

SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

The City Council of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Thursday, February 1, 2018, 12:00 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Monte Montgomery, Mayor  
Ed McCain, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Toni Clay  
Robert Gross  
Aaron Smith

Gary Whittle, Interim City Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Thanasis Kombos, Dan Caldwell, Mandie Quigg, Lisa Denton, Sherri Skeeters, Chief Appraiser Bill Jackson, Attorney Kirk Sweeney, Dan Casey, Jeaneane Lilly and other interested citizens;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Montgomery.

Mayor Montgomery recognized Chief Appraiser Bill Jackson for his attendance in the meeting.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,  
SECTION 551.087 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS: DELIBERATIONS REGARDING  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT:

i. PROSPECT #1550

The City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.

The City Council returned to Special Session at 12:27 p.m.

The City Council recessed at 12:28 p.m.

The City Council returned to Special Session 12:50 p.m.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY RESULTING FROM  
DELIBERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS  
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS: DELIBERATIONS  
REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROSPECT:

i. PROSPECT #1550

No action was taken.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY ON  
PROVISIONS IN THE FREEPORT TAX EXEMPTION PILOT AGREEMENTS

Gary Whittle, Interim City Manager, explained the City Council adopted a Resolution on December 11, 2017 to exempt qualifying Freeport inventory entities within the City of Athens subject to an executed revenue protection agreement. He stated The Athens Economic City Development Corporation (AEDC) has identified eighteen (18) entities that could qualify for the Freeport exemption, if they choose to do so. Each entity would have to enter into a revenue protection agreement with the City to receive the exemption. He stated the purpose of the meeting is to select a revenue protection agreement.

Lisa Denton, Executive Director Athens Economic Corporation, provided background information regarding the PILOT agreements.

Staff reviewed possible revenue protection agreements.

After a lengthy discussion and review of the economic impacts, a motion was made by Councilwoman Clay, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve the agreement as set out in the four (4) year graduated PILOT and to include any company affiliates. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

#### MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR INTERIM CITY MANAGER UPDATES INVOLVING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ISSUES OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Councilwoman Clay stated ongoing discussion regarding the Henderson County Library being located at the Cain Center has occurred. She provided a brief update on the informal meeting. She stated the next step is to schedule a joint workshop with the City Council and Commissioners.
- Mayor Montgomery stated a reception to honor Gary Whittle is schedule for Friday, February 2, 2018 12:30 p.m. at City Hall
- Mr. Whittle stated the pond at the Cain Center was cleaned on Wednesday, January 31, 2018

#### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mayor Montgomery requested a future agenda item regarding disannexing property requested by Stan Taylor on behalf of James and Carolyn Ray
- Councilmember McCain requested a future agenda item regarding LED lighting

#### ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

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Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary