

CITY OF ROSENBERG

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

On this the 28th day of October, 2014, the City Council of the City of Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas, met in a Special Workshop Session, in the Rosenberg City Hall Council Chamber, located at 2110 4th Street, Rosenberg, Texas.

PRESENT

Vincent M. Morales, Jr.	Mayor
William Benton	Councilor at Large, Position 1
Cynthia McConathy	Councilor at Large, Position 2
Jimmie J. Pena	Councilor, District 1
Susan Euton	Councilor, District 2
Dwayne Grigar	Councilor, District 3
Amanda Barta	Councilor, District 4

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Gracia	City Manager
Scott M. Tschirhart	City Attorney
Linda Cernosek	City Secretary
Jeff Trinker	Executive Director of Support Services
Joyce Vasut	Executive Director of Administrative Services
Travis Tanner	Executive Director of Community Development
Angela Fritz	Executive Director of Information Services
Tonya Palmer	Building Official
Wade Goates	Fire Chief
Jeremy Heath	Assistant Economic Development Director
Kaye Supak	Executive Assistant

During a City Council Workshop, the City Council does not take final action on the agenda items and any consideration of final action will be scheduled at a Regular or Special City Council Meeting. Public comments are welcomed at Regular or Special City Council Meetings. No public comments will be received at a Workshop Meeting.

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE "DANGEROUS BUILDINGS" ORDINANCE, AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO DIRECT STAFF.**

Executive Summary: This item has been included to allow City Council an opportunity to discuss possible revisions to the "Dangerous Buildings" Ordinance, and to direct staff accordingly.

Key discussion points:

- Robert Gracia, City Manager asked Scott Tschirhart, City Attorney to provide information regarding the item for discussion.
- Scott Tschirhart explained that Chapter 54 of Texas Local Government Code should be followed in these cases. Chapter 54 affords the City civil penalties up to \$50,000 a day and a determination by the courts that a building is something that needs to be torn down.
- After discussion by Council, Mayor Morales reiterated that Code Enforcement needs to follow all the Chapter 54 guidelines and once that has been done, if further cooperation is not achieved, then it is filed in District Court.
- As clarification, Scott Tschirhart stated that at that point an Executive Session should be held to allow Council to discuss whether to go to District Court.
- No action was taken on the item.

2. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL STAGGERED TERMS AND THE ORDER OF POSITIONS FOR ELECTION, AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO DIRECT STAFF.**

Executive Summary: This item has been included to allow City Council to hold discussion regarding staggered terms and the order of positions for election.

Key discussion points:

- Scott Tschirhart, City Attorney provided Council with examples for staggered terms and the orders of positions for election. Discussion has been held with LULAC.
- After a lengthy discussion, the general consensus of the Council was to have three (3) year staggered terms for a term limit of two (2) terms of six (6) maximum total years of service. After the six (6) years of contiguous service, the mayor or council member must sit out for one (1) term of three (3) years before running again for any position including Mayor or City Council Member.
- The At Large Position 1 and the position of Mayor will run on the ballot with Council Districts 1 and 2.
- No action was taken on the item.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Mayor Morales adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Linda Cernosek, TRMC, City Secretary