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VENUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Venus Council Chambers
103 West 3rd Street
Venus, Texas 76084

Monday, January 13, 2020, 7:00 PM

Regular Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Announcements from Mayor:**
Cell phones are to be turned off or placed on vibrate/silent only. No conversation or comment from the audience is permitted unless specifically called upon by the Mayor. Please remain respectfully quiet.
- III. Citizen Public Comment Period:**
Citizens may sign up before the meeting begins and will be allowed up to 5 minutes to address the Mayor and Council. No personal attacks on any elected official or city employee will be allowed. The Mayor, Council members and staff members may not respond or converse with speakers during this time. The comments from the speaker must be in the form of a statement. By State law, no questions may be asked or answered for items not appearing on the agenda.
- IV. Presentations and Proclamations:**
Staff Reports
 - Public Works Director-Andy Wolfe
 - Police Chief-James Groom
- V. Public Hearing:**
Conduct a public hearing to consider testimony regarding a proposed amendment to (a) the comprehensive plan of the City and (b) the Zoning Ordinance and Map to rezone an approximate 0.64 acre tract of land, located at 307 S. Walnut, from its current Residential District classification to a Planned Development District.
- VI. Consent Agenda:**
All matters listed under consent agenda have been previously discussed, require little or no deliberation, or are routine by the council. If discussion is desired, then an item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. Otherwise, approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Administrator to implement each item in accordance with staff's recommendation.

1. Approval of minutes from December 9, 2019.
2. Ratifying the payment of bills for the month of December.

VII. Items for Consideration:

1. Discuss and act upon a request from the Planning & Zoning Commission for authorization of the Commission to begin the process of updating the City's comprehensive plan, beginning with issuing a Request For Proposals (RFP) from professional consulting firms to facilitate the process and recommending a consulting firm to conduct a thorough analysis and final official Comprehensive Plan, with said recommendation based on value of the proposal, not necessarily the lowest bidder.
2. Discuss and act upon a Resolution authorizing and directing the City to establish a bank account pursuant to a Development Agreement with Miskimon Management I, LLC.
3. Discuss and act upon an Ordinance annexing the hereinafter described territory known as being a portion of Ellis CAD ID 180458, generally located south of Highway 2258 and west of FM 157 and being an approximate 148.37 acre tract of land situated in the J. Bateman Survey, Abstract 103, Ellis County, Texas, extending the boundary limits of the City so as to include the described property, and adopting a Service Plan.
4. Discuss and act upon an Ordinance (a) amending the comprehensive plan of the City and (b) amending the Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map, to rezone an approximate 0.64 acre tract of land, located at 307 S. Walnut, from its current Residential District classification to a Planned Development District.
5. Discuss and act upon a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venus setting the date, time, and place for public hearings on the proposed annexation of certain property by the City of Venus, Texas: Johnson CAD Property ID 126.0093.00035, located at 700 W. Hwy 67, and being an approximate 1.39 acre tract of land; and the proposed annexation of the portion of Hwy 67 adjacent to said territory; and authorizing and directing the City Secretary to have published notice of such public hearings; and directing the preparation of a service plan.
6. Discuss and act upon a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venus, Texas calling a Special Election to be held within the city on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to submit a proposition to reauthorize a Quarter Cent Sales Tax for Street Maintenance; making provision for the conduct of the Special Election; providing for other matters related there to; and providing an effective date.
7. Discuss and act upon a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venus, Johnson and Ellis Counties, Texas, ordering a General Municipal Election to be held jointly on Saturday, May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing a three (3) City Council members, (Place 3, 4, and 5) to the Venus City Council; approving the Joint Election Agreements with the Venus Independent School District; designating the location of the polling places; providing early voting information; providing mail ballot request information; ordering notices of election to be given as prescribed by law in connection with such election.
8. Discuss and act upon approving a contract between the City of Venus and Ellis County Elections Office to hold and preform the duties as described in the contract for the City of Venus Saturday, May 2, 2020 Election for the Ellis County portion of the City of Venus.

X. Executive Session:

The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, pursuant to authorization by the Texas Open Meetings Act TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Chapter 551.071 (Private consultation with attorney for the city), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), 551.087 (economic development), 418.183 (homeland security).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

Texas Gov't Code § 551.071

1. Consultation with attorney regarding personal communications and the Texas Public Information Act.
2. Consultation with attorney regarding *Johnson County, Texas v. The City of Venus, Texas*, Cause No. DC-C202000015, Johnson County, Texas.

Texas Gov't Code §§ 551.074, 551.074

1. Discuss and consider the conditional offer extended to the selected candidate for the City Administrator position.
2. Discuss and consider candidates for the City Administrator position.

IX. Reconvene into Open Session - *In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Open Session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.*

X. Adjournment

This is to certify that a copy of this Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin of City Hall, 700 W Hwy 67 Venus, Texas and at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times and to the City's website www.cityofvenus.org, no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Andy Wolfe, Interim City Administrator

If you plan to attend the public meeting and have a disability, please make the request at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting if possible. To make arrangements call (972) 366-3348 and leave a message if it is after hours or email awolfe@cityofvenus.org. Thank you.

Date Posted: _____