

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 AT 6:00 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 Regular Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Vajdos at 6:13 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Carpenter

Council Member Bo Bothe

Council Member David Dominy

Council Member Tom Donaho (by video conference from 6:13 p.m. to 7:01 p.m., left at 7:01 p.m., returned at 7:11 p.m., virtual from 7:11 p.m. to 7:48 p.m., in person from 7:55 p.m. until adjournment)

Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

None.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Julie M. Robinson, City Administrator

Roxanne Benitez, City Secretary

Pat Riley, Public Works Director

Michelle Yi, City Treasurer

Zachary Meadows, Director of Community Development

Matthew Hitt, Assistant to the City Administrator

Loyd Evans, Police Chief (by phone conference)

Mark Schulze, Police Captain

David Dixon, Police Commissioner

Loren Smith, City Attorney

**3. PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SWEARING-IN**

3.1 Appoint Terry Teri as Municipal Court Administrator

Mayor Vajdos administered the oath to Municipal Court Administrator Ms. Teri.

3.2 Administer Oaths of Office

- Council Member Bo Bothe
- Council Member David Dominy
- Council Member Tom Donaho

Mayor Vajdos administered the oaths in person to Council Members Bothe and Dominy and virtually to Council Member Donaho.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time, any person with City-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

4.1 Sheri Harvin, who lives at 8846 Inverness Park Way, commended Chief Evans, and Police Administrative Operations Manager Sandra Maldonado for meeting her at the intersection of Westview Drive and Fries Road to witness traffic issues. She also commended City Administrator Julie Robinson and Public Works Director Pat Riley for their assistance in installing flashing lights on the existing pedestrian crossing signage at that intersection, increasing awareness of the crosswalk for vehicular traffic.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under consent agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

5.1 Minutes for Special Called City Council Meeting on April 27, 2021

5.2 Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting on April 27, 2021

5.3 Resolution Number XX-21 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Spring Valley Village, Texas, Approving The Terms And Conditions Of An Interlocal Agreement For Purchasing Between The County Of Tarrant, Texas, And The City Of Spring Valley Village, Texas; Providing For The Incorporation Of Preamble; Authorizing Execution Of The Interlocal Agreement By The City Administrator; And Providing An Effective Date.

5.4 Approval of Pay Estimate No. 7 for Green Valley Drive & Winningham Lane Pavement & Utility Improvements Project to Conrad Construction Co., LTD. in the Amount of \$111,785.32

5.5 Approval of Pay Estimate No. 6 for the New Production Well Project to W. W. Payton Corporation in the Amount of \$298,980.00

Council Member McCormack made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**6. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** April 2021 Police Department Staff Report (Chief Evans):

Captain Schulze provided the report on behalf of Chief Evans.

1. Number of Calls for Service – 2,685
2. Number of Traffic Violations – 2,830
3. Number of K-9 Deployments – 120

**7. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING:** Activities of the Village Fire Department Commissioners Meeting on April 28, 2021 and Any Special Meetings That May Have Occurred since April 28, 2021. (Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter /

Council Member Bothe)

Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter advised that the Board conducted a special meeting regarding next year's budget and added that the proposed budget would be on the June 22, 2021 City Council meeting agenda. He also advised that the proposed budget increase was \$500,000, with the City's portion being \$80,000, and included a 9% increase to healthcare benefit premiums and an increase in dependent healthcare coverage from 50% to 75%, 0.7% cost-of-living increase, an increase to the Step program, and the purchase of new capital equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter advised that the Village Fire Department renovation project was going well, in budget, and still on schedule. He also advised that all funds for the project manager had been exhausted, so the architect was now overseeing the project.

### NEW BUSINESS

8. **PRESENTATION, BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Property Values In The City Of Spring Valley Village Including, But Not Limited To, Historical Value Trends, Property Tax Revenue Changes, And Litigated Properties For The Last Ten Years. (Roland Altinger, Harris County Appraisal District)

Roland Altinger, Chief Appraiser, and Mike Sullivan (appeared virtually), the City's HCAD Representative, appeared before the Council. Mr. Altinger gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding property tax history and revenue changes as well as historical value trends for the City of Spring Valley Village.

9. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING:** 2021 Villages Independence Day Parade and Possible Associated Event in Spring Valley Village's City Park.

Mayor Vajdos advised that all events were cancelled last year. He also advised that the Villages Mayors had met and agreed that a parade would occur on Monday, July 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Mayor Vajdos suggested having a small event in the Spring Valley Village City Park after the parade that would include various food trucks and a snow cone truck. He also advised that his intention was that the event would not require involvement from City Staff.

There was discussion concerning whether Council Members would be in town on July 5, 2021, the length of time needed to plan this type of event, availability of City Staff for the event, and the inability of other Villages to provide staffing assistance for the event. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the City would not have an event in the City Park for 2021. Ms. Robinson advised that City Staff were looking at options for other community events, including re-starting Movie Nights, later in the year.

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Implementation of a Road Diet for Bingle Road through the City Limits to Connect to a New Road Diet Being Implemented by City of Houston and as Recommended by Traffic Engineers, Inc. ("TEI").

Public Works Director Pat Riley advised that, in March of this year, he had received a lengthy Traffic Analysis of Bingle Road from Westview Drive to I-10 from Traffic Engineers, Inc. ("TEI"), and one of their recommendations was the implementation of a "road diet" for Bingle Road from Westview Drive to the I-10 Feeder Road that would convert the current four-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway with directional bike lanes through re-striping. The restriping would reserve a section of pavement that could serve as

either a future bike lane or simply a buffer between vehicular traffic and the existing sidewalks which would improve safety for pedestrians.

Mr. Riley also advised that he received an email from the City of Houston Public Works Department in April concerning a “road diet” that they were proposing for Bingle Road from just south of Long Point Road and south to the Spring Branch bridge. The project would be re-striping only and not re-construction. The proposed “road diet” or re-striping would reduce Bingle Road from four lanes to three lanes with the intent of enhancing safety and accessibility for stakeholders along that section of Bingle Road. Due to possible flow benefits, the City of Houston contacted the City of Spring Valley Village to inquire about the possibility of extending the 3-lane cross section to the intersection with Westview Drive. Mr. Riley attended a virtual public meeting held by the City of Houston on May 4, 2021 to obtain more information about the proposed project.

Since the City was already planning to begin the annual restriping of the major thoroughfares, including Bingle Road, in the next couple of months, Mr. Riley brought forward the proposed “road diet” for Bingle Road for discussion with the City Council. Additionally, Lauren Grove, Senior Staff Analyst, with the City of Houston Public Works Department, spoke with the Council regarding the City of Houston’s proposed road diet project on Bingle Road and presented data and information concerning the impact to traffic resulting from road diets implemented in other cities. There was discussion concerning:

- How traffic would be impacted on Bingle Road as well as on other streets as a result of the proposed “road diet”;
- The need to adjust the signalization of the traffic signals;
- Whether bike lanes would be striped or a section of existing pavement reserved as a buffer between vehicular traffic and pedestrians or for future bike lanes. Ms. Grove advised that bike lanes would not be included in the City of Houston’s proposed project as there was no connection to other bike lanes.;
- The possible installation of hand rails along Bingle Road;
- The inability of the City to widen the pavement or the sidewalks due to lack of right-of-way;
- The use of the proposed continuous center turn lane by vehicles to reduce the number of lanes of traffic that would be crossed in order to turn onto Bingle Road;
- Traffic time increases resulting from road diets. Ms. Grove advised that she had experienced an increase in traffic time of approximately 30 seconds.;
- The City of Houston’s timing for implementing its section of the “road diet”. Ms. Grove advised that it was scheduled to be done in approximately six (6) months.

Dennis Griffith, who lives at 8444 Winningham Lane, advised that he was on the I-10 Traffic Committee in the past and provided some history regarding the widening of Bingle Road and the placement of the entering and exiting ramps on I-10.

Following discussion, it was the direction of the Council to hold a public meeting concerning the proposed “road diet” on Bingle Road to obtain feedback from the residents and not to proceed with the annual street re-striping until a decision has been made with regard to implementing a “road diet” on Spring Valley Village’s portion of Bingle Road. Ms. Robinson advised that Staff would look at scheduling a public meeting in June or July to allow for adequate notice of the meeting for the residents. Additionally, Staff would send

out a survey to residents to obtain additional feedback, and all feedback will be brought back to Council once complete.

**11. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING: Quarterly Investment Report For Period Ending March 31, 2021.**

City Treasurer Michelle Yi presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2021.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council Will Now Hold A Closed Executive Meeting Pursuant To The Provision Of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, In Accordance With The Authority Contained In:**

12.1 Section 551.071 – Consultation With Attorney Regarding Pending Or Contemplated Litigation Or A Matter In Which The Duty Of The City Attorney Requires To Be Discussed In Closed Meeting.

12.2 Section 551.076. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices Or Security Audits: Discussion to Deliberate The Deployment, Or Specific Occasions For Implementation, Of Security Personnel Or Devices Or A Security Audit.

Council adjourned into the Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

**13. RECONVENE**

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

**14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Approval of Proposal for Camera System for City Park from Design Security Controls, LLC (“DSC”) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,756.49.**

No action was taken.

**15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Selection of Payment Option for Storm Recovery Assessment and Authorizing City Administrator to Execute All Documents Related Thereto.**

Council Member Dominy made a motion to approve the lump sum payment option for the storm recovery assessment, and authorize the City Administrator to execute all documents related thereto, and Council Member Donaho seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**16. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION CONCERNING: Briefing by City Staff:**

**1. Update Regarding Telephone System for City Hall and Police Building**

Assistant to the City Administrator Matthew Hitt advised that the new telephone system would be installed and deployed on Friday, May 28, 2021. He also advised that there were eighteen (18) phones on the Police Department side of the building that were not accounted for in the original total, and, consequently, a change order of approximately \$12,888.00 would be submitted to the Council at the June 22, 2021 meeting. City Administrator Julie Robinson advised that a list of problems/issues experienced with the ESI telephone system was being compiled to dispute their early termination fee.

2. Status of New Production Well

Public Works Director Pat Riley advised that the project is going well. He also advised that the panels and motor have been installed.

3. Status of Loeser, Traweek, Lone Star and W. Tex Paving and Utility Improvements Project

Public Works Director Pat Riley advised that drainage work has begun on the project and that the contractor is working with residents. There was some discussion concerning the depth that the street would be lowered.

4. Green Valley Drive & Winningham Lane (West of Voss) Roadway, Drainage and Utility Improvements 2020

Public Works Director Pat Riley advised that a walk through was completed earlier that day and that they are going through the punch list. He also advised that the contractor will present a letter of substantial completion soon.

6. Pedestrian Crossing at Westview Drive and Fries Road

Public Works Director Pat Riley advised that flashing lights were installed on the existing pedestrian crossing signs today.

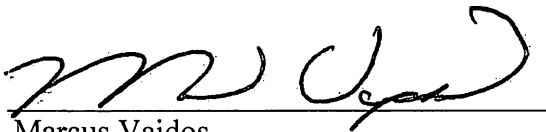
5. Legislative Update

City Administrator Julie Robinson advised that the Regular Session would end on May 31, 2021, and a special session is anticipated. Ms. Robinson advised that she will have more information to present at the June 22, 2021 Council meeting.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Donaho made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., and Council Member Bothe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Signed:



Marcus Vajdos  
Mayor

Attest:



Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, CPM, CMCC  
City Secretary