarium; to consider using other funding sources for the Texas State Aquarium parking lot; a request for staff to provide an assessment of all baseball parks, along with basketball and tennis courts; a concern about the lack of conveying a status update regarding the Greenwood Sports Complex in that it is a community wide project; and to address St. Andrews Park trail maintenance.

Assistant City Manager Young presented information on the following topics:

proposed candidate projects public safety; District 3 Fire Station #8 and Fire Station #10; District 1 and District 4 Fire Station #9 and Fire Station #11; map of city fire stations; District 1 and District 5 police substations; District 2 police substations; and map of city police stations.

Police Chief Mike Markle stated that police district 5 substation is being added to assist with shorter routes for response and quicker access to substations for the community.

Assistant City Manager Young presented information on the following topics: proposed candidate projects facilities; District 5 Library and Community Center (design); map of City's Senior Centers; District 1 Heritage Park Historical facilities projects; rough proportionality; additional proposed candidate projects; \$75 million in additional proposed candidate projects; key dates for Bond 2024; current stakeholder meeting schedule; and recommendation.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: a desire to include sidewalk projects in the operating budget; a concern about the size of the bond package in that it may impact taxes; and the importance of implementing a sidewalk program.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:17 p.m