

CITY OF ROSENBERG

EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On this the 1st day of June, 2016, the City Council of the City of Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas, met in an Emergency Session, in the Rosenberg City Hall Council Chamber, located at 2110 4th Street, Rosenberg, Texas.

Present: Cynthia A. McConathy, Mayor
William Benton, Councilor at Large, Position 1
Jimmie J. Pena, Councilor, District 1
Susan Euton, Councilor, District 2
Lynn Moses, Councilor, District 4

Absent: Amanda J. Barta, Councilor at Large, Position 2
Lisa Wallingford, Councilor, District 3

Staff Present: Linda Cernosek, City Secretary
John Maresh, Interim City Manager
Joyce Vasut, Executive Director of Administrative Services
Travis Tanner, Executive Director of Community Development
Charles Kalkomey, City Engineer
Tonya Palmer, Building Official
Lori Remington, Human Resources Director
Dallis Warren, Police Chief
Wade Goates, Fire Chief
Justin Jurek, Fire Marshal
Darren McCarthy, Parks and Recreation Director
Randall Malik, Economic Development Director
Rigo Calzoncin, Public Works Director
Steve Trevino, Interim Director of Technology
Jenny Pavlovich, Communications Manager
Kaye Supak, Executive Assistant
Danyel Swint, Executive Assistant
Tracie Dunn, Assistant Police Chief
Angelia Hayes, Municipal Court Administrator

Call to order: City Hall Council Chamber
Mayor McConathy called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Consideration of and action on Resolution No. R-2162, a Resolution consenting to the extension of the Declaration of Disaster issued May 28, 2016; extending the local state of disaster in the City of Rosenberg, Texas, due to the threat to public health and safety as result of the recent flooding, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolution No. R-2162 is an extension of Declaration of Disaster in the City of Rosenberg. As per Resolution No. R-2162, the continuation of the imminent threat to the public health and safety as a result of the devastating flooding requires an extension of the Declaration of Disaster which was signed on May 28, 2016. According to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, City Council must consent to the extension of the Declaration of Disaster before the expiration of the seven (7) day period.

Per the City Attorney, Resolution No. R-2162 extends the Declaration of Disaster to remain in effect for the next thirty (30) days or until July 1, 2016, or such date thereafter as the City Council may authorize by subsequent

extension.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2162.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Dallis Warren, Police Chief and Emergency Management Officer, stated that on May 28, 2016 the Mayor issued a Declaration of Disaster that called for a Mandatory Evacuation effective Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. This Mandatory Evacuation called for the evacuation of all properties north of River Road, adjacent to the river and all properties south of Baker Road, adjacent to the river; and North Rosenberg: all properties on the north side of the railroad tracks from 5th Street to 8th Street (west to east) and from the Brazos River to Avenue B (north to south).
- Dallis Warren provided the Council with a map of the evacuation areas shown in gray.
- On May 31, 2016 the evacuation areas were extended to include West Street and Mulcahy Street: north of Avenue D, due to water inundation in those areas.
- Dallis Warren reported the Brazos River is currently at 54.65 feet. There are 182 homes in the evacuation homes and at least 30 homes inundated with water. There are two businesses north of the Brazos River under water. There will be a full assessment of the area later in the day and there most likely will be more homes affected by the water. The Emergency Management Operations (EOC) is preparing to transition from a response to a recovery phase; however, the big unknown is the pending rain and flash floods predicted for this weekend and will depend on how much rain we get.
- River Road Assessment: There are some structures under water; monitoring the area; roads and access are open to the area.
- Baker Road Assessment: the roads are closed; no known structures with water; access is cut off in those areas.
- West Street and Mulcahy Street Assessment: water on the roadway, no water in the houses at this time.
- Between Avenue B and the river and from 5th to 8th Street: multiple roads and homes under water.
- 7th Street to 8th Street: There is no access to the homes. The Fire Department has been removing the people that want to leave their homes.
- Jenny Pavlovich, Communications Manager, reported that there has been a lot of media press staged at 5th Street and Avenue C. Jenny Pavlovich advised that all media correspondence should be directed to her for consistency of the information.
- Councilor Euton clarified that the road going across the Brazos River overpass (FM 723) and Highway 90A (underpass) is closed.
- Dallis Warren reported they are working with the State to prevent traffic from entering the roads that are closed due to high water. At this time the roads closed are FM 723 between Highway 90A and FM 359 to prevent traffic from entering that area. The other issue is the water is backflowing up into the Highway 90A underpass. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has rerouted traffic at Highway 36 and Highway 90A at Spur 10 and rerouted traffic around town.
- Councilor Pena asked if the electrical power was shut off at the Lift Station at Avenue B and 7th Street.
- John Maresh reported that the Lift Station at Avenue A at the corner of the park, and the Lift Station at Avenue B were beginning to be submerged on Sunday, May 29, 2016 and the power was turned off and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) was notified.
- Dallis Warren clarified that the transmission lines are high and not in any danger at this time.
- Dallis Warren clarified that Highway 90 is closed at Harlem Road.
- Dallis Warren clarified that the areas shown in gray on the map handout have water and homes with water in those areas.
- Dallis Warren has a patrol vehicle at 6th Street and Avenue E, but the patrol vehicle may have to respond and leave for a short while, but the public is restricted access to those areas.
- John Maresh clarified there are no issues with the potable water system at this time. There are two sanitary sewer lift stations submerged. The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant 1A's primary equipment and maintenance have been relocated and are restricted to access. The Public Works and Fleet Departments have been relocated and are operating at other facilities.
- Dallis Warren clarified that the residents that return to their residential homes must have proof of residency that they belong in the area.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant 1A is inaccessible but the plant is operable. The Fire Department has been providing a boat for the Si Environmental operators to reach the plant.
- Councilor Benton mentioned that since Dry Creek drains into Smithers Lake and into the Brazos River, he hopes that Dry Creek does not back up. John Maresh stated there is ample capacity in the channel from the City to Smithers Lake, so hopefully, there will be no issue with this.

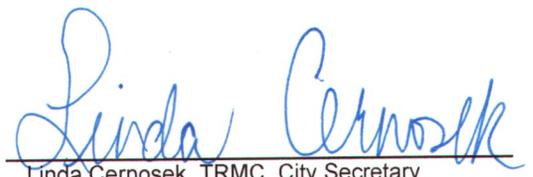
ACTION

Motion by Councilor at Large, Position 1 William Benton, seconded by Councilor, District 4 Lynn Moses to approve Resolution No. R-2162, a Resolution consenting to the extension of the Declaration of Disaster issued May 28, 2016; extending the local state of disaster in the City of Rosenberg, Texas, due to the threat to public health and safety as a result of the recent flooding, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code.

Vote: 5 - 0 Carried - Unanimously

2. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor McConathy adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.


Linda Cernosek, TRMC, City Secretary