

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
1025 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

1. CALL THE ROLL AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Called Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Vajdos at 5:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Carpenter (by video conference)

Council Member Tom Donaho

Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

Council Member Bo Bothe

Council Member David Dominy

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING: Review of Draft Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter of New Comprehensive Plan.

Director of Community Development Zachary Meadows presented the draft Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter, which is the first chapter of the new Comprehensive Plan. The draft Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter incorporates the substance of the Sustainability Initiative as discussed by the Council on December 15, 2020, and expands the discussion to include the overarching issues of air and water quality as well as resiliency. The draft Chapter also incorporates information and action items from the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Storm Water Management Plan. City Administrator Julie Robinson advised that they utilized comprehensive plans from other cities in Texas as well as the Pacific Northwest that already have some kind of sustainability and resiliency chapter as guides in developing the draft Chapter for Spring Valley Village.

Following the December 15, 2020 Workshop in which the Sustainability Initiative was discussed, the following three additional proposed action items were submitted for the Council's consideration and feedback:

- Conduct and publish annual water-usage audit

Ms. Robinson advised that the City is already required to file certain water usage reports with the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, so it will be easy to perform a water usage audit. There was some discussion concerning the City conducting an audit of the City's sewer charges from the City of Houston, and Ms. Robinson advised that such an audit would not be part of the Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter and would need to be discussed at a different meeting. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to include this action item in the draft Chapter.

- Explore possibility of adding air-monitoring equipment in the City

Council Member Donaho provided background on this proposed action item. There was discussion concerning the public air monitoring network and information and data that

are already available through GeoTam on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality website and the Houston-Galveston Area Council on air quality and air monitoring locations. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to include this action item in the draft Chapter.

- Mandate that all businesses must separate designated recyclable materials from refuse


Ms. Robinson advised that the City cannot mandate businesses to recycle. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to change the word “mandate” to “encourage” and to include the revised action item in the draft Chapter.

City Council and Staff discussed various sections of the draft Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter including, regulations for cities related to electric conservation and hazard mitigation, additional data that will be incorporated into the Chapter, incorporating timeframes/deadlines for action items where possible, data to be incorporated throughout the Chapter to help identify other possible action items, and development of key performance indicators for different sections of the Chapter. It was the consensus of the Council that the direction the development of the Chapter is going is acceptable. Ms. Robinson advised that further modification of the draft Chapter would be made based on the Council’s feedback and discussion tonight and presented to Council at the May or June City Council meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT


Council Member McCormack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m., and Council Member Donaho seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Signed:



Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest:



Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, CPM, CMCC
City Secretary