

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Kyle, Texas met in Special Session on June 26, 2021 and due to COVID-19, some members attended virtually (v) at <http://kyletx.new.swagit.com/videos/123450>; Spectrum 10 with the following persons present:

Mayor Travis Mitchell	Larry Simone
Mayor Pro Tem Rick Koch	Betty Conley
Council Member Dex Ellison	Kathie Gilson
Council Member Yvonne Flores-Cale	Domingo Castilleja
Council Member Robert Rizo	Edwin Winn
Council Member Ashlee Bradshaw	Charlotte Clayton
Council Member Michael Tobias	Stephen Butler
Scott Sellers, City Manager	Mary Jane Vasquez
James Earp, Assistant City Manager	Robert Ferguson
Jerry Hendrix, Chief of Staff	Don Crowe
Samantha Armbruster, Communications Dir.	
Jennifer Holm, City Secretary	
Leon Barba, City Engineer	
Diana Torres, Economic Dev Director	
Perwez Moheet, Finance Director	
Andy Alejandro, Accounting Manager	
Connie Campa, Staff Accountant	
Sandra Duran, HR Director	
Matt Dawson, IT Director	
Grant Bowling, Video Production Specialist	
Paul Phelan, Library Director	
Mariana Espinoza, PARD Director	
Howard Koontz, Community Dev Director (v)	
Jeff Barnett, Chief of Police	
Dustin Shuler, Police Sergeant	
Laura Hernandez, Administrative Assistant	
Briana Brecher, Animal Control Officer	
Hannah Bickford, Records Compliance Tech.	
Harper Wilder, Public Works Director	
Julie Crookston, Assistant Public Works Director	
Tim Samford, Division Mgr - Treatment Ops	
Warren Christian, Division Mgr - W/WW	
Scott Egbert, Division Manager of Streets	
Tim Copley, Facilities Division Manager	
Chance Padier, Enviro Ser. & Trades Div. Mgr.	
Gary Stubbins, Building Official	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Koch called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked the city secretary to call roll.

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Koch, Council Member Ellison, Council Member Flores-Cale, Council Member Rizo, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Tobias. A quorum was present. Mayor Mitchell was absent but arrived during citizen comments.

II. Citizen Comment Period with City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Koch opened citizen comments at 8:08 a.m.

Larry Simone was called to speak as registered. He spoke on behalf of the seniors of the Kyle Area Senior Zone, as its president. He asked for Council to consider funding a senior center. He spoke about providing information to the City on facilities they have toured. He stated the need is growing in Kyle, the City is modernizing, but we can't forget our seniors. He stated that he's discussed using parkland with the City Manager, and he would like to consider partnering with the County for a facility.

Betty Conley was called to speak as registered. She spoke about the growing needs of seniors in Kyle. She and her husband have worked with seniors for over 16 years. She spoke about being advocates for seniors welfare. She spoke of a need for more space, and all the programming that seniors need. She spoke about isolation, depression and lack of food that afflicts seniors. She stated that KASZ cannot increase its services alone. She stated that it has outgrown the space, the kitchen and the scheduling capacity. She stated that the senior population has exploded as the rest of the population in Kyle. She spoke of her vision of a new senior center.

Kathie Gilson was called to speak as registered. She is president of the Kyle Quilters and part of the Kyle Area Senior Zone. She stated that they need more space, tables are stacked, kitchen is too small, storage, and they get kicked out when there are renters.

Domingo Castilleja was called to speak as registered. He stated that he was born and raised in Kyle, graduated from San Marcos High School, served his country in the military, had a successful career with Verizon and taught as a professor in the Dallas area. He then moved back to Kyle due to his fondest memories of a city who cared for its citizens, and he hopes that still holds true. He spoke about corporations and city governments having an obligation to serve its citizens and maintain a positive image to the public it serves. He talked about volunteering use of assets, social responsibilities, and giving back to the community. He asked for consideration of financial support to build a senior citizen facility in Hays County, one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

Edwin Winn was called to speak as registered. He spoke about living on Blanco for 42 years. He is 92 years old. He moved here in 1973. He served two terms on council beginning in 1979. He stated that their main problem back then was were they going to be able to sell enough water to pay for their two maintenance workers and two office staff. He stated that he is speaking to council for their future. He stated that when they are 92 years old, they will appreciate having a facility for their activities. He stated that they appreciate everything the City has done for the Old City Hall. He stated that he is not a charter member of KASZ when it began in 2006, but he joined in 2007. He asked Council to stretch the budget to cover their future, as well as the seniors. He stated that the KASZ Board of Directors is working diligently to fund raise. He stated the seniors today will prepare a place for the Council in the future.

Charlotte Clayton was called to speak as registered. She stated that moved to Kyle in 2009 to live near her daughter. She stated the neighborhood is mostly young people who work, so KASZ is the place to go to be with people. She stated that as Council ages they would like to have a place for senior activities. She asked Council to consider them in their budget.

Stephen Butler was called to speak as registered. He's been working with KASZ for two and a half years as an architect, and he is a member of KASZ himself. They would like to see Council incorporate their plans into the budget.

Mary Jane Vasquez was called to speak as registered. She spoke about the senior centers they've visited around the state of Texas and wonders if this is it for Kyle, or if they can negotiate with the City to bring something to meet the needs of the seniors. She spoke about the seniors of this generation as being active, working out, if given a place, they would have somewhere to go. She stated the calendar is currently full. She spoke about the amazing volunteer work that is the basis of their organization. She would like to see the County and City come together to make this happen.

Mayor Mitchell arrived at 8:33 a.m.

Robert Ferguson was called to speak as registered. He spoke about his work with the Census in 2020. He spoke about people not being home, not answering the door, people inviting him in, commenting most positive citizens were the seniors. He spoke of poor and substandard housing for seniors who are supporting children and grandchildren. Concerns included transportation. He stated that younger families mentioned their parents moving here to help them with family raising. He spoke about the growth and the building. He stated that if you build it they will come.

Don Crowe was called to speak as registered. He stated that his wife and he moved to Kyle from another state but came here to be near their children. He stated that they chose Kyle because of the people: kind, considerate, welcoming. He stated that they have kept themselves active, and as they age, they need to stay active to keep their mind, memories and physical selves going. He stated that in isolation they lose that. He stated that he is 91 years old, and his wife is 90. He stated that they decided they would not fall into the trap that many seniors do. He spoke about joining KASZ. He spoke about the activity levels that he and Ed Winn, and his wife have at their ages, and spoke about them using their minds and physical abilities. He thanked Council and the City for what they've done to help get them this far. He stated that they need more room and more activities to do things.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Koch closed citizen comments at 8:53 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Koch asked Mr. Sellers to share some of what strategies are being explored for the seniors. Mr. Sellers spoke about the City's eligibility of new funding due to its population.

III. Consider and Possible Action

1. City Manager and Department Directors present preliminary proposed Operating (O&M) and Capital (CIP) Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to City Council for feedback, prioritization considerations, and policy direction. ~ *J. Scott Sellers, City Manager*

Mayor Mitchell brought forward Item No. 1 for discussion. Mr. Sellers opened the presentation with the overview of today's meeting and talked about the population growth and the demands on

the infrastructure, other items discussed included: City Council Priorities for Budget Development and an Overview of Proposed Budget of all City funds, which included Highlights & Significant Changes; New Positions; New Equipment and a CIP Spending Summary.

During the slide presentation, items discussed included: Budget Summary & Highlights: For Major Operating Funds; Significant Changes by City Department; Capital Improvements Programs (CIP); Debt Position; All Other City Funds; and Next Steps & Key Dates.

After the Community Development department budgets were reviewed, Mayor Mitchell called for a recess at 10:36 a.m. The Council resumed discussions concerning the budget, picking back up with Economic Development's budgeting needs, at 10:47 a.m.

Council discussed plans and projects for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the discussion included; CIP Projects, the bond, water line upgrades, outstanding debt, current debt, and account balances. Parks and trails were also discussed.

Mayor Mitchell called for a recess at 12:04 p.m. The Council resumed budget discussions at 12:16 p.m.

No action was taken.

IV. Executive Session

2. Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting. The City Council may convene into Executive Session pursuant to any lawful exception contained in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code including any or all of the following topics.
 1. Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071.
 2. Possible purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate pursuant to Section 551.072.
 3. Personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074.
 4. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, to deliberate regarding the offer of economic incentives to one or more business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City.

There was no executive session.

3. Take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

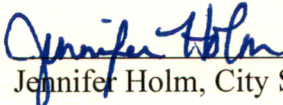
V. Adjourn

Council Member Rizo moved to adjourn. Council Member Bradshaw seconded the motion. No vote was held.

With no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Travis Mitchell, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer Holm, City Secretary