



City of Seguin

210 E. Gonzales Street
Seguin TX, 78155

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Public & Virtual

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dodgen announced that Councilmember-Elect John Carlsson is attending the meeting remotely as he is in Norway for business.

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

2. Invocation - Elder Leonard Fennell, Refuge 3 Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Salute to the Texas Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember Paul Gaytan, Councilmember Monica N. Carter, Councilmember Bill Keller, Councilmember Jason Biesenbach, and Councilmember Chris Rangel

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Donna Dodgen

5. Hearing of Residents:

Invitation to hear citizens and council members in advance of regular business on items other than what is on the agenda, which shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Due to the Open Meetings Act discussions on matters not on the agenda are not allowed, therefore discussion shall be limited to 1) Statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry; 2) A recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry; 3) A proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting; 4) For the record, please state your name and address before speaking.

Eddie Davila, 1843 Eastwood Dr., introduced his grandson Austin Castilleja. Austin showed City Council his Superbowl ring for the 2023 Pee-Wee CFPO Football League and a trophy from the Patriot Bowl this last Saturday. Mr. Davila informed that Austin's team practices at Manuel C. Castilla Park and he had overheard that there is money allocated this budget year for the park. Mr. Davila opined that the fields are an essential resource for youth development and should be safe and usable for the children to use. He said that the fixing the fields should be a partnership between the City and the people who use it and offered that the kids will volunteer to pick up rocks or do what needs to be done to get the field in better condition.

Austin Castilleja asked City Council to help his team get a better field.

Renee Castilleja, 833 Stonemanor Bay, announced that he coaches for the Seguin Youth Football League and stated that he was born and raised in Seguin and used to play football at the Boys & Girls Club, A.J. Briesemeister, and played at and graduated from Seguin High School in 1984. He gave his condolences to Ms. Mendez for the loss of her daughter and said that Sonia was such a nice person. He opined that Austin Castilleja's team will continue to win little league and eventually will be playing in High School. He agreed that Manuel C. Castilla Park needs improvement.

Julian Leal, 849 Prexy Dr., also said that Manuel C. Castilla needs improvements, starting with the planting of oak trees 40' feet apart and the trees need irrigation installed.

Gordan Allen, 625 S. Milam, informed that he also owns the property located at 2805 E. IH-10. Recently, a tree located in the right-of-way fell onto his property and he is trying to identify the owner of the property that had the tree fall so that they can come and remove it from his property. He asked the City to help him identify the property owner because he has gotten conflicting information thus far.

Mayor Dodgen announced that the deadline to sign up to have a float in the Holiday parade is November 21st. To date, there are a little less than 100 entries submitted. She reminded that this Thursday is Third Thursday and stores downtown will stay open until 8 P.M. Additionally, Mayor Dodgen announced that the third annual Community Table event will be held Sunday, November 24th from 4-6 P.M. at the Seguin Coliseum.

Councilmember Biesenbach thanked Chris Rangel for being awesome and said that he appreciates what he has learned from Chris and what Chris and Ileen do for the Community, especially for the West End. Biesenbach said that he felt privileged to have been invited to help at their clean-up events.

Councilmember Rangel announced that tonight was his last night on City Council and thanked the City for allowing him to be a part of it. He said that he now understands the way things work and that it takes time for things to happen. He thanked the citizens of District 4 for voting for him to represent them for the last eight years. He encouraged residents to reach out to City Council, to get involved and to be part of the solution not the problem. He gave his final thanks to his fellow councilmembers, staff, and former mayors with which he served.

6. Presentation

a. Recognition of outgoing City Council Members. - Donna Dodgen, Mayor

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Mayor posthumously recognized Sonia Mendez for her time spent as a council woman for Seguin as well as for all the great things she has done for the community. Mayor Dodgen asked that Public Works Director John Donnelly present Sonia's mother and daughter with a token of appreciation from the City and announced that Sonia Mendez will be the marshal for the Holiday Parade this year. Mayor Dodgen declared that Sonia Mendez was a big part of the family and she always will be.

Public Works Director John Donnelly stated that Sonia Mendez was dedicated to our City and is a big part of the reason why the City is trending upward.

- b. Presentation regarding Seguin's recent designation as a JustServe City. - Steve Parker, City Manager

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City Manager Steve Parker reminded that about a month ago Selina Medina presented the JustServe portal to City Council. He announced that Seguin has received its JustServe City designation and invited Mrs. Medina to present.

Selina Medina explained that JustServe core values are to serve locally, help build community and build people. The portal allows for an organization post things they need volunteers with as well as sign up to volunteer. Mrs. Medina invited Bishop Tim Byrd to speak. Mr. Byrd said that this portal isn't possible without the creation of accounts. Mrs. Medina added that 50 organizations in our area have already added projects. She stated that Seguin is the first city in Guadalupe County that has become a JustServe City and presented City Council with a plaque.

- c. 2023-2024 Seguin Economic Development Corporation Annual Report. - Josh Schneuker, Director of Economic Development

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Director of Economic Development Josh Schneuker gave an overview of the Seguin Economic Development Corporation 2023-2024 Annual Report. The report highlighted the Corporations marketing and recruitment efforts and their business retention and expansion efforts, as well as their infrastructure projects. He informed that a more formal report will be made available by the end of the week.

- d. Noise Study Presentation. - Mike McMann, Police Lieutenant

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Chief Jason Brady stated that at the direction of City Council, the Police Department completed a noise study. He introduced Lieutenant Mike McCann to present the results.

Lt. McCann said that patrol officers collected the data by taking decibel readings every other Friday and Saturday night from March 1st through September 31st of this year at several different venues in Seguin. The noise ordinance allows noise in residential districts up to 85 decibels from 8a.m. to 10p.m. Monday through Friday and 8a.m. to 11p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. Any other time, decibel readings must be below 75 decibels. Non-residential property located within 100 feet of residential property must follow the same decibel requirements as residential property. For non-residential properties not located within 100 feet of residential property, 85 decibels are permitted at all times.

Noise Calls for Service City Wide

2019 -- 585; of which 12 were for the one of the venues listed below.

2020 -- 756; of which 6 were for one of the venues listed below.

2021 -- 794; of which 13 were for one of the venues listed below.

2022 -- 621; of which 47 were for one of the venues listed below.

2023 -- 476; of which 14 were for one of the venues listed below.

2024 -- 483; of which 15 were for one of the venues listed below.*

**March 1st through September 1st.*

Venues:

JR Lounge, Cazadores Night Club, Aumont Tower, Carrigann's, Abbott House, The Backyard/School Yard, Fiesta Ballroom, Seguin Bar & Billards, Weinert House, 467 Tavern, Highwater Bar

In addition, Lt. McCann also reported that Code Compliance received two noise complaints after the noise study ended. They were both made by the same resident against The Schoolyard. They took measurements both of those instances and found no violation. However, they received another complaint against The School Yard on October 26th at 8:57 P.M. Officers took two measurements that night that were in violation. The sound engineer was warned and citations will follow for any further violations.

Lt. McCann gave examples of decibel readings for common sources of noise. A ticking watch would have a decibel reading of 20, the noise from a food processor is 95 decibels, and a jackhammer is 130 decibels. Additionally, he added that he took a reading in council chambers prior to the meeting and the reading was 75 decibels.

Councilmember Gaytan shared that he lives on Nolte, can hear The Schoolyard from his residence, as is familiar with the activity there. He said it seems like the band stops at 10 P.M. but a disc jockey starts after 10 P.M. He asked why the officers took readings at 10 P.M. and K Lt. McCann answered that the officers get busier as it gets later in the night. Councilmember Gaytan suggested that the Police Department take decibel readings before 10 P.M. while the bands are still playing, not once they move the a DJ. He said he didn't want to pick on The Schoolyard, but is concerned for the residents who live near there. McCann encouraged residents to call the Police Department if they have disturbances. He said the initial contact would be a warning followed by enforcement if the noise ordinance violation continues.

7. Consent Agenda

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, Councilmember Biesenbach, and Councilmember Rangel

- a.** Minutes of the November 5, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

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This Action Item was approved.

- b.** Check Report November 2, 2024 through November 15, 2024.

Indexes:

This Check Report was acknowledged.

- c.** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Additional Service Proposal to the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$49,000

with Pape-Dawson Engineers for Subsurface Utility Engineering for the Cordova Road Project CSJ #0915-46-052; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Indexes:

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: Res 2024R-262

- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the purchase of Ari-Hetra Mobile Column Lifts in the amount of \$56,181.70. - John Donnelly, Public Works Director

Indexes:

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: RES 2024R-263

- e. Resolution authorizing the purchase of mowing and maintenance equipment for Starcke Park Golf Course; and declaring an effective date. - Bruce Allen, Golf Course Manager

Indexes:

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: RES 2024R-264

- f. Ordinance on second reading to consider a Zoning Change from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C) for the property located at 1321 Peach St., Property ID:187580, (ZC 13-24). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes

Indexes:

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: ORD 2024-058

- g. Ordinance on second reading to consider a Zoning Change from Commercial (C) to Public (P) for a property located at 3251 N S.H. 123, Property ID: 18864 (ZC 14-24). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes.

Indexes:

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: ORD 2024-059

- h. Ordinance on second reading to consider a Zoning Change from Public (P) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) for a property located at 216 E. College Street, Property ID: 22695, (ZC 03-24A). - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes

Indexes:

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: ORD 2024-060

- i. Ordinance on second reading to consider amendments to the City of Seguin's Unified Development Code Sections 1.2.2, 1.4, 2.9.F, 2.9.1.B, 2.9.2, 2.9.3, 2.9.11, and Definitions to amend the delegation of plat approval responsibility as allowed by Chapter 212 of the Local Government Code. - Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning and Codes

Indexes:

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: ORD 2024-061

8. Action Items - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve

- a. Resolution canvassing returns and declaring results of the General Election held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council Members for Districts One, Two, Four, and Six; and declaring an effective date. - Kristin Mueller, City Secretary

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City Secretary Kristin Mueller stated that City Council ordered that a General Election be held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Councilmembers for Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6. The general election was duly and legally, ordered, posted, published, and held on conformity with election laws of the State of Texas and the election results have been certified and returned by Guadalupe County, with whom the City contracts with to facilitate its elections. The official canvass of the returns of the election reflect the following:

For Mayor:

Donna Dodgen, 6,619

Francisco Herrera, 3,261

For City Council District 1:

Joe Rea, 528

For City Council District 2:

David Eveld, 449

Mario Hernandez, 399

For City Council District 4:

John Carlsson, 516

Ileen Rangel, 489

For City Council District 6:

Monica Napier Carter, 816

Felix Moreno, 419

Suzanne Wynn, 300

Donna Dodgen received the majority of the votes and is elected to serve as Mayor and that Joe Rea, David Eveld, John Carlsson and Monica Napier Carter each received the

majority votes their respective districts and are therefore elected to serve as Councilmembers for Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6, respectively.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, Councilmember Biesenbach, and Councilmember Rangel

Enactment No: RES 2024R-265

- b.** Administer the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office to City Council Members elected in the November 5, 2024 General Election. - Kristin Mueller, City Secretary

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City Secretary Kristin Mueller issued the Statement of Elected Officer to Donna Dodgen, Joe Rea, David Eveld, and Monica Napier Carter. Then, issued the Oath of Office to Mayor Dodgen. Mayor Dodgen then issued the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Rea, Eveld and Carter.

This Action Item was approved

Councilmember Elect Carlsson continued to attend the meeting remotely. As he had not taken his Oath of Office, he was not a voting member of City Council. Mr. Carlsson will take his Oath of Office before the next City Council meeting.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember David Eveld, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember Paul Gaytan, Councilmember Monica N. Carter, Councilmember Bill Keller, and Councilmember Jason Biesenbach

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Donna Dodgen

- c.** Resolution by the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing and approving publication of notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date. - Susan Caddell, Finance Director

Indexes:

Finance Director Susan Caddell introduced Duane Westerman with SAMCO Capital Markets and Matthew Lee with Norton Rose Fulbright to present on the proposed \$40,500,000 bond issuance.

Mr. Westerman explained that certificates of obligation are used for funding capital improvements and are secured by the authority to levy a property tax. He stated that the City of Seguin has received a S&P credit rating of AA, indicating that it has a very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. Mr. Westerman gave an overview of the bond issuance timeline, stating that City Council would be approving the notice of intention at this meeting, which will commence a 45 day notice period. The notice will

be posted on the website and published in the paper twice. Then, after the sale of the Certificates of Obligation, there is a 30 day window to allow the City to obtain approval from the Texas Attorney General before receiving funds. As it is scheduled currently, City Council would vote to approve the sale of the Certificate of Obligations on January 7th and funds would be delivered February 6th.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-266

- d.** Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. related to on-call water and wastewater modeling, authorizing an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and declaring an effective date - Timothy Howe, Director of Water / Wastewater Utilities

Indexes:

Water and Wastewater Director Timothy Howe explained that the City has contracted with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for many years for professional services related to on-call modeling of the water and wastewater utility to evaluate new developments and the timing and sizing of infrastructure.

For FY25, FNI provided an updated professional services proposal to provide water and wastewater modeling. He explained that FNI may provide the services listed in this agreement in addition to any engineering services requested on an hourly billing rate basis. Mr. Howe requested approval for professional services under this agreement for fiscal year 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Funds are provided for these professional services by the developer, through fees collected for water and wastewater modeling services.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-267

- e.** Resolution approving the purchase of 1 Spartan pumper on a Metro Star chassis and equipment as specified; and declaring an effective date. - Dale Skinner, Fire/EMS Chief

Indexes:

Assistant Fire Chief Garrick Herbert explained that City Council approved the pre-order of a fire engine during FY25, with an expected delivery time of late FY26 or early FY27. The lead time for a new fire truck is between 800 days and five years. The amount budgeted for the fire engine was \$1,100,000. Due to unforeseen price increases, the contract price is \$1,236,794, for the purchase of a Spartan Pumper on a Metro Star Chassis, a 20% increase in price since the last order.

Mayor Dodgen commented that another goal of purchasing now is to lock in the price.

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: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-268

- f.** Resolution authorizing a Second Amendment to the Economic Development Performance Agreement with Maruichi Stainless Tube Texas Corporation. - Josh Schneker, Director of Economic Development

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Economic Development Director Josh Schneker explained that Maruichi Stainless Tube Texas Corporation manufactures stainless steel tubes. Samsung, one of their main customers, is experiencing unexpected delays, preventing Maruichi from ramping up production and meeting the benchmarks associated with job creation. This amendment to the performance agreement would require that Maruichi would employ at least 40 full-time positions with an annual payroll of at least \$1.8M by December 31, 2025 and that they would employ 106 full-time positions with a minimum payroll of \$4.77M by December 31, 2026. Those benchmark dates were both pushed back for a period of one year, from 12/31/24 and 12/31/25 respectively.

Mr. Schneker reported that the Seguin Economic Development Corporation approved these amendments a their last meeting.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-269

- g.** Resolution authorizing a First Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement with Maruichi Stainless Tube Texas Corporation. - Josh Schneker, Director of Economic Development

Indexes:

Economic Development Director Josh Schneker informed that this Resolution would authorize an amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement with Maruichi Stainless

Tube Texas Corporation, allowing for the same benchmark deadlines as the previously discussed item. There is no fiscal impact to the City.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-270

- h.** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas adopting a Safe Streets and Roads For All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

Indexes:

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded that the City was recently awarded the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant through the US Department of Transportation. The plan was developed to provide a framework of innovative strategies and implementation actions intended to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries while supporting federal safety initiatives. That plan has been developed and the draft plan has been released. Mrs. Reynolds thanked her team that consisted of Kimley Horn, Ms. O'Connell and her safety buddy Zach. She said that the committee was very well represented, with both school districts, the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Guadalupe County, as well as people who are both physically and visually impaired participating on the committee. In addition, there were several public outreach events hosted. Mrs. Reynolds introduced Raul Orozco with Kimley Horn to present.

Mr. Orozco gave an overview of the six main components of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. He invited residents to visit the online dashboard to view the High Injury Network and Interactive Crash Map. Approving this resolution would adopt the Safe Streets and Roads For All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as the guiding document to achieve the goal of 50% reduction in traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2035 and zero by 2050.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-271

- i.** Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$453,785.40 with Pape-Dawson Engineers for the Seguin Pedestrian Improvements Project (CSJ 0915-46-053); and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of

Engineering and Capital Projects

Indexes:

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds said that the goal of this Professional Services Agreement with Pape-Dawson Engineers in the amount of \$453,785.40, is to provide engineering services required for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates and other related documents for pedestrian accessible route improvements along Stratton, Jefferson, Guadalupe, and Nelda Streets.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-272

- j.** Resolution awarding a bid in the amount of \$1,973,519.00 to D&S Concrete Contractors, LLC for the Walnut Branch GLO Phase I Drainage Project (a GLO CDBG-MT Grant Project); authorizing the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with D&S Concrete Contractors, LLC; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering and Capital Projects

Indexes:

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds reminded that the City of Seguin was awarded a grant from the General Land Use Office for flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements for four drainage projects; Walnut Branch, Mays Creek, North Heideke, and North Guadalupe. The Walnut Branch project will be constructed in two phases, with Phase 1 to be in construction before the end of the year. Three bids were received for the Walnut Branch GLO Phase 1 Drainage Project. The low bidder, D&S Concrete Contractors, successfully completed similar work in the past 5 years. They are the same contractor who rebuilt 8th street recently. After reference check, it is recommended that the Walnut Branch GLO Phase 1 Drainage Project be awarded to D&S Concrete Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$1,973,519.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

Enactment No: RES 2024R-273

- k.** Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Section 98-107, No Parking Zones, to restrict parking on the north side of College Street at the Seguin ISD Baseball and Softball Complex; authorizing City Staff to prepare this Ordinance as a supplement to the City Code of

Ordinances; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering & Capital Projects

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Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds explained, that at the request of the Fire Marshal, this ordinance would designate a portion of College Street as a No Parking Zone. The space will be utilized for first-responder vehicles and accessible drop-off and pick-up areas for the Seguin ISD Baseball and Softball Complex.

A motion was made by Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Gaytan, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- I.** Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Section 98-161, to allow bicycles within Walnut Springs Park; authorizing City Staff to prepare this ordinance as a supplement to the City Code of Ordinances; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering and Capital Projects

Indexes:

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds explained that the current Code of Ordinances prohibits bicycles within Walnut Springs Park. As the trail is advertised as a hike and bike trail, repealing that section of the ordinance will encourage multi-modal transportation along the trail. The Parks and Recreation Department does support the change.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lievens, seconded by Councilmember Biesenbach, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- m.** Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Section 98-103, Reserved Parking; authorizing City Staff to prepare this ordinance as a supplement to the City Code of Ordinances; providing for a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date. - Melissa Reynolds, PE, MPA, CFM - Director of Engineering and Capital Projects

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Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Melissa Reynolds informed that the Code of Ordinances provides for Juror Parking along South Austin and South River Streets.

Amending this section of the Code to remove designated Juror parking will provide for greater flexibility of parking needs for the Historic Downtown District.

A motion was made by Councilmember Biesenbach, seconded by Councilmember Carter, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

- n. Ordinance on first reading amending the Seguin Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Officers, and Employees, Division 3, Ethics Policy, to change the date required for Ethics Commission Meetings; providing a severability clause; authorizing City Staff to prepare this ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Code of Ordinances; and providing for an effective date. - Kristin Mueller, City Secretary

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City Secretary Kristin Mueller reminded that the Ethics Commission was established by City Council in 2003 to review and investigate complaints involving City Council. The requirement of the commission to meet in June each year was established when council elections were held in May. In 2022, the City Council changed the annual meeting requirement to occur "within 90 days of the uniform election date wherein new council members are elected." Currently there is still one place in the code that calls for the June meeting requirement. This ordinance would correct that portion of the code to be consistent with the change made in 2022.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

9. **Closed Session**

Mayor Dodgen convened into Closed Session at 7:09 P.M.

- a. **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION** - An executive/closed session will be held pursuant to sections 551.071(2) and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney and deliberation regarding the purchase and/or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body.
- Cordova Rd Project
 - Project High Tech

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10. Reconvene into Open Session and take action on items as a result of Closed Session, if necessary.

Mayor Dodgen reconvened into Open Session at 7:31 P.M.

Purchase Agreement between the City of Seguin and Charles and Joyce Urban, related to the Fee Simple Acquisition of approximately 4.932 acres of real property, for the Cordova Road Project, as presented in closed session.

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

Presiding: 1 - Mayor Dodgen

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Rea, Councilmember Eveld, Councilmember Lievens, Councilmember Gaytan, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Keller, and Councilmember Biesenbach

11. Adjournment

Mayor Dodgen adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Secretary