

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Wednesday November 9, 2016 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Eddy Markham  
Councilmember Vicki Ramirez  
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch

Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Spann  
Councilmember Wade Ellison- **ABSENT**  
Councilmember Grover Hall

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Admin Celina Hemmeter  
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The official Public Hearing for TXCDBG Program was held as posted and published on November 8, 2016. Celina held the public hearing again and answered questions regarding the program.

**WORKSHOP**

Mike Turner provided a written report to Council.

Mayor Markham called the Council Meeting to order and gave the Invocation.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None

**REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve the consent items A-C Councilperson Ramirez seconded, motion carried.

- A. Approval of October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending October 2016
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending October 2016

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item A. Discussion regarding the EDC position and authorization of part time employment, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried. No executive session was held.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item B. Acceptance of Robby Brewer into the City of Eden Business Incubator for office space related to construction business, seconded by Council person Ramirez, Councilperson Spann recused himself from the vote, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Business Item C. Authorizing the use of Multipurpose Center and setting a monthly fee for business wishing to utilize 2-3 days/week with a monthly rental rate of \$400 for use twice a week and an additional \$50 for each additional day(s). This use will be limited to the west side of the building only,

not the large meeting room. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item D. Proposed updated rental rates for the Roy Burnes Civic Center, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Business Item E. Authorizing City Administrator to begin preparation for the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture, seconded by Councilperson Ramirez, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item F. Adopting Professional Services Procurement Policy in conjunction with Texas Department of Agriculture grant program for procurement of professional services including Engineering and Grant Administration and appoint selection review committee of Celina Hemmeter, Rodney Castleberry and Mayor Markham for the 2017/2018 TxCDBG Application, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Celina brought City Council up to date on Business Item G. TxDOT sidewalk and Highway Projects. There have been some developments regarding funding issues. It was previously understood that the City's portion of the sidewalk project would only be approximately \$18,000 all of which the Eden Economic Development Board had agreed to fund on the City's behalf. However, it was discovered that in the sidewalk application prepared by Laura Bowden, the City has agreed to \$100,000 of in-kind services which included the PS&E development including preliminary engineering and design as well as environmental clearance documentation. Representatives from TxDOT met with Celina, Mayor Markham as well as members of the Spirit of Eden Board and Economic Development Board to discuss alternate funding sources to cover these costs. Currently, it has been decided to push the bid date for the sidewalk project back one year. TxDOT assured us that the Highway project will still be in construction at that time and it will still appear to the public as if it is one large project (not extending the time our downtown will be under construction).

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item H. Authorizing the City Administrator to begin application for IRP loan through the Eden Economic DC for PS&E Development related to TxDOT sidewalk grant with the understanding that the Eden Economic Development Corporation and the Spirit of Eden Fund would fund the repayment of the loan in its entirety on the City's behalf, seconded by Councilperson Ramirez, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Business Item I. Adopting Professional Procurement for Capital Projects Standard Operation Procedure in conjunction with TxDOT Project involving Federal Funds, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item J. October 2016 bills, seconded by Councilperson Ramirez, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Markham

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator