

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE, TEXAS
September 28, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jay Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11977 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas

Those Present:

Mayor Jay Williams
Councilmember Robert Lord
Councilmember Susan Schwartz
Councilmember Jay Smyre
Councilmember Jay Janecek
Councilmember Laurie Rosenbaum - *Absent*

Also in Attendance:

Karen Glynn, City Administrator
Britique Williams, City Secretary/Dir of Finance
Steve Smith, Dir of Public Works/Bldg Official
Loren Smith, City Attorney

II. FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT

A. Review and Discussion on Improving Response Times and Next Steps

Fire Commissioner Derry Essary presented this item:

Commissioner Essary shared that he along with the council members received several pieces of correspondence this week from Chief Foster. Commissioner Essary referenced an email submitted by Chief Foster which said that in 2011-2012, a second fire station was rejected by two mayors. Commissioner Essary shared that it should have stated "five mayors."

Commissioner Essary shared that, in context, the Commission six years ago was dealing with various issues at the Department. It was a different situation at that time in terms of budget. However, the topics were the same: consolidated dispatch and a second station.

Six years later, these are the same discussions.

Mayor Williams has asked that the City of Bunker Hill Village meet the national standards for response time. After discussions with the fire consultant, there is the opportunity of doing that independently; however, Commissioner Essary stated it would be best to do as part of the Village Fire Department. He continued that should Bunker Hill proceed with an independent plan, it will not be done irresponsibly like some have suggested in various communications. Bunker Hill will not have any more of a reliance on the City of Houston than the City already has now.

The City's Consultant has spent several days here working on an operational outline. The critical items would be the purchase of apparatus and equipment that would have to start soon to accomplish in 2019 but it is possible.

Commissioner Essary referenced two reports provided by Chief Foster that recommends that a westside station is something that would address the response time problems. Commissioner Essary supported the Chief in saying the Chief has the capability to do this analysis and make recommendations for improvements. The governance of the department appears to be the issue. The Chief works with 6 Commissioners, 6 Alternates, 6 Mayors and 30 Councilmembers. This is a difficult role resulting in managing to the lowest level where nothing gets done.

Commissioner Essary also mentioned the Fire Station Facilities and the direction to renovate the station when there are critical areas of concern.

Commissioner Essary reiterated that the goal for the City of Bunker Hill is to improve services to our residents.

Councilmember Jay Smyer summarized the situation sharing that there is a study stating that a second station is recommended, there are two reports and recommendations from the Chief saying a second station is recommended, Bunker Hill supports a second station and yet, others don't support this recommendation. This is difficult to understand the lack of support and cooperation for improving services.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY REQUIRES TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE

Mayor Williams convened into closed executive session at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor Williams reconvened the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

VI. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BUNKER HILL VILLAGE:

- A. Re-Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed 2019 Village Fire Department Operational Budget which includes Funds 2 and 3 in the amount of \$6,191,155.25 with Bunker Hill Village's Annual Assessment being \$1,176,319.49 (19%)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jay Janecek and seconded by Councilmember Jay Smyre to approve the 2019 Village Fire Department Operational Budget which includes Funds 2 and 3 in the amount of \$6,191,155.25 with Bunker Hill Village's Annual Assessment being \$1,176,319.49 (19%).

The motion carried 4-0

- B. Re-Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed 2019 Village Fire Department Fund 4 Facilities Budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 and for the Cities to provide additional funding for Fund 4 Facilities with Bunker Hill's proportionate share being \$665,000.00 (19%) for the Renovation or Reconstruction of the Fire Station

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Lord and seconded by Councilmember Jay Janecek to reject the 2019 Village Fire Department Fund 4 Facilities Budget in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 and for the Cities to provide additional funding for Fund 4 Facilities with Bunker Hill's proportionate share being \$665,000.00 (19%) for the Renovation or Reconstruction of the Fire Station.

The motion carried 4-0.

- C. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 09-18-2018 for the Village Fire Department Commission to Utilize the Surplus from the 2017 Budget in an Amount of \$62,906 to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Jay Smyre and seconded by Councilmember Susan Schwartz to reject Resolution 09-18-2018 for the Village Fire Department Commission to Utilize the Surplus from the 2017 Budget in an Amount of \$62,906 to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities.

The motion carried 4-0.

- D. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Utilizing the FEMA Reimbursement Funds to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Schwartz and seconded by Councilmember Robert Lord to reject utilizing the FEMA Reimbursement Funds to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities.

The motion carried 4-0.

- E. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Utilizing the 3rd Quarter Ambulance Funds to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities

A motion was made by Councilmember Jay Janecek and seconded by Councilmember Jay Smyre to reject utilizing the 3rd Quarter Ambulance Funds to be Placed in Fund 4 Facilities to be used for the additional maintenance, alteration, remodel, reconstruction and other improvements to the premises and to modernize the facilities

The motion carried 4-0.

V. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

Mayor Williams shared that he does not want the study for adding a station on the westside to be halted at this time. He asked Commissioner Essary to continue working on the proposed plan for further discussion.

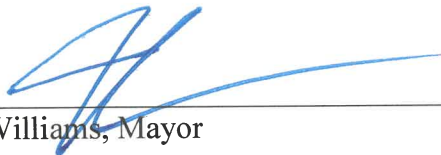
Karen Glynn, City Administrator reminded everyone the City Council will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 8:00 a. m. to take final action on the 2019 Budget and 2018 Tax Rate.

VI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Jay Janecek and seconded by Councilmember Robert Lord to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

The motion carried 4-0.

Approved and accepted on October 16, 2018.



Jay Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Britique Williams, City Secretary/Dir. of Finance