



**MINUTES
MANOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING & WORKSHOP
201 E. PARSONS
MANOR, TEXAS 78653
April 11, 2012, 7:15 P.M.**

Council Members Present:

Mayor, Jeff Turner
Place 1, Jim Hooker
Place 2, Gil Burrell (Mayor Pro-Tem)
Place 3, Rita Jonse
Place 4, Danny Scarbrough
Place 5, Rebecca Davies
Place 6, Stacia Forsythe

City Staff Attending:

Steve Shanks, City Manager
Lydia Collins, Finance Director
Tom Bolt, Development Services Director
Michael Tuley, Public Works Director
Robert Snyder, Chief of Police
Ralph Fisher, Lieutenant

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner at 7:20 p.m. who announced that a quorum of the City Council was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITOR AND CITIZEN'S FORUM

Ms. Kathy Phillips signed up to speak on Agenda Item #3.

Mr. Lee Shaaf signed up to speak on Agenda Item #2.

CONSENT AGENDA

- None

REGULAR AGENDA (discussion and action items)

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Council Member Burrell's suggestion that the City establish and maintain a wrecker service and vehicle impound yard.

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Council Member Burrell requested and was granted the floor to read a prepared statement which summarized his intent that the Council be made aware of this possibility and discuss it. He further stated that he believed a maintenance and impound yard facility would enhance City growth and revenue. In closing, Council Member Burrell noted that the Owner of K&S Towing of Austin has offered to buy a new wrecker and dedicate its use to the Manor area if the City would enter into an exclusive five-year contract with his company.

Manor resident, Lee Schaaf, addressed Council with his concerns that the City, if considering this option, look at contract services in lieu of City-owned. Mr. Schaaf further commented that maintenance needed to be done on the RR crossing at Bastrop St. He noted potential vehicle damage. Front end alignments and associated costs.

Chief of Police, Robert Snyder, addressed questions from Council regarding the City's previous experience with a City impound yard and the effect it may have on current City resources.

The Council took no action on this item. Council Member Burrell's written statement was submitted for record.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Council Member Burrell's suggestion that the City no longer enforce City Codes relating to mowing and upkeep of property within the City limit.

Council Member Burrell requested and was granted the floor to read a prepared statement that explained the Agenda Item, as posted, did not reflect his intent.

Council Member Burrell stated his opinion that City Ordinance #158 was copied from Austin's ordinance and was, once again, being used to penalize the citizens of old Manor. He noted that several citizens have recently received violation notices that state they are facing a possible property lien or a \$2,000 fine. Mr. Burrell made further comments regarding issues with maintenance of ditches in front of Old Manor area homes and noted a sense of selective enforcement in this area of Old Manor.

Council Member Burrell closed by asking the Council to review the Ordinance and reduce the possible fines.

Manor Resident, Ms. Kathy Phillips, declined her opportunity to address Council after hearing Council Member Burrell's explanation of his intent with the agenda item.

After a public discussion of the topic presented, Council Member Burrell made a motion that the City suspend enforcement of Ordinance #158 while the Council considers revisions to this ordinance. No second was made and the Council took no action on

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Council Member Burrell's motion. Council Member Burrell's written statement was submitted for record.

4. Presentation by BLGY Architects on the proposed Manor City Hall Building Project and the estimated construction costs.

No action taken regarding the new City Hall building. It will be discussed further during the Workshop and future council meetings.

WORKSHOP SESSION WITH CITY STAFF (discussions only, Council will take no action during the workshop session)


City Council and the City's Management Staff will hold informal discussions in a workshop setting that may include any of the following topics:

- Strategic Goals
- City Facilities & Resources
- Communications & Media
- City-wide event(s) – planning, coordination, resources, and/or notifications
- Economic Development
- Tourism
- Marketing and/or public relations
- "Town Hall" format meetings
- Forming Strategic Alliances
- Committees and Boards
- Future Workshops
 - **City Manager, Steve Shanks, asked the Council to consider a date for the next workshop so they could set it at the April 18th Council meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Forsythe to adjourn. Council Member Scarbrough seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Jeff Turner adjourned the Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Steve Shanks, City Manager



Jeff Turner, Mayor