MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2024, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

## A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 3:03 pm.

p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Bobby Warren
City Manager, Austin Bleess
Council Member, Drew Wasson
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard
City Secretary, Lorri Coody
City Attorney, Justin Pruitt

Council Member, Connie Rossi Economic Development Manager Miesha Johnson

Council Member, Jennifer McCrea

Council Member Michelle Mitcham was not present at this meeting

City Manager Austin Bleess and City Attorney Justin Pruitt joined the meeting via video conferencing.

B. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - Any person desiring to address Council regarding an item on the agenda will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the comment is on the agenda, City staff and City Council Members are not allowed to discuss the subject. Each person is limited to five (5) minutes for comments to the City Council.

There were no Citizens' Comments.

## C. RECESS THE SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Warren recessed the Special Session to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property and Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney at 3:04 p.m.

## D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property, and Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney a closed meeting to deliberate information about the possible purchase, exchange, or value of real property, related thereto.

## E. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Warren adjourned the Executive Session at 3:53 p.m., and reconvened the Special Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

## F. RECONVENE SPECIAL SESSION

1. Discuss and take appropriate action on items discussed in the Executive Session regarding the potential and possible purchase, exchange, sale, or value of real property, related thereto.

Mayor Warren gave a brief summary of the agreement for the purchase of 4.2 acers of land with 54,462 square feet of building footage. He explained that the City was approached

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by church wondering if the City would be interested in buying the property. In receiving this invitation, City Council toured the property and felt that it is a viable option for City Hall. To fund the purchase of the church property, we will list the property on south side of US HWY 290 as the sale of same will more than pay for the church property. We will have 60 days to evaluate the church property to determine what steps will be needed to get the property and buildings in a condition ready for use. The Mayor stated that he supports this purchase.

Council Member Wasson stated that when looking at the cost of church versus the cost of a new property for city hall, the church property is a great opportunity.

Council Member Sheppard stated it is not a done deal as we still have time to do due diligence and see if the property meets our needs. However, she sees this purchase as a great opportunity for community events and city business. It is a positive move and keeps city hall on this side of US HWY 290 and allows consolidation of city facilities.

Council Member Rossi believes this is a great opportunity to secure city hall on this side of US HWY 290. She is excited that it is a great value and opens it up for community events.

Council Member McCrea agrees with everything that has been said. She believes that this purchase will center our community. She is excited.

With no further discussion on the matter Council Member McCrea moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the proposal made with Champion Forest Baptist Church - Jersey Village for the purchase of approximately 54,462 square feet of buildings situated on approximately 4.2 acres of land, consisting of six buildings plus a covered, lighted outdoor recreation pavilion located at the corner of Jersey Drive and Rio Grande Street. Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Rossi, and McCrea

Nays: None

The motion carried.

## G. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.



