

THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND JOINT FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

The Town Council met in a special meeting and work session with the following members present:

Jean Levenick	Mayor Pro Tem
Michael Walker	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Bryan Webb	Councilmember Place 2

The following members were absent:

Tom Hayden	Mayor
Steve Dixon	Councilmember Place 4
Mark Wise	Councilmember Place 3

And the following Environmental Conservation Commission members present:

Craig Bromley	Place 1
Russell McNamer	Place 3
Marilyn Lawson	Place 4
Alton Bowman	Place 5
Joe Haver	Place 7
Carol Kohankie	Place 8, Alternate
James Gerber	Place 9, Alternate
Christopher Baca	Place 10, Alternate

With the following members absent:

Ellen Stallcup	Place 2
Jennifer Romaszewski	Place 6

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott	Town Secretary
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager
Debra Wallace	Assistant Town Manager/CFO
Matthew Woods	Executive Director of Environmental Services
James Hoefert	Environmental Review Analyst
Brandon Bammel	Environmental Review Analyst

A. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Levenick called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

E. REGULAR ITEM

1. Interview Board and Commission candidates (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. estimated)

G. CLOSED MEETING

The Town Council to convene into closed meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551, including, but not limited to, Sections 551.074 to discuss matters relating to personnel, as follows:

- a. Discuss and consider resignations, appointments, interviews, or evaluations for the following boards or commissions: Board of Adjustment/Oil & Gas Board of Appeals, Community Development Corporation, and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Town Council convened into closed session at 5:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for Planning and Zoning Commission candidates and reconvened into open session at 5:40 p.m.

No action taken.

F. BOARDS/COMMISSIONS (Executive Conference Room)

Discuss and consider resignations, appointments, interviews, or evaluations for the following boards or commissions: Animal Services Board, Environmental Conservation Commission, Parks, Arts and Library Services Board, Public Arts Committee, SMARTGrowth Commission, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number One (TIRZ #1), and Transportation Commission.

Town Council reconvened into open session at 5:40 p.m. and conducted interviews in the Executive Conference Room for Parks, Arts, and Library Services candidates.

No action taken.

H./I. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING AND CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Levenick adjourned the special meeting at 6:00 p.m. and opened the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

B./C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Mr. Stathatos gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Levenick led the pledges.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation for DFW Solar Tour

Mayor Pro Tem Levenick recited the DFW Solar Tour proclamation and Mr. Jay Squyres accepted it.

J. WORK SESSION ITEM

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed sustainability initiatives recommended by the Environmental Conservation Commission.

Mr. Woods gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- Background information
- Objective

ECC Chairman Joe Haver continued the presentation by identifying or noting:

- Overview of the original plan
- Scope of work involved by the ECC members
- Plan components:
 1. Land use and urban forestry
 - Prioritized initiatives
 - Identify land for preservation
 - Program to manage/maintain small natural areas for preservation
 - Conduct a Town-wide tree canopy analysis
 - Conduct a Tree Ordinance review specific to the current mitigation requirements
 2. Water conservation and Stormwater management
 - Prioritized initiatives
 - Promote and adopt enhanced drought tolerant landscaping practices at Town facilities
 - Enhance and distribute the Stormwater Management Program brochure, educational material, and social media information
 3. Recycling
 - Prioritized Initiative
 - Enhance recycling awareness/education through Town publications, programs and research LISD and multi-family options
 4. Education and Advocacy
 - Prioritized initiatives
 - Utilize utility bill inserts, FMTV environmental shows/segments, and links for environmental topics
 - Promote and conduct environmental classes at the Library or on location
 5. Green Building
 - Prioritized initiative
 - Evaluate and include LEED guided design principles for new Town projects as an option during project bid processes
 - Timeline

Mr. Haver, Mr. Woods, or Ms. Wallace responded to questions from Council as follows:

- Update related to the status on some items
- What are the next logical steps

- When would the canopy analysis be done
- What were the changes in the tree ordinance from 2001 to 2008
- What is currently planned for the Library landscaping
- How are municipalities incentivizing the private sector to build green

There was discussion by ECC members and/or Council related to:

- Canopy analysis
- The Town's Tree Ordinance and timing of past updates
- Stormwater management and the education component associated with that
- What is being done by the Town related to stormwater management
- Lights at ball fields remaining on long after teams are done
- Cost associated with audits for energy conservation
- Recycling options being non-existent for commercial establishments, including churches and schools
- Green waste

There was consensus and direction by Council to ECC to move forward with the 12 initiatives as outlined, and more specifically:

- Start looking at the land use and urban forestry elements and come back to Council with additional input
- The Town should set an example at Town owned facilities and medians with plant materials that are drought and heat/cold tolerant
- Continue with the educational component related to stormwater management, including brochures, educational material, and social media information
- Get back in touch with Waste Management to present a plan option for green waste, as well as what recycling options are available for commercial accounts, including schools.

Councilmember Webb requested Council obtain legal input related to the legalities of identifying land for preservation to better understand any negative impacts related to perceived values of property.

K. ADJOURN WORK SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Levenick adjourned the work session at 7:33 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014, and all were in favor.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS



JEAN LEVENICK, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



HERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY