

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
6:30 PM

Mayor Terri Brown called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Terri Brown, District 3

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1

Amy Ware, District 4

Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2

Vernia Calhoun, District 5

Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Rohr, City Manager

Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney

Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent

Debbie Manuel, Interim Finance Director

Eric Powell, Public Works Director

Mallori James, Tourism & Cultural Arts Director

Jasmine Rios, Communications Coordinator

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director

Nikki Smith, City Secretary/Payroll Accountant

Veronique Ramirez, Main Street Manager

Len Ames, Police Lieutenant

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Councilmember Calhoun

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to table items 10A and 10B. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

68. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Susan Chamberlin, 1501 Deborah Drive, spoke in opposition of Item 10A.

69. ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item C was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

70. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the March 25, 2021 Regular meeting.

B. Street Sweeping Activity Report.

D. Monthly Financial Report.

E. Report on 2020 Program Year CDBG-COVID Funds and activities.

PROCLAMATION

71. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL.

Mayor Brown read a proclamation declaring the month of April as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month".

PUBLIC HEARING

72. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2021 INCLUDING NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Fabio Angell, Community & Economic Development Director, presented the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2021 including Neighborhood Improvement Program. He stated total funding available for the program year is \$318,418.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE

73. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 "ZONING ORDINANCE" CREATING A HISTORIC SUB-DISTRICT WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN AREA; AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR THE CITY OF MARSHALL; ADDING CHAPTER 32 SECTION 20.17 DESCRIBING THE AREA, INTENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO THE SUB-DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH ORDINANCE.

Mark Rohr, City Manager, highlighted the steps being made to accomplish goals of the Mobilize Marshall Plan.

Fabio Angell presented an ordinance amending provisions of Section 32 "Zoning Ordinance" creating a historic sub-district within the downtown area; amending the zoning district map for the City of Marshall; adding Chapter 32 Section 20.17 describing the area, intent and design standards specific to the sub-district; providing for penalties; providing for publication and establishing an effective date for such ordinance. He stated the Historic Landmark Preservation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission and Main Street Board all recommended approval by the following votes; 5:0, 6:0 and 7:0, respectively.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

Tony Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, Acting Chair of the Landmark Preservation Board, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Susan Chamberlin, 1501 Deborah Drive, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Mayor Brown closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to approve an ordinance amending provisions of Section 32 "Zoning Ordinance" creating a historic sub-district within the downtown area; amending the zoning district map for the City of Marshall; adding Chapter 32 Section 20.17 describing the area, intent and design standards specific to the sub-district; providing for penalties; providing for publication and establishing an effective date for such ordinance. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

ORDINANCE

74. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ANIMALS AND FOWL" SECTIONS 4-19 THROUGH 4-25.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, asked for approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Animals and Fowl" Sections 4-19 through 4-25. He highlighted updated and new sections of the ordinance.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to table the ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Animals and Fowl" Sections 4-19 through 4-25. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

75. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Debbie Manuel, Interim Finance Director, asked for approval of an ordinance amending the 2021 Annual Budget.

Mark Rohr stated this ordinance will allow the City to advance to the second level of the Mobilize Marshall Plan and provide for an additional \$250,000 for street improvements.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to table the ordinance amending the 2021 Annual Budget.

The Council engaged in further discussion.

Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote:

**Ayes: 4, Council members Abraham, Fenton, Calhoun and Morris
Nays: 3, Mayor Brown, Council members Bonner and Ware**

RESOLUTIONS

76. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING CHATTEL SLAVE REPARATIONS & APOLOGY FOR CHATTEL SLAVERY IN MARSHALL, TEXAS.

This item was tabled.

77. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROMOTING THE CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS BY OUT THE BOX PRODUCTIONS, ERIC WILLIAMS.

This item was tabled.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

78. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2021 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

Fabio Angell asked for approval of the Community Development Block Grant 2021 Program Year Annual Action Plan.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant 2021 Program Year Annual Action Plan. Councilmember Ware seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

79. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF RE-OPENING COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC

Mark Rohr, City Manager, stated this item is on the agenda for the Council to discuss re-opening meetings to the public.

Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Abraham made a motion to approve re-opening Council meetings to the public effective May 13, 2021 with safety guidelines and protocols in place. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

80. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE 200 BLOCK OF N. WASHINGTON REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Eric Powell, Public Works Director, asked for approval of Change Order #2 to the 200 Block of N. Washington Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$9,357.41 to remove concrete vault top and modify masonry walls at 216 N. Washington Ave. in order to comply with ADA specifications regarding sidewalk slopes.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Change Order #2 to the 200 Block of N. Washington Redevelopment Project. Mayor Brown seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

81. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

C. Municipal Court Activity Report.

Councilmember Calhoun stated her reasons for pulling this item.

Leland Benoit, Court Administrator, stated the Court will have a modified opening under OCA directives and dockets are scheduled for May 5th, 12th, and 25th.


Council members asked questions and discussed.

Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Item C of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

82. **ADJOURNMENT**


Councilmember Abraham made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.

APPROVED:



**Mayor of the City Council
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Ordinances: O-21-03