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City of Seguin

210 E. Gonzales Street
Seguin TX, 78155

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dodgen called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Invocation - Chaplain Emanuel Carpenter, GRMC

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Texas Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember David Eveld, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember John Carlsson, Councilmember Paul Gaytan, Councilmember Monica N. Carter, Councilmember Bill Keller, and Councilmember Jason Biesenbach

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Donna Dodgen

5. Hearing of Residents:

Julian Leal, 849 Prexy Dr., complained about the road construction in front of his home on Prexy Dr. and San Antonio Ave. He said they are getting ready to pave it tomorrow but was told they were going to leave a rectangle area that will have grass planted in it. He said he was told they will not resurface it.

Cody Hamilton, Constituent Liaison, voiced his support of Carlos De La Cruz for the redrawn 35th Congressional District.

Mayor Donna Dodgen announced that 108 households have used the new Household Hazardous Waste program in Seguin since it started three weeks ago. She encouraged residents to use the program and reminded them that they must schedule service and that they can do so by phone call or website. Additionally, she informed residents that their service days for residential solid waste and recycle services may have changed and suggested that residents check the City website for their new dates.

6. Presentation

a. 26-091

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit. - Deborah Fraser, Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, PC

Deborah F. Fraser, CPA with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C., presented the Annual Comprehensive Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025. She informed that she met with the Audit Committee prior to this meeting. She said that the

City received an unmodified opinion, meaning that the finances are fairly stated and materially correct.

Councilmember Lievens commented that it is his pleasure to serve on Audit Committee and said that the City is blessed to have Mrs. Fraser and Finance Director Susan Caddell and thanked them for their work. He also said speaks to how beautifully the City Council, Mayor, Mr. Parker, and the team plan conservatively.

b. [26-089](#)

Presentation of the City of Seguin Financial Reports for the Three Months Ending December 31, 2025. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

Finance Director Susan Cadell presented the Financial Reports for the Three Months Ending December 31, 2025. She highlighted that General Fund Revenue increased by \$1,458,127 or 7.7% from this time last year and expenditures have decreased by 1.2% from this time last year. She informed that Property Taxes is down slightly by \$34,230 or .3%, but tax statements were late going out this year. She also noted that grant revenue is up as the City has received more grants than what was anticipated.

c. [26-080](#)

Presentation of Seguin GIS Department's new Historical Seguin interactive App. - Travis Acklin, GIS Manager

City Manager Steve Parker said this project started with an idea from Councilmember Biesenbach. A couple years ago City Council worked with the Heritage Museum to place large historical plaques downtown to help retain Seguin's history. He suggested that the City create an application that would let people tour historical markers in Seguin virtually. Mr. Parker said he is very proud of this project and the work that GIS put into it and said that it is very interesting.

GIS Manager Travis Acklin thanked Councilmember Biesenbach for his idea and said they have been working on the application for about 6 months now. The application is designed to showcase the history of Seguin, highlighting 25 properties throughout city. There is currently 15 plaques in the system, but it has the potential for up to 60. Mr. Acklin thanked Donna Brawner and Carol Lane from the Heritage Museum as well as Historic Preservation Planner Melissa Zwicke for their help in gathering all the data that was loaded into the application. He also thanked GIS Senior Analyst Josi Tesauro for developing the application and asked her to do a live demonstration. Ms. Tesauro gave an overview of the application's features.

Carol Lane thanked City Council for their support and Councilmember Biesenbach for the idea that led to the application's creation. She also thanked Ms. Tesauro and her team. She said that the support has been great and they will continue getting the word out about it. She also informed that there are five more plaques being manufactured currently.

Mayor Dodgen said that this is a sponsorship opportunity at the Heritage Museum.

Councilmember Biesenbach commented that the idea for this application was actually his wife's, Jackie. He informed that he and Jackie were at Pecan Fest when she thought it up and he just threw the idea to Doug.

Mayor Dodgen said they want to keep adding more plaques and places of historical significance to the application.

7. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Joe Rea, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- a. [26-107](#) Minutes of the March 3, 2026 City Council Meeting.
These Minutes were approved.
- b. [26-106](#) Check Report February 25, 2026 to March 11, 2026.
The Check Report was acknowledged.
- c. [26-110](#) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Mutual Termination Agreement between the City of Seguin and Navarro Oaks 123M, LLC, related to a Chapter 380 Agreement for the improvement of East Martindale Road. - Mark Kennedy, City Attorney
This Action Item was approved.
- d. [26-090](#) Approval of Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2025 - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance
This Action Item was approved.
- e. [26-066](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 with Texas Sterling Construction for the Rudeloff Road Roadway Phase I Improvement Project CSJ 0915-46-045; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects
This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-041
- f. [26-095](#) Resolution of the City Council for the City of Seguin, Texas awarding the proposal for depository and banking services to First United Bank; authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts necessary for the depository and banking services; and declaring an effective date. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance
This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-042
- g. [26-099](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of eight 2026 Ford F-150 Responder trucks. - Jason Brady, Police Chief

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-043

- h. [26-101](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Seguin Economic Development Corporation regarding a Crossroads Boulevard rehabilitation project. - Alora Wachholz, Director of Economic Development

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-044

- i. [26-111](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Seguin and Texas Lutheran University, related to the payment of water utility impact fees for the Verne Lundquist Student Athletic Center. - Mr. Mark Driscoll Kennedy, City Attorney

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: 2026R-044

- j. [26-077](#) Ordinance on second reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances, Appendix C, Fee Schedule, Chapter 42, Emergency Services; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; declaring an effective date; and authorizing city staff to submit this ordinance as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances. - Garrick Herbert, Assistant Fire Chief

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: 2026-012

- k. [ZC 03-26 CC](#) Ordinance on second reading to consider a zoning change from Single-Family Residential (R-2) and Commercial (C) to Multifamily High Density (MF-3) for the property located near the southeast corner of SH 46 and Jefferson Ave., Property ID: 52779, (ZC 03-26). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning & Codes

This Zoning Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: 2026-013

8. **Action Items - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve**

- a. [26-096](#) Discussion and possible direction to staff on Parking Restrictions on one or both sides of Jay Road and/or Larkin Drive. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded that City Council has considered not allowing parking on Jay Rd and Larkin because of safety

concerns and debris being left on the roads and right of ways. The decision to prohibit parking failed. In January 2024, staff presented an ordinance to allow for parking by permit on those streets and that failed to pass as well. In February 2024, City Council voted to post "no littering" signs and reevaluate in the future if needed. Mrs. Reynolds explained that the parking scheme is similar currently, but there is even less available areas to park because of the entry into the new shopping center. She added that the grade of the driveways on Larkin are steep and it is difficult to see around large trucks parked on the street.

Judd Alexander, 318 Montwood, opined that according to the map exhibit, most of Jay Rd and Larkin should be no parking, but he has seen large utility vehicles, cranes, and freight trucks drive in and out that way every morning and evening. He believes it is a safety concern and is everyone has to drive very slowly because most of the road is taken up by large trucks parking on it. He said that every one of the deeds for the properties sold have requirements that the individual business provide parking for their customers. He thanked City Council for their time and stated that he is in favor of restricting parking on both sides of both streets. He said that the businesses on that street should deserve consideration for their customers and TxDOT isn't helping by blocking off the ingress/egress to the I-10 access road.

Councilmember Lievens asked Mr. Alexander if his business was to provide parking for these customers. He asked Mr. Alexander how many of the people parking in the street would become his customers if street parking is prohibited. Mr. Alexander responded that his customers are in his lot and reiterated that there is only one lane on the road if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

Councilmember Carlsson questioned if first responders and emergency vehicles have sufficient access. He said he believes passing this ordinance is a "no brainer" and asked if there was anyone here to represent the hotels that would be affected. Mayor Dodgen answered that there was not any representation from the hotels present but that they new about the meeting and agenda item.

Councilmember Biesenbach agreed that Larkin is a cluster and stated that he is in favor of no parking allowed on Larkin. He suggested that no parking should be allowed on Jay street south of the fire hydrant that is north of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. He opined that parking north of that street parking north of that fire hydrant should be allowed.

Councilmember Keller asked if the school buses have issues when they come through and Mrs. Reynolds stated that these streets are not part of a bus route since they are all commercial but there are occasionally buses through there. Councilmember Lievens commented that both school districts use Alexander Fuel to fill up the buses gas tanks.

Councilmember Eveld said that there isn't much room to park north of the fire hydrant on Jay Rd, maybe up to four freight trucks could fit.

Mayor Dodgen said that there is consensus to prohibit parking on Larkin and no parking on Jay Rd on either side south of the fire hydrant that is in front of Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

Councilmember Lievens asked if there is concern about the private drive, Alexander Drive, being used by the public and Mr. Alexander answered that he is not concerned.

- b. [25-646](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SOAP Engineering, LLC for the Fiber Optic Communication Infrastructure & SCADA Integration - 8th St Corridor Project; and declaring an effective date - Terri Lynn Ruckstuhl, Senior Utilities Engineer.

Utilities Engineer Terri Ruckstuhl explained that this bid was to award a contract to install communications and SCADA improvements to serve water utility facilities. Three sealed bids were received at Seguin City Hall on February 3, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. The total bid amounts for the three bidders ranged from \$132,296.00 from SOAP Engineering, LLC of Houston to \$247,000.00 from CueBid Technologies Inc of Palmview. It is recommended that SOAP Engineering, LLC, be awarded a contract for \$132,296.00, plus \$17,704.00 in contingencies, for a total amount of \$150,000.00. Funding for this project has been secured through certificates of obligation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Carlsson, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-046

- c. [26-081](#) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas to authorize a reimbursement agreement with Guadalupe Valley Electric COOP (GVEC) for overhead electrical infrastructure in the Cordova Road Project; authorizing the City Manager to enter into a reimbursement agreement. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded that the City was awarded funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for the STBG-Road Widening Off System, Cordova Road Project. Guadalupe County is a partner in this project and will contribute to the local match required for this funding source. The project is currently at 90% design and waiting to complete the ROW acquisition. Utility relocation is the next task to be completed before project is let for construction. GVEC is one Utility company that requires their infrastructure to be relocated. There are two reimbursement agreements with a total cost estimated in the amount of \$928,243.98. The utility relocation effort has been split into two sections due to the available ROW acquisition and the notice to proceed will be issued with two different dates. This expense is for relocation of their overhead electrical infrastructure located outside the City's existing right-of-way and inside a GVEC easement. It is recommended that the reimbursement agreement be authorized for the amount of \$928,243.98; provided all proper documentation is received from GVEC.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lievens, seconded by Councilmember Rea, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-047

d. [26-082](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Cordova Road Widening Project funded through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds informed that based on increased construction costs, an amendment to the Advanced Funding Agreement with the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for the STBG-Road Widening Off System, Cordova Road Project, is being requested. The total estimated cost of the Project increased by \$14,067,896 to \$47,958,044 due to additional funding granted by the MPO to address cost escalation impacts, including increased labor and materials.

Councilmember Carlsson asked to highlight the process taken to be awarded the grant and Mrs. Reynolds answered that it is a lengthy process and free money is not free. She said that it is a very competitive process. Mr. Carlsson thanked Mr. Parker for hiring smart people who know how to do the process.

Mayor Dodgen said that having Mrs. Reynolds serve on the committee is a big advantage, as is being shovel ready for projects when the opportunity window opens up. Being ready is worth a lot of points on the scoring matrix. Mayor Dodgen also announced that Mrs. Reynolds is up for an award and that every AAMPO project cost has increased this much.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carlsson, seconded by Councilmember Lievens, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-048

e. [26-098](#)

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas awarding a bid in the amount of \$353,390.73 to Rucoba & Maya Construction, LLC for the South Camp Street Drainage Project; authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Rucoba & Maya Construction, LLC; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded that a street inlet and outfall at South Camp Street near the West Washington Street intersection into Walnut Branch causes damage to residential lots near the area during heavy rain

events due to inadequate capacity. The South Camp Street Drainage Improvement Project construction plans include street reconstruction, storm sewer installation, sidewalk/concrete multi-use trail construction, installation of curb and gutter, roadway striping, concrete retaining wall, and restoration of grass/vegetation. Seven sealed bids were received on February 24, 2026, for the above referenced project. The lowest qualified bidder, Rucoba & Maya Construction, LLC, has successfully completed similar work in the past 5 years. Funding for this project has been secured through bonds, stormwater utility fees, and utility fees. This project was bid as AF-2026-031. Staff recommends the construction contract be awarded to Rucoba & Maya Construction, LCC for \$321,264.30, plus \$32,126.43 in contingency, for a total amount of \$353,390.73.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gaytan, seconded by Councilmember Eveld, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-049

f. [26-112](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Design-Build Agreement with Koehler Construction for the design and construction of a five bay apparatus enclosure at Fire Station No. 2; authorizing expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$1,777,500; and declaring an effective date. - Randy Kell, Facilities Director

Director of Facilities Randy Kell informed that the Seguin Fire Department needs a new 100' x 60', 5 bay apparatus enclosure at Fire Station #2. The city has recently purchased two additional apparatuses for the fire department. As of now, there are already several pieces of equipment left out in the elements. This new building will serve as protection for existing equipment as well as new equipment purchased. This space will also include a supply room, storage room, and gym. . Seventeen companies submitted RFQ's and four were called in for second interviews including their architects. During second interviews, we discussed budgets as well. Koehler Construction is our recommendation based on qualifications and discussed budget. Until design is finished, we will not have an exact cost. It is recommended that the Facility Director be authorized to expend up to \$1,777,500. Bonds were issued in FY25 for this project, but additional funding will be needed to complete the project. The additional funding needed will come from the bonds being issued for the new fire station this fiscal year. Once construction starts for the new fire station in FY27, the bonds issued during that fiscal year will include the amount needed to replace the funding.

A motion was made by Councilmember Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Keller, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-050

- g. [26-116](#) Resolution authorizing a partial waiver of City development and permitting fees associated with the construction of the Guadalupe County Emergency Operations Center. - Steve Parker, City Manager

City Manager Steve Parker informed that Guadalupe County is currently constructing a 17,115 square foot Emergency Operations Center which will house their Fire Marshal Department. Since the City will potentially use the facility during times of emergency response, County officials asked if the City would be willing to waive all or a portion of the fees related to constructing the facility. The City's Fire Marshal and/or Fire Department could also potentially use the facility to help train or hold meetings from time to time. Considering the joint uses, as well as the general benefit of a local Emergency Operations Center, City staff is recommending a 50% waiver of the fees. Mr. Parker informed that Guadalupe County Fire Marshal Patrick Pinder is present to answer any questions related to the building specs.

Guadalupe County Fire Marshal Patrick Pinder thanked City Council for considering this item, reiterated that the building will be for multiple uses, and added that partnering with the City on a project like this is great.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lievens, seconded by Councilmember Gaytan, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: 2026R-051

- h. [26-092](#) Ordinance on first reading amending the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Budget of the City of Seguin and declaring an effective date. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

Finance Director Susan Caddell informed that after receiving the results of the audit and taking away any fund balance we are budgeting to use in FY26, the City has 7 months of operating expenditures in the General Fund. After these budget amendments, it will have over 6.5 months of fund balance, which equates to \$10.9 million available to use, if needed. She highlighted that some of the amendments were for grants and advocacy consulting, a grinder to grind brush, an increase to the Fix-It Facade Grant Program, and the rest of the request list that was presented during the budget session, from generators at Animals Services, to upgrading services at the police and fire stations, purchasing a new truck for Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones, and repairing the City Hall parking lot.

Mayor Dodgen explained that the mid year budget adjustment allows for City Staff to finish out, and add to, their request list from the budget workshop.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eveld, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 4/7/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

i. [26-093](#)

Ordinance on first reading amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Fund Budget of the City of Seguin and declaring an effective date. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

Finance Director Susan Caddell presented the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Fund Budget. In the Utility Fund, after receiving the results of the audit and taking away any retained earnings we are budgeting to use in FY26, we have over 3.14 months operating expenditures in retained earnings. This only leaves \$793,830 in retained earnings available for use. Staff is recommending to use only \$331,950 of this balance. The capital projects being funded in the Utility Fund are being funded from retained earnings in the Utility Fund Capital Projects which has over \$5 million available for use. Some of the projects being funded by these amendments are an increase appropriation for modeling services, wholesale power contract and new vehicle maintenance and fleet management software.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rea, seconded by Councilmember Keller, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 4/7/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

j. [26-094](#)

Ordinance on second reading amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Special Revenue Fund Budget of the City of Seguin and declaring an effective date. - Susan Caddell, Director of Finance

Finance Director Susan Caddell presented the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Special Revenue Fund. Some of the improvements to be funded with this amendment are repairs to the Midway Hall Foundation and the possible purchase of a nutcracker collection.

A motion was made that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 4/7/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

k. [26-100](#)

Public Hearing and Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 74, Parks, amending Article IV, Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs; providing for publication of this Ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing for an effective date; and authorizing City staff to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances. - Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones explained that it is a requirement to adopt the youth program handbook annually for them to allow to continue to be exempt from the state licensing requirements for childcare. The only changes made to it this year was to increase the cost of summer camp from \$110 per week to \$120 per week. Additionally, check-in is no longer allowed at the wave pool.

Mayor Dodgen opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 P.M.

There being no public comments, Mayor Dodgen closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rea, seconded by Councilmember Keller, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading to the City Council, due back on 4/7/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 8 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Carlsson, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

I. [26-097](#)

Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of Seguin, Texas amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Section 98-107, No Parking Zones, to restrict parking on portions of College Street; authorizing City Staff to prepare this Ordinance as a supplement to the City Code of Ordinances; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Director of Planning and Codes Melissa Reynolds informed that since Seguin ISD built the new baseball and softball complex on College Street, vehicles have parked on both sides of College St to attend games. There are areas where parking is prohibited already; 275' from the curb cut for fire and emergency access and in front of the LCRA substation. She said that additional parking restrictions may be needed on both sides. She said that the current draft ordinance is for a no parking zone on the south side of College St from King St to SH-123.

Mayor Dodgen opened the Public Hearing at 6:56 P.M.

Dr. Terri Quebedeaux, 1345 E College St, said she has had her business here since 1984 and she has always parked on that side of the street to bring in supplies. Her patients can not walk from the street to her office door, so she and her staff park in the street to allow for more parking for her patients. She said if this passes, there are 3-4 people that will have to park way down by the hospital because they can't park in her business parking lot because there are not enough spaces. She suggested that City Council consider restricting parking on the north side of the street, since that is the side that the fields are on and they should not restrict and hinder her from doing business in her office.

Councilmember Eveld asked about her business hours. She said it conflicts most during tournaments. She said she is considering turning all of the parking spaces in her parking lot into handicap spaces with signage that says all others will be towed. She said people make no consideration for her or her customers when there are tournaments at the fields.

There being no other public comments, Mayor Dodgen closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Councilmember Carlsson asked if he was missing something and wanted to know why there is a push no to prohibit parking. Councilmember Biesenbach answered that this item was brought to council at his request because he was reached out to by two different constituents. He said that he had a great discussion with Dr. Quebedeaux and she was able to voice her concerns. He said that he would like to amend the ordinance to not allow parking on the north and south side, except for in front of Dr. Quebedeaux's office.

Councilmember Gaytan suggested that they start with prohibiting parking on the north side of the street down to Lamar and see how it goes before parking is limited on both sides of the street. start with no parking on north side and see how that goes before we limit on both sides.

Councilmember Lievens agreed because he said that he is concerned with the businesses on the south side.

Mayor Dodgen requested that City Staff revise the proposed ordinance to prohibit parking on the north side of College Street from Lamar to SH-123 Bypass and bring the item back to City Council for a first reading.

Mayor Dodgen postponed the consideration of this ordinance to allow City Staff to make the requested revisions. It will be presented to City Council at a future date.

9. Closed Session

Mayor Dodgen convened into Closed Session at 7:10 P.M.

- a. [26-083](#) Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Legal Counsel) and 551.072 (Deliberation regarding the Purchase and/or Value of Real Property) of the Texas Local Government Code regarding the possible donation of property for public park purposes located on or near Kingsbury Street east of the Highway 123 Bypass in Guadalupe County, Texas. Possible action may follow in Open Session. - Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation.
- b. [26-108](#) Section 551.071(2) (Consultation with Legal Counsel) regarding contemplated and/or pending litigation involving the City of Seguin. Possible action may follow in Open Session.

10. Reconvene into Open Session and Take Action on Closed Session Items if necessary

Mayor Dodgen reconvened into Open Session at 8:01 P.M.

11. Adjournment

Mayor Dodgen adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Secretary