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OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE ADDISON CITY COUNCIL

March 23, 2021

**Work Session & Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

**Addison TreeHouse
14681 Midway Rd., Addison, TX 75001**

The Addison City Council conducted its Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Addison TreeHouse with a quorum of the City Council physically present. Limited seating for members of the public was available using CDC recommended social distancing measures. The Town utilized telephone and videoconferencing to facilitate participation in the meeting. Interested parties were able to make public comments and address the Council via emailed comments submitted to the City Secretary at iparker@addisontx.gov by 3:00 pm on the meeting day. Members of the public were also entitled to participate remotely via Toll-Free Dial-in Number: 877.853.5247; Meeting ID: 409.327.0683 Participant ID: #. Detailed instructions on how to participate in this meeting were available on the Town's website on the Agenda Page. The meeting was live streamed on Addison's website at www.addisontexas.net

Present: Mayor Joe Chow; Mayor Pro Tempore Lori Ward; Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Guillermo Quintanilla; Council Member Ivan Hughes; Council Member Tom Braun; Council Member Paul Walden; Council Member Marlin Willesen.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Chow called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Chow led the Pledge of Allegiance

WORK SESSION

1. **Present and Discuss Options for Completing the Sam's Club and Surrounding Areas Special Area Study.**

Ken Schmidt, Director of Development Services, presented this item. He provided background on the previous steps taken regarding the Sam's Club Special Area Study. Mr. Schmidt reviewed that the location is the area of land from the former site of Sam's Club and south from there along Midway Road. He advised that the study process began in 2013 and included the appointment of

an advisory committee and a study conducted by Strategic Community Solutions. Findings of the study were presented to the Council in December 2014 and again in March 2015. Council provided direction on the portion of the study area that was the former Sam's Club property.

Mr. Schmidt advised that since March 2015 the northern segment of the study area has experienced significant change through implementation of the Addison Grove Development and a fire that destroyed the Super 8 Motel. In November 2017 and again in October 2019, staff conducted work sessions with Council to seek input on how to best move forward with the unresolved elements of this study. Mr. Schmidt advised there is some renewed interest in redevelopment in this area. He also advised that policy updates have been adopted that include the Park and Trail Master Plan, Master Transportation Plan, and the 2017 Addison Housing Policy that may impact usage. The reconstruction of Midway Road is also a factor on redevelopment of the study area.

Mr. Schmidt presented three options for Council consideration. Option 1 is to receive public input and consider action on the existing study; Option 2 is to initiate a visioning process that considers and improves upon the existing study; and Option 3 is to not provide additional direction for this area and evaluate redevelopment opportunities as projects are proposed. Mr. Schmidt advised that staff is recommending Option 2, which may be a refinement of the current study or a major revision. Council could consider engaging the consultant team from the previous study that would include a project scope and a public involvement component, including an advisory committee.

Council Member Braun recommended expanding the study area further south along the same side of Midway Road due to the current circumstances existing for the Crown Plaza Hotel and a furniture store that is closed.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Quintanilla inquired about the status of the Addison Grove Development, and how the timeline for this study/redevelopment might coordinate with the phasing of the Trails Master Plan. City Manager Pierson advised that the multi-family component of Addison Grove is complete and occupied and the town homes are under development with robust sales. Council Member Hughes inquired if this would be considered a 20-year project. Mr. Schmidt responded that is possible, but the market will drive the timeline. Mr. Pierson added that with Midway Road being rebuilt redevelopment may be in the shorter term.

The consensus of Council was to move forward with Option 2 to include the expanded area as suggested by Council Member Braun. City Manager Pierson advised staff will bring back a contract approval and a discussion regarding an advisory committee possibly in April.

2. Present and Discuss an Update from Oncor Regarding their 2021 Winter Storm Response and the Redding Trail Project.

Note: This item was presented prior to Item #2.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company's (Oncor) Customer Service Executive Tiffany Richmond introduced Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jim Greer, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Debbie Dennis and Senior Vice President Dallas Customer Operations

Charles Elk who were present to provide an overview of the power outage situation that occurred during the February 15th storm event.

Jim Greer reviewed that Oncor provides the delivery and transmission system for electric power. He explained the loss of electric supply from electric generators and high demand prompted ERCOT (need to add back the full name if cut above) to implement their emergency action plan. ERCOT directed some power shutdown rotations (load shedding.) He advised that at the peak of the event, ERCOT directed Oncor to shed 20,000 megawatts of load to ensure grid stability, and Oncor implemented its response accordingly. Oncor was ultimately directed to shed more than 7,200 megawatts of load, which was approximately five times as large as the last load-shedding event in 2011. At its peak, this impacted approximately 1.3 million customers in Oncor's service area. Rapid response by Oncor and other transmission and delivery companies ensured grid stability and avoided a potential blackout of the entire ERCOT system. Mr. Greer added that the magnitude of load shed made it impossible to employ limited-duration rotating outages and reduce enough load to balance the system, leaving some Oncor customers without power for an extended time. He noted that critical locations such as hospitals and 911 call centers were not included in the outage rotation.

Debbie Dennis advised that Oncor's technology and call centers during this event were overwhelmed. She advised Oncor is currently reviewing what they can do differently in the future in such situations and reviewed the following:

- 1) Industry's general approach to managing and responding to load shed events of this magnitude.
- 2) Continued collaboration with gas industry regarding their electrical needs.
- 3) Better understanding the priorities of our cities regarding water systems and facilities.
- 4) Developing analytics programs and processes that better help identify "other" outages occurring during load shed events.
- 5) Better communication with customers as to new information received from ERCOT, timelines for restoration, and changing grid and operational conditions.
- 6) Helping customers identify opportunities for reducing load during emergency events (e.g., downtown dimming).

Discussion followed as to how residents and other customers could be identified as "critical care customers". Ms. Dennis advised that the Public Utility Commission requires that a process be in place for a customer to submit a form saying they are a critical care customer. She advised this does not guarantee the customer will always have their power on, but it does protect the customer from disconnection for lack of payment, and it is important for restoration of power for the residence or business is considered critical care. She added that those customers are advised to also have a back up plan in the event of a power outage. Critical load areas such as 911 call centers, sewer lift stations, and water pump stations are identified to help Oncor prioritize restoration areas.

City Manager Pierson expressed his appreciation to the Oncor representatives for their efforts. He also expressed, as did Mayor Chow, that whatever information Oncor can provide to the Town during such an event would be helpful so that the Town can communicate with its residents.

Tiffany Richmond provided an update on the transmission tower replacement project currently underway at the Redding Trail. She reviewed the intended and actual schedule, saying that they are approximately six months behind. She advised that completion should be in approximately four weeks.

REGULAR MEETING

Announcements and Acknowledgements regarding Town and Council Events and Activities

Discussion of Events/Meetings

Public Comment: *The City Council invites citizens to address the City Council on any matter, including items on the agenda, except public hearings that are included on the agenda. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing starts. Citizen comments are limited to **three (3) minutes**, unless otherwise required by law. To address the Council, please fill out a **City Council Appearance Card** and submit it to a staff member prior to the Public Comment item on the agenda. The Council is not permitted to take any action or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may choose to place the item on a future agenda.*

City Secretary Parker advised that no citizens had requested to address the City Council via telephonic means.

Consent Agenda: *All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion with no individual consideration. If individual consideration of an item is requested, it will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately.*

3. **Consider Action to Approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.**

MOTION: Council Member Willesen moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 3 as submitted. Council Member Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Items

4. **Present and Discuss the Addison Police Department's 2020 Annual Report.**

Chief of Police Paul Spencer presented this item. He reviewed that there is a change in the methodology used for crime reporting. Beginning in 2020 Addison Police began using the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) rather than the previously used Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. NIBRS was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. It captures details on each single crime incident as well as on separate offenses that may have occurred during the same incident. NIBRS also captures additional data on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders,

arrestees, and property. Gang activity and use of computers in the commission of crimes is also documented. Chief Spencer explained that having this additional information helps law enforcement to better define the resources needed to fight crime. Chief Spencer explained that in addition to collecting additional details on crimes, NIBRS collects that data on more offenses than UCR. For example, UCR collected data on ten offenses and NIBRS collects data on 52 offenses.

Chief Spencer advised that due to the different types of data that was collected prior to 2020, the NIBRS data collected in 2020 reflects a higher number of offenses however, he explained that Addison's crimes have not increased exponentially. City Manager Pierson advised that the Police Department will prepare the 2020 offenses in the UCR format for comparison. The information will be provided to Council and posted on Addison's website.

Chief Spencer reviewed the data collected in 2020 under the NIBRS format that categorizes the offenses in two groups: Group A which is Crimes Against Persons, Property and Society, and Group B which is Other Offenses. He provided the number of these offenses, the number of offenses cleared and the clearance rates.

Chief Spencer provided an overview of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on offenses and Police activity during 2020. He explained how traffic stops and major crimes were lower, while some minor offenses increased. Discussion followed as to crime prevention measures that residents might take to help reduce crimes such as thefts from vehicles. It was also suggested to publish such information on the website.

Chief Spencer provided an overview of the 2020 Goals and Objectives accomplished and the 2021 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Chow adjourned the meeting.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

Joe Chow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irma G. Parker, City Secretary