



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 11, 2022
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held in person and remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Present:

Greg Wharton, Mayor	Rick Van Dalen, Councilmember (via Zoom)
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem	Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary	Sarah Carroll, Councilmember

thus, constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith, City Manager and Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary, Village of The Hills and Luis Ozuna, Deputy Constable, and Tom Stiles, The Hills POA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. The Council convened to Executive Session at 9:04 A.M. and reconvened the open meeting at 9:30 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (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), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- Short Term Rental Enforcement

4. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Lake Travis Independent School District Measure B - Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Paul Norton provided the presentation for this item and answered questions from the Council.

- B. Homeowners United for Rate Fairness (HURF)

Dave Risser provided the presentation for this item and answered questions from the Council.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the September 22, 2022, Special City Council Meeting
- B. Finance/Treasurer's Report for September 2022

Regarding the Minutes of the September 22, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, Councilmember Sarah Carroll recommended removal of a sentence from item number 8 that was inadvertently included.

Treasurer Jim Nelson provided the Treasurer's Report advising that the preliminary end of year numbers show there is more revenue than expense for the year. There continues to be a surplus in the Franchise Fees and sales tax revenue just under \$100,000. He advised that the City is in excellent financial shape.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the consent agenda with the one recommended change to the minutes; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

7. REPORTS

- A. Law Enforcement

Deputy Constable Ozuna reviewed the written report. He recommended letting the residents know to make complete stops. He noted there was a small issue with parking around the main gate during drop off and pick up times, but it doesn't last very long. He also reported that he would be providing extra patrol on Halloween.

B. POA Liaison

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich reviewed her written notes as follows:

- Homeowners Open Forum: a dozen or more residents attended virtually, most spoke against having recently received violation notices for dead grass in lawns or tree trimming over roads.
- Committee Reports: Road Committee surveying road/tree conditions; Mark Wolstromer, Treasurer, questioned the Road Study financial numbers. Security Committee has received 7 bids for the guard contract for next year. Treasurers Report: current financials don't agree with final Grand Manors report along with trying to update the Reserve Study; roads are still the biggest cost.
- Board/Management Reports: Property Managers have sent out emails regarding past due assessments, they are getting bids for the posts and replacement of all needed signs and the painting of the crosswalks & walkways. (It was decided that the Board can vote on this by email.) President Report: in Executive Session, the Board reviewed past due assessments and voted to cut off RFID's when a \$500 limit is reached. They are still working to finalize conversion to PS Properties.
- New Business: The Board approved renewal of the contract to use the HOW VOTE NOW online voting site for the annual elections. They also approved the City request to close the Trophy Drive crossover for one hour on National Night Out.

C. MUD Liaison

There was no meeting held since the last meeting.

D. Club Liaison

Councilmember Van Dalen advised that residents should stay off of the golf courses during golfing hours.

E. Park Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported that Movie night was last week. The Youth Advisory Committee provided treats beforehand. Hills City Limits will be held on Sunday, November 6th from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. She thanked Jenny Foersterling for an excellent job. She noted that volunteers will be needed. Holidays in the Park will start shortly after Hills City Limits. She reported that Amy Wharton will be stepping down from her role as Chair of the Commission. She suggested transitioning the Commission to an Advisory Committee to the City Council.

F. Youth Advisory Commission Liaison

City Manager Smith reported that there was an outstanding turnout at the Trail of Treats event last week. The Diaper Drive will begin on October 20th and end on November 6th at HillsFest.

G. City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith reported on the following:

- National Night Out had an excellent turnout. The Good Neighbor Program has received a good response so far and she is pleased with resident volunteer interest. The Mayor asked to be added to the list.
- Staff are reviewing estimates and looking at the bridge piece for the Stillmeadow Cart Path project. Stephen is working with the contractor to get the quote.
- The office is closing tomorrow for clean-up of storage areas.
 - Stephen has been inspecting the maintenance of the park and managing the Brightview contract. He is reviewing the work and confirming that all areas are being taken care of. He is also working on correcting irrigation infrastructure. He is also managing the tree maintenance in the park and greenbelts. The prescription for the 8.5 acre Stillmeadow Greenbelt from the Fire Department has been received and he will be working on that.

H. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wharton reported that he will take the lead on exploring a municipal court for the Village. He also reported that there is a three-year time limit to spend the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) Funds and specific items recommended for funding will be brought to the City Council.

Councilmember Rick Van Dalen left the meeting at 10:37 A.M.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider appointing Ava Digebjerg and Trajan Koberg to the Youth Advisory Commission

The City Manager provided the report for this item.

Councilmember Carroll moved to appoint Ava Digebjerg and Trajan Koberg to the Youth Advisory Commission; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Councilmember Van Dalen was absent.

B. Discuss and consider Investment Policy and Strategy

The City Manager provided the report for this item. She pointed out that these funds are restricted.

Councilmember Nelson moved to bring CV ladder to the next meeting; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Councilmember Van Dalen was absent.

C. Report from the City Manager on completion of the Walking Trail VTH.003 project and approval of the project administration fee

City Manager Smith provided the report for this item. She advised the City project is complete and the POA will complete the striping and replace signs and poles. The Mayor suggested holding a ribbon cutting once the POA is done with their portion.

Councilmember Nelson moved approval of the project administration fee; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Councilmember Van Dalen was absent.

D. Discuss and consider the purchase of park picnic tables from T.F. Harper, a BuyBoard vendor

City Manager Smith provided the report for this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to approve the purchase of the picnic tables from T.F. Harper; Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Councilmember Van Dalen was absent.

E. Discuss and consider an additional over-65 tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

City Manager Smith provided the report for this item. She recapped the current exemptions. There are currently 452 eligible residents which would be approximately an \$8,700 impact to the General Fund if approved.

Mayor Wharton moved to increase the homestead for disabled veterans to the maximum amount allowed by law and for over-65 civilians and disabled persons from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and bring back an ordinance effective next year; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. Councilmember Van Dalen was absent.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

Items to be included on the next agenda.

A. HURF Funding Request

B. Review the unofficial ditch crossing at the park

- C. CV Ladder (Investment Policy)
- D. Amend Ordinance to change Parks and Recreation Commission to Advisory Committee
- E. Ordinance amendment for over-65 Tax exemption

10. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened to Executive Session at 11:14 A.M then reconvened the open meeting at 11:17 A.M. There was no reportable action.

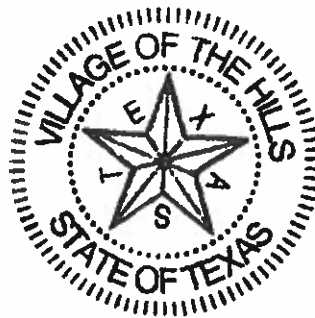
The Regular meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

Signed this 8th day of November 2022.



Greg Wharton, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary