

On this the 20th day of June, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, convened in a regular session in the Commission Chamber in City Hall, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the following members being present and in attendance, to-wit:

Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 Reyna Ruiz, Commissioner Place One
 Clint Savoini, Commissioner Place Three
 James Stow, Commissioner Place Five
 Rocky Bhakta, Commissioner Place Six
 Steve Bartels, City Manager
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 Audie Sciumbato, City Attorney

Absent: Angie Alonzo, Commissioner Place Two
 Mark Collier, Commissioner Place Four

Jim Steiert was in attendance from the Hereford Brand to witness the proceedings.

Also, in attendance were Assistant City Manager/Fire Marshal Dean Turney, Finance Manager Wade Hawkins, Officer Anthony Lopez, and Mary Rita Soliz.

Mayor Bunch voiced the invocation and then called upon Commissioner Savoini to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and introduced each item on the agenda.

REGULAR HEARING:

ITEM 1 – Consider approval of minutes for the May 16th, 2022 Regular Meeting and the June 2nd Special Meeting.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(Mayor Bunch opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 2 – Consider request to rezone property (Ordinance No. 06.20.22) located at 209 Knight from “R-2” Two-Family District to “MF” Multi-Family, Apartment, and Condominium District. (Requested by Mary Rita Soliz).

ORDINANCE NO. 06.20.22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1193, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD REZONING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "R-2" TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "MF" MULTI-FAMILY, APARTMENT, AND CONDOMINIUM DISTRICT

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 06.20.22 rezoning property located at 209 Knight from "R-2" Two-Family District to "MF" Multi-Family, Apartment, and Condominium District. Commissioner Ruiz seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

(Mayor Bunch closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.)

REGULAR HEARINGS:

ITEM 3 - Consider approval of request for extension of water service outside city limits for property located at 1391 S. Kingwood (located on the city line at Block K-3, Section 81, Tr #1). (Requested by Johnny and Griselda Garza.)

Mayor Bunch noted this is for property located across from the new soccer field.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to approve the request from Mr. & Mrs. Garza for extension of water service outside city limits for property located at 1391 S. Kingwood. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4 - Hear report from Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

Interim HEDC Executive Director Hawkins reported on the following:

- Whiteface Aviation
- Advanta Seed
- Hwy 60 property / appraisal
- Dr. Sturgeuss

ITEM 5 – Consider approval of Hereford Economic Development Corporation’s agreement with Whiteface Aviation.

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 6 – Consider approval of re-appointment of Angie Alonzo as one of City’s representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board.

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to re-appoint Angie Alonzo to serve another two-year term as one of the City’s representatives on the Hereford Area Tax Abatement Board. Commissioner Ruiz seconded and the motion passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 7 – Consider approval of re-appointment of David Tiemann and Janie Duque as members of the City of Hereford’s Building Code Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to re-appoint David Tiemann and Janie Duque as members of the City of Hereford’s Building Code Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a four-year term. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 8 – Consider approval of request for extension of water service outside city limits for property located at S. Kingwood (located on the city line at Block K-3, Tracts #6 & #9). (Requested by Emmanuel Cepeda.)

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve the request from Emmanuel Cepeda for extension of water service outside city limits for property located at S. Kingwood (located on the city line at Block K-3, Tracts #6 & #9). Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 9 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 06.20.22 of the City Commission of the City of Hereford, determining that an area of the city contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and constitutes a slum/blighted area.

City Manager Bartels explained this resolution is necessary in order to apply for the Down Town Revitalization grant; the City Commission must determine the need for it. He noted he does not like the wording “slum/blight”; the need is to improve those areas, especially the sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO. 06.20.22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, DETERMINING THAT AN AREA OF THE CITY CONTAINS CONDITIONS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND CONSTITUTES A SLUM/BLIGHTED AREA.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Hereford has reviewed and evaluated conditions in the designated Downtown District area of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has found conditions which are detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare of the community within the designated Main Street area, as follows:

The sidewalks in the area designated below in the City of Hereford’s Downtown District do not meet public safety standards and guidelines as they are deteriorated and dilapidated due to age and do not provide safe and adequate access necessary for the disabled and senior citizens to the downtown area. Additionally, parts of this area contain old and insufficient lighting.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Hereford has authorized an application for funding under the Downtown Revitalization program, as follows:

The project will construct sidewalks, ADA ramps, curb and gutter, and associated appurtenances on the East and West side of Main Street from East 1st Street to East 2nd Street in the City of Hereford’s Downtown District in order to provide adequate ADA accessibility and meet public safety standards.

WHEREAS, these project activities will aid in the elimination of slum/blight in the community by meeting safety standards to provide adequate access for the disabled and senior citizens to the downtown area through sidewalk construction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS THAT THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES TO BE A SLUM/BLIGHTED AREA.

Boundaries:

North: East 5th Street
 East: Sampson Street
 South: East 1st Street
 West: Miles Avenue

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Cathy Bunch
 Cathy Bunch, Mayor
 City of Hereford, Texas

Attest:

/s Suzanne Finch
 Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
 City of Hereford, Texas

Commissioner Bhakta made the motion to approve Resolution No. 06.20.22. Commissioner Stow seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 10 - Consider approval of Resolution No. 06.20.22A of the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program and authorizing the city manager to act as the city's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the TXCDBG Downtown Revitalization Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 06.20.22A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Hereford desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low/moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Hereford to apply for funding under the Texas Community Development Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEREFORD, TEXAS:

1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for the Downtown Revitalization Program is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the City with the Texas Department of Agriculture.
2. That the City's application be placed in competition for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program.
3. That the application be for \$500,000.00 of grant funds to carry out this sidewalk and ADA improvements project.
4. That the City Commission directs and designates the following to act in all matters in connection with this application and the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Program:
 - The City Manager and Assistant City Manager shall serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to execute this application and any subsequent contractual documents;
 - The City Manager and Assistant City Manager are authorized to execute environmental review documents between Texas Department of Agriculture and the City; and
 - If this application is funded, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and City Secretary are authorized to execute the Request for Payment Form documents and/or other forms required for requesting funds to reimburse project costs.
5. That all funds will be used in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and programmatic requirements including but not limited to procurement, environmental review, labor standards, real property acquisition, and civil rights requirements.
6. That it further be stated that the City of Hereford is committing at least \$75,000 from its General Fund as a cash contribution toward the construction, engineering and administration activities of this sidewalk and ADA improvements project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Cathy Bunch
Cathy Bunch, Mayor
City of Hereford, Texas

Attest:

/s/ Suzanne Finch
Suzanne Finch, City Secretary
City of Hereford, Texas

Commissioner Savoini made the motion to approve Resolution No. 06.20.22A. Commissioner Bhakta seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 11 - Consider cancellation of regular City Commission meeting set for July 4th, 2022.

Commissioner Stow made the motion to cancel the regular City Commission meeting set for July 4th, 2022. Commissioner Savoini seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous vote of the Commission.

ITEM 12 – Announcements and comments from Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Savoini praised the City’s effort to fence off the Spicer Gripp arena area – really nice and it will help the community.

ITEM 13 – Announcements and comments from City Staff.

City Manager Bartels stated it is a great deal for Spicer Gripp and the City of Hereford and he appreciated the comments – a lot of hard work went into it.

City Manager Bartels noted there will be no fireworks show and as of now fireworks are banned in this county and the officers are patrolling to try to keep the fire hazard down.

ITEM 14 – Public Comments.

Mary Rita Soliz thanked the City Commission for their approval of her rezoning request and noted it is in keeping with the philosophy of growing Hereford.

There being no further business before the Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Savoini, seconded by Commissioner Bhakta, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.