

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 2, 2016

The Tourism Advisory Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 4:00 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:

Chet Patel
Deanne Boswell
Toni Clay
Brad Smiley

Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager
Jessica Savage, Finance & Compliance Specialist

others present: Cody Robson, Scott Storey and other citizens;

with the following member absent; Virginia Reeder, Rae Priestley and Mike Coston

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2016 REGULAR SESSION AND THE JULY 21, 2016 SPECIAL SESSION

A motion was made by Member Brad Smiley, seconded by Member Toni Clay, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016 Regular Session, and the July 21, 2016 Special Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS CURRENT AND PROPOSED TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS IN ATHENS

Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager, stated that he anticipates the Texan Theater project will be considered for funding as the City Council review and adopts the budget during August and September. He stated that the recommended design scheme calls for a construction project budget of around 1.2 to 1.3 million dollars. There was general discussion in regards to the project.

There was further discussion in regards to ideas for tourism development in the city.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Citizen, Scott Storey, stated that he thought the council's ideas were great ideas.

There were no further comments.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Kombos stated that he received the emails from Councilmember Toni Clay and Councilmember Brad Smiley expressing their desire to be reappointed to the Tourism Advisory Council. He further stated that the City Council was in the process of considering a replacement for Councilmember Mike Coston.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

Chet Patel, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary