

NOTICE OF
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS
PROVIDENCE VILLAGE TOWN HALL
1745 F.M. 2931
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011
7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:

Mayor Roberson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Town Council members present were Alderman Eddie Army, Alderman Lisa Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem Earnest Law, and Alderman Mike Thompson. Alderman Mark McCullough was absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. United States Flag
- b. Texas Flag:
 - i. Honor the Texas Flag I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible

III. INVOCATION

Lenny Ramos with Edge Fellowship led the invocation.

IV. OPEN FORUM:

Open Forum is for information only. The Council can take no action. No charges and/or complaints will be heard against any elected official, appointed official or employee of the Town unless presented in writing as prescribed in Chapter 22, paragraph 22.043 of the Local Government Code. Speaking time will be limited to three (3) minutes.

**Please note* Anyone wishing to furnish the Town Council with copies/handouts regarding their item of interest must provide 9 copies and present them to the Town Secretary for distribution to the Town Council.*

There were no requests to address the Town Council. Alderman Army moved to close open forum; Alderman Garcia seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

V. WORKSESSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS/STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Monthly Reports from Committees: Communications, HOA, Water, Ordinance, Finance and Law Enforcement

Communication Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Law reported on the induction of MailChimp and explained how it worked. Currently there are 16 subscribers who receive email updates from the Town.

HOA Committee – Nothing to report.

Water District Committee – Alderman Garcia reported that Chief Star answered questions relating to building improvements and further reported that budget issues were discussed.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Law reported that items would be addressed later in the agenda.

Finance Committee – Alderman Garcia reported on progress of amendments to 2011-2012 FY budget.

Law Enforcement Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Law announced that negotiations were currently ongoing for additional law enforcement coverage over the New Year’s Eve weekend.

- b. Staff Reports

Town Secretary provided written report.

Code Enforcer provided written report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Law motioned to close the committee and staff reports; Alderman Garcia seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Items are considered self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless so requested by at least one member of the Town Council.

- a. Minute Approval: 11/14/11 Regular Session
- b. Treasury Report
- c. Pay Bills
- d. Approve Purchase Orders

Alderman Garcia motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider, discuss and act upon ordinance amending Ordinance 2011-25, which designates the schedule of fees to be applied to permits, licenses, services, and programs provided by the Town of Providence Village.

Discussion regarding inspection fees and ordinance designed for the protection of the residents. Fee structures are designed to recoup the cost of providing services.

Alderman Garcia motioned to approve the ordinance amending Ordinance 2011-25; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- b. Consider, discuss and act upon ordinance to tax personal property in transit otherwise exempt.

Mayor Roberson provided a brief overview of the necessity of the ordinance to preserve future taxing authority on personal property in transit.

Alderman Garcia motioned to close the Town Council regular session meeting and open a public hearing forum; Alderman Thomson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- c. Public hearing on ordinance to preserve future taxing authority on personal property in transit.

Mayor Roberson opened Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. Philip Mack Furlow read aloud the ordinance to preserve future taxing authority on personal property in transit. Mayor Roberson opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak for or against the ordinance. Michael Jordan stated that he objected to the approval of the ordinance based on his belief that if the State was eliminating a tax, then it must be a bad idea to keep the tax. There were no further requests to address the Town Council, Alderman Garcia motioned to close the Public Hearing and reconvene Town Council regular session meeting; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Mayor Roberson reconvened Town Council regular session meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Alderman Garcia motioned to approve the ordinance preserving future taxing authority on personal property in transit; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- d. Consider, discuss and act upon resolution establishing an expenditure policy and providing for the fiscal management of the Town of Providence Village.

There was discussion regarding the need for resolution to allow payment of standard monthly expenditures for Town Hall operations without delay seeking approval from Town Council. There was further discussion regarding approval levels and requirement that expenditure and available funds must be in approved budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Law motioned to approve the resolution establishing expenditure policy; Alderman Army seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- e. Consider and discuss ordinance establishing historical landmark and district zoning ordinance.

Lengthy discussion regarding planning and zoning committee and other requirements for landmark and zoning ordinances. No further action will be taken at this time.

- f. Conduct public hearing on ordinance establishing historical landmark and district zoning ordinance.

No public hearing held. Item tabled.

- g. Consider, discuss and act upon reschedule and/or cancellation of December 26, 2011 Town Council meeting in lieu of the Christmas Holiday.

Alderman Garcia motioned to approve the cancellation of the December 26, 2011 Town Council meeting; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- h. Discuss legal and administrative status involving CCN transfer from Providence Village Water Control and Improvement District to Mustang Special Utility District.

Mayor Roberson announced that this would be discussed in Executive Session.

- j. Identify agenda items to be discussed at future meeting.

Amendment to 2011-12 FY Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Law motioned to close Town Council regular session meeting and convene into Executive Session; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Mayor Roberson closed Town Council regular session at 7:53 p.m. and convened into Executive Session.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council will convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to seek the advice of the Town Attorney or other legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney(s) to the Town under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Alderman Army excused himself from the Executive Session.

Alderman Garcia made a motion to close Executive Session and reconvene into Town Council regular session; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried by majority: 2 in favor, 1 against.

IX. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION


a. Consider and act upon items discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Roberson closed Executive Session and reconvened Town Council regular session at 8:32 p.m. with no action required.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Garcia motioned to adjourn the Town Council meeting; Alderman Thompson seconded. Motion carried, 3 in favor, 0 against.


Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Brian D. Roberson
Mayor, Town of Providence Village, Texas

1/9/12

Date Minutes Approved



Connie Hansen
Town Secretary

1/9/12

Date Minutes Approved

