

MINUTES
CITY OF MELISSA CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reed Greer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council members present were: Stan Mercer, Randy Kaiser, Dan Trott and Bill Farmer, and Sharon Weideman (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

Prayer was given by Dan Trott.

All in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Stan Mercer and seconded by Bill Farmer to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2009 council meeting and work session.

Vote: 4/0/0

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #1

Citizen Comments:

1. Dorothy McGrath
3106 McKinney Street (All American Cleaners & Embroidery Shop)
Melissa, TX 75454
Spoke on sign ordinance and difficulty getting sign approved.
2. Robert Halsell
Box 129
Pecan Gap, TX 75469
Spoke on his opposition to ITEM #5 – Consider and act upon an Ordinance granting a Specific Use Permit for the use of wood or similar construction material instead of masonry on a Habitat for Humanity construction at 1603 Plano Street.

ITEM #2

Collin County Commissioner Joe Jaynes presented the City of Melissa with a check for \$2,500 in Open Space Project Funding Assistance Grant for Bob Miller Park and a check for \$456,000 for Collin County's match for Melissa Road Improvements between SH 5 to SH 121.

ITEM #3

Motion was made by Dan Trott and seconded by Bill Farmer authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to purchase furniture for the City Hall facility in an amount not to exceed \$419,880.78.

Vote: 5/0/0

ITEM #4

Sharon Weideman recused herself from this item due to a potential conflict of interest. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filed with the City Secretary.

Mayor Greer opened a Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m., to hear concerns for or against granting a Specific Use Permit for the use of wood or similar material in place of masonry on a Habitat for Humanity home located at 1603 Plano Street, Melissa, Texas.

1. Celeste Faro, Executive Director
Northern Collin County Habitat for Humanity
701 S. Tennessee Street
McKinney, TX 75069
Spoke in favor of the ordinance.
2. Robert Halsell
Box 129
Pecan Gap, TX 75469
Spoke on his opposition to the ordinance.
3. Brian Umberger, President
Northern Collin County Habitat for Humanity
701 S. Tennessee Street
McKinney, TX 75069
Spoke in favor of the ordinance.
4. Sharon Weideman
4 Shady Bend Drive
Melissa, TX 75454
5. Don Parker, Secretary, Planning & Zoning Board
20 Trailridge Drive
Melissa, TX 75454

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

ITEM #5

Motion was made by Dan Trott and seconded by Stan Mercer to table any action on an Ordinance granting a Specific Use Permit for the use of wood or similar material in place of masonry on a Habitat for Humanity home located at 1603 Plano Street, Melissa, Texas. Council also instructed Staff to setup a special called meeting with the Planning & Zoning Board to allow Habitat for Humanity the opportunity to come back with additional historical architectural features to address the Historical Overlay District requirements.

Vote: 4/0/1 (Sharon Weideman recused herself)

ITEM #6

Mayor Greer opened a Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m., to hear concerns for or against granting a temporary variance for signage for Maria's Restaurant, 2705 McKinney Street, Melissa, Texas.

1. Louis Lesmes, Owner
2705 McKinney Street
Melissa, TX 75454
Spoke in favor of the temporary variance.

The public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

ITEM #7

Motion was made by Sharon Weideman and seconded by Randy Kaiser to approve the temporary variance for signage for Maria's Restaurant, 2705 McKinney Street, Melissa, Texas.

Vote: 5/0/0

ITEM #8

Motion was made by Randy Kaiser and seconded by Dan Trott to recess into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. in compliance with Section 551.001 et. seq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

551.071. Consultation with City Attorney regarding a matter(s) in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with the Open Meetings Act regarding:

- i. legal issues related to The Villages Chapter 380 Agreement; and
- ii. legal issues related to the City's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

551.074. Discussion regarding personnel matter related to the possible employment of a Melissa Industrial and Economic Development Director.

Vote: 5/0/0

ITEM #9

Motion was made by Dan Trott and seconded by Sharon Weideman to reconvene into open session at 10:29 p.m. No action was taken.

Vote: 5/0/0

ITEM #10

Motion was made by Sharon Weideman and seconded by Bill Farmer to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Vote: 5/0/0

Reed Greer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda P. Bannister, City Secretary