



# City of Keller

## City Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

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#### **COUNCIL MEMBER DINNER 4:30 P.M.**

#### **PRE-COUNCIL MEETING 5:00 P.M.**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Pat McGrail**

Mayor Pat McGrail called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:11 P.M.

The following City Council Members were present:

Mayor Pat McGrail

Council Member Mitch Holmes

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks (arrived at 5:18 P.M.)

Council Member Sheri Almond

Council Member Beckie Paquin

Council Member Tag Green

Council Member Chris Whatley was absent.

The following City staff members were present: City Manager Mark Hafner, City Secretary Kelly Ballard, City Attorney Stan Lowry, Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, Director of Administrative Services Aaron Rector, Director of Public Works Alonzo Liñán, Director of Community Development Julie Smith, Human Resources Director Kandace Tappen Lesley, Interim Police Chief Tracy Talkington, and Fire Chief David Jones.

#### **B. DISCUSS AND REVIEW AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Council discussed and reviewed the agenda items.

#### **C. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pat McGrail recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:23 P.M. so that the City Council could conduct an Executive Session in accordance with State Law.

1. **Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**

**a. abortion regulations**

2. **Adjourn into Open Meeting.**

Mayor Pat McGrail adjourned the Executive Session and the Pre-Council Meeting at 7:04 P.M.

3. **Action on Executive Session Item 1 if necessary.**

No action was taken.

## **D. WORK SESSION**

1. [Review the City's Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Core Values and Decorum Policy.](#)

City Secretary Kelly Ballard and Public Information Officer Rachel Reynolds gave a presentation relating to the City's Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Core Values and Decorum Policy.

The City Council agreed to move forward with the changes to the City Council Procedures and Decorum Policy as discussed:

**Mission Statement:**

We commit to preserving a safe, informed and vibrant community of quality neighborhoods, thriving businesses and natural beauty by setting the standard for engagement, collaboration, service and innovation.

**Vision Statement:**

Keller will be the premier community in which to live, work, play and invest by balancing big-city comforts with small-town charm

**Core Values:**

Excellence: Commit to exceptional service and continuous improvement

Integrity: Earn the public's trust with every decision and action

Service: Work with consideration and compassion in service of others

Creativity: Foster, inspire and empower innovation

Communication: Deliver open, engaged and responsive public service

The City Council also reviewed the proposed Public Comment Card and City Council Quick Guide. It was agreed to utilize asterisks with the opposition note on the front of the Public Comment Card, and that the last sentence of the third paragraph on the back-side

should be changed to: "You may choose instead to provide ten (10) printed copies of your materials to City Council."

2. [Discuss Old Town Keller Phase II Project.](#)

Administrative Services Manager Sarah Hensley gave an overview presentation relating to the Old Town Keller Phase II project. Discussion was held by the City Council.

City Council directed staff to begin work on the first set of projects, identified as "Step I," of the Old Town Keller Phase II project.

Step I will include development of Bates Park, installing a pedestrian hybrid beacon at Bates St. to allow for the safe crossing of U.S. Hwy. 377 on foot and the full reconstruction of Bates St. between Hwy. 377 and Elm St. into a "festival" street. Step I would also include design work for the eventual reconstruction of Elm St. and the side streets between Hwy. 377 and Elm St. south of Keller Parkway as well as a pedestrian walkway connecting the side streets. The first step is anticipated to cost approximately \$5.465 million that would be paid in cash from a variety of funding sources.

## **E. ADJOURN**

### **REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pat McGrail**

Mayor Pat McGrail called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:16 P.M.

#### **B. INVOCATION**

Pastor Dave Bream, Hillside Community Church, gave the invocation.

#### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pat McGrail led the pledge to the United States Flag and the pledge to the Texas Flag.

1. Pledge to the United States Flag
2. Pledge to the Texas Flag - "Honor the Texas Flag: I pledge allegiance to Thee, Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible."

#### **D. PRESENTATIONS**

1. [Receive the Community Waste Disposal Annual report.](#)

Mr. Greg Roemer, President, Community Waste Disposal, presented the Community Waste Disposal Annual report.

2. [City preparedness on public health issues.](#)

Fire Chief David Jones gave a presentation relating to City preparedness on public health issues.

## E. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

This is a time for the public to address the City Council on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak.

Mr. Matt Keller of Keller, Texas; Mr. Rich DeOtte, of Southlake, Texas, and Mr. Ryan Roberts of Keller, Texas, expressed their opinions on abortion and their desire for Keller to be a sanctuary city for the unborn.

Mr. Phil Door of Keller, Texas, expressed his concerns with current City Council decisions and actions.

## F. CONSENT

The next order of business was for the City Council to consider the consent agenda items, which were deemed to need little to no discussion, and were acted upon as one business item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Tag Green, seconded by Council Member Mitch Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 4, which was acted upon as a separate item. The motion carried unanimously.**

1. [Consider approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.](#)

Approved

2. [Consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 4210 dated January 21, 2020, calling the General Election for Mayor, City Council Place 5, and City Council Place 6 for the City of Keller, to be held on May 2, 2020, as set forth by the Charter and the Texas Election Code.](#)

Resolution No. 4214

3. [Consider a resolution rejecting the bids for the Playful Puppy Sculpture Plaza, for the Public Arts Program, and authorizing the City Manager to re-advertise the bid on behalf of the City of Keller, Texas.](#)

Resolution No. 4215

4. [Consider a resolution approving a contract with Keller Farmers Market to conduct a recurring farmers market at Bear Creek Park; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related thereto on behalf of the City of Keller.](#)

Due to her association with the Keller Farmers Market, Council Member Sheri Almond recused herself from this item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Tag Green, seconded by Council Member Beckie Paquin, to approve Resolution No. 4216 approving a contract with Keller Farmers Market to conduct a recurring farmers market at Bear Creek**

Park; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related thereto on behalf of the City of Keller. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYE:** 5 - Mayor Pat McGrail, Council Member Mitch Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks, Council Member Beckie Paquin, and Council Member Tag Green

**RECUSED:** 1 - Council Member Sheri Almond

5. [Consider a resolution amending the City of Keller Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Core Values, and Tag Line.](#)

Resolution No. 4217

6. [Consider a resolution approving an amendment to the City Council Procedures and Decorum Policy; and establishing an effective date.](#)

Resolution No. 4218

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS - None**

#### **I. DISCUSSION – None**

#### **J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was not held during the Regular Meeting.

1. **Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**

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2. **Adjourn into Open Meeting.**
3. **Action on Executive Session Item 1 if necessary.**

#### **K. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Council Member Mitch Holmes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sean Hicks, to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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