



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

5:00 PM

1611 Pfennig Lane

Worksession

Public comment will be allowed in person at the Regular Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the worksession to order at 5:00pm. Mayor Pro Tem Doug Weiss and Councilmembers Ceasar Ruiz, Kimberly Holiday, Jim McDonald, and David Rogers were in attendance. Councilmember Rudy Metayer was not in attendance.

City staff in attendance: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; James Hartshorn, Deputy City Manager; Emily Barron, Assistant City Manager; Thomas Hunter, Assistant City Manager; Trista Evans, City Secretary; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Jason O'Malley, Police Chief; Jeff Dunsworth, City Engineer; Jeremy Frazzell, Planning and Development Services Director; Flip Romero, Communications Director; Cassie Balderas, Public Information Officer; Evan Groeschel, Operations Director.

2. Discuss Only

2A. [RES-1144](#) Discussion regarding the proposed Transit Development Plan Study.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Mr. Frazzell introduced the Transit Development Plan. James Gamez with Nelson Nygaard Consulting reviewed the existing conditions and reviewed the needs for transit. Mr. Rogers asked about how limited local employment impacts low transit demand. Mr. Gamez provided information. Mr. Gamez reviewed the previous Pickup program and the current Pfetch a Ride whose usage has steadily increased. Mr. Gamez reviewed community outreach and answered questions about vouchers for the Pfetch a Ride program.

Mr. Gamez discussed the market-based approach to transit needs and reviewed potential transit operations. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked for more information about microtransit. Mayor Gonzales asked about having the city operate a transit vehicle. Mr. Frazzell stated that it could be evaluated. Mr. Rogers stated there are places where bus systems work in more populated areas. Mr. Frazzell discussed next steps and answered questions about Pfetch a Ride.

2B. [2023-0791](#) Discussion regarding the 2020 General Obligation Bond Transportation and Parks projects.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Giancarlo Patino with Freese and Nichols discussed the 2020 Transportation Bond update and provided an overview of the projects. Mr. Patino reviewed the street segments and the schedule. Mayor Gonzales asked about the feasibility of the schedule.

Mr. Dunsworth discussed the 2020 Parks bond update and reviewed the projects status. Mr. Dunsworth reviewed parks and amenities throughout the city. Mr. McDonald discussed 1849 Park competition versus practice fields and discussion followed regarding use of fields. Mr. Dunsworth reviewed some constraints such as floodplain and drainage. Mr. McDonald asked about signage in the parks and asked for monarch waystations to be noted.

Odalys Johnson with Quiddity reviewed the 2020 Parks bond construction cost and program schedule. Mr. Rogers asked what is driving overages in cost. Ms. Johnson stated it has a lot to do with increase in general construction costs. Mr. McDonald stated he did not want to fall into value engineering and to make sure these are long lasting. Mr. Rogers discussed schedule difficulties. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss discussed concerns about having four projects in construction at the same time. Mr. Dunsworth provided information about contractors and staff for that stage.

2C. [2023-0736](#)

Conduct a presentation from Allegiance Mobile Health.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Amanda Baum, Regional Vice President of Operations with Allegiance discussed the timeline of Allegiance service in Pflugerville, locations stationed in the city, and general operations. Mr. Rogers asked about where a patient is taken after pickup. Ms. Baum provided information and discussed trauma ratings of hospitals. Mr. Ruiz discussed a personal experience with Allegiance and discussion followed. Ms. Baum provided an overview of the services over the year. Mr. McDonald asked for information about where Narcan has been used. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked for response times on high acuity calls. Mr. Ruiz discussed stories he has heard about responses. Ms. Baum provided information and answered questions from council. Mayor Gonzales discussed emergency medical services in general. Mr. McDonald asked about Medicaid and discussion followed regarding insurance.

2D. [2023-0672](#)

Conduct a presentation from Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc.

Mayor Gonzales opened the item for discussion. Richard Tow with Waste Connections reviewed concerns and challenges with completion of routes and pick up of bulk items. Mr. Tow discussed an application to allow residents to put in their own requests for bulk pickup and answered questions from council about missed pickups. Mr. Tow discussed replacement of cart delays and provided information about why some items may not be picked up. Mayor Gonzales discussed some trucks leaking fluid. Mr. Tow provided information about increasing mechanics on staff. Mayor Pro Tem Weiss asked about regaining service in areas just outside of city limits. Mr. Tow provided information.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the worksession at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Evans, City Secretary

Approved as submitted on September 26, 2023.