



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final - Draft

City Council

Thursday, May 21, 2020

6:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Special Meeting (Telephone/Video Conference)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council will conduct this Meeting by telephone/video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the COVID-19. There will be no public access to the location described above.

This Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://pflugerville.legistar.com>

This telephonic/video meeting will be hosted through WebEx.
Meeting Link: <https://pflugervilletx.webex.com/pflugervilletx/onstage/g.php?MTID=e784c7cb5f36c96e4f891aaeed6ae844a>

Meeting Code/Number: 967 644 092
Dial-in number: (US toll): +1-408-418-9388

Public comment will only be allowed via telephone/video conference. All speakers must register to speak at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting. All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting under the public comment item. Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start in order to speak. Written comments may also be submitted 2 hours in advance of the meeting.

To register to speak or to submit written comments, please email citysecretary@pflugervilletx.gov at least 2 hours in advance of the meeting.

A recording of the telephone/video meeting will be made and will be available to the public upon written request.

The meeting will be available live for viewing on PFTV on the City website: <https://www.pflugervilletx.gov/city-government/communications/pftv>

1. Call to order

Mayor Pro Tem Omar Peña called the special meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Councilmembers Doug Weiss, Jeff Marsh, Rudy Metayer, Mike Heath and Jim McDonald were in attendance. Mayor Gonzales joined the special meeting at 6:12 p.m. The special meeting was held by telephone/video conference. City employees attending: Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Trey Fletcher, Assistant

City Manager; James Hartshorn, Assistant City Manager; Amy Giannini, Assistant City Manager; Megan Santee, Assistant City Attorney; Karen Thompson, City Secretary; Gwen Holford, Digital Content Web Specialist; Maggie Holman, Public Information Officer; Shane Mize, Parks and Recreation Director; Sheila Wiora, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Rhonda McLendon, Animal Welfare Services Director; Jessica Robledo, Police Chief.

2. Public Comment

Registration for Public Comment was taken in advance of the meeting until 4:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Peña read written public comment submitted by residents of Villages of Hidden Lake: Gary Gaiffe, Terri Hoffman, Dorren Chaput and Michael Loeffler in support of opening Lake Pflugerville and from Willa Cockshutt, resident of Northtown MUD area, in support of opening public facilities to include playgrounds. Page Vandiver, resident of Villages of Hidden Lake, spoke in support of opening Lake Pflugerville.

3. Discuss and consider action

- 3A. [2020-8425](#) Discuss and consider action regarding the reopening of Lake Pflugerville.

There was Council discussion on the item. Mr. Metayer confirmed with Ms. Breland that the Villages of Hidden Lake is not in the city limits and they do not pay property taxes to the City. Mayor Gonzales suggested opening the trail at Lake Pflugerville as a first step. He stated that he agrees with keeping the amenities closed. Mr. Weiss asked about the open areas. Ms. Breland noted that enforcement is the issue, that only trespassing can be enforced. Mr. McDonald stated concern for putting the community and staff at risk by opening the day before Memorial Day weekend. He stated that he thinks they need to discuss an opening strategy. Mayor Gonzales stated that he is only suggesting opening the trail. Mr. McDonald stated that they had discussed this previously and talked about that there is no way to provide controls partially. Mr. Metayer stated that this is not the most opportune time to consider this, the day before Memorial Day weekend. He asked what opening the trail would look like and what controls they would put in place. Council discussion followed with Ms. Breland. Mayor Gonzales suggested opening the trail after Memorial Day on May 26 or May 27. Mr. McDonald stated that he is in support of opening on June 16. Mr. Marsh stated that whether they open the trail or not, staff will have to be ready, because people will go out there on Memorial Day weekend. He suggested being ready to go on Saturday. Mr. Weiss stated that he thinks that they have a date (June 15) and a plan in place. He stated if they do not want to enforce restrictions, they should open the whole thing. There was continued Council discussion with Ms. Breland.

Mayor Gonzales made a motion to open the trail at Lake Pflugerville with precautionary provisions to encourage the necessary safety during this COVID-19 period. Mr. Heath seconded the motion. Mr. Weiss asked to include the date that it would be open. Mayor Gonzales stated as of Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mr. Heath seconded the motion. There was further discussion. The vote was: Mr. Weiss- no, Mr. Marsh-yes, Mayor Pro Tem Peña-yes, Mr. Metayer-yes, Mr. Heath-yes, Mr. McDonald-no, Mayor Gonzales-yes. The motion carried. Mayor Gonzales provided comments on responsible use and stated this would be only for use of the trail.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the special meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson
City Secretary

Approved as _____ on June 9, 2020.