



## **MINUTES**

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### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 23, 2020**

This meeting will be conducted utilizing a videoconferencing tool. City Council members, staff, and citizens will participate via audio only. Instructions and direct links to view the meeting or speak during citizen comment can be found at [LongviewTexas.gov/Tele](http://LongviewTexas.gov/Tele).

To participate in citizen comment, please plan to arrive early to give yourself time to register to the videoconference tool. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The virtual conference meeting room will open at 5:15 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Roll Call**

Mayor Andy Mack: Due to the format of this meeting, we will begin tonight with a roll call to confirm all members of the City Council are present and able to participate in our considerations.

Council members, when I call your name and district, will you please respond in the affirmative if you are present?

Ed Moore, District 1 - Here

Nona Snoddy, District 2 - Here

Wray Wade, District 3 - Here

Kristen Ishihara, District 4 - Here

David Wright, District 5 - Here

Steve Pirtle, District 6 - Here

City Staff:

City Manager Keith Bonds - Here

City Attorney Jim Finley - Here

City Secretary Angie Shepard - Here

### **III. Citizen Comment**

There were no citizens asking to comment.

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

- A. Consider a Resolution authorizing the City of Longview to apply for, accept and expend grant funds in the amount of in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 Texas Commission on the Arts to be used to support the Arts!Longview Cultural District –**

Laura Hill, Director of Community Services was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the approval of a grant application for an amount not to exceed \$200,000. The Texas Commission on the Arts has issued a call for projects with applications being due in June 2020. The City of Longview, as the recognized "Cultural District Management Entity" for the Arts!Longview Cultural District will be administratively responsible for submitting the application and administering the funding / project if the grant is approved. No City Funds will be required, all matching funds will be provided through Arts!Longview.

The Grant application will be to make enhancements to the Cultural District to make it more attractive and cohesive looking; to improve signage and wayfinding, to promote the District and to support management and operations of the District.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE ARTS!LONGVIEW CULTURAL DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF SAID APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM RULES OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDS; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5628 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing the transfer of certain items of grant-funded Homeland Security property to the Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council and the South Van Zandt and Tennessee Colony volunteer fire departments per a recommendation from the Homeland Security Advisory Council of the East Texas Council of Governments –**

J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting and authorizing staff to transfer ownership of grant funded equipment to he South VanZandt VFD, the RAC-G EMFT-4 and Tennessee Colony VFD.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIAL TO REDISTRIBUTE CERTAIN ITEMS OF GRANT-FUNDED HOMELAND SECURITY PROPERTY TO THE PINEY WOODS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE SOUTH VAN ZANDT AND TENNESSEE COLONY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AS RECOMMENED BY THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; CONDITIONING SAID REDISTRIBUTION WITH COMPLIANCE REGARDING USE AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL GRANT GUIDANCE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO REDISTRIBUTE SAID EQUIPMENT IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5629 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

Council Member Pirtle made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

Ed Moore, District 1 - Aye

Nona Snoddy, District - Aye

Wray Wade, District 3 - Aye

Kristen Ishihara, District 4- Aye

David Wright, District 5- Aye

Steve Pirtle, District 6- Aye

And I, Mayor Andy Mack, vote - Aye

City Secretary Angie Shepard, confirmed the record of the vote.

MOTION: Council Member Pirtle made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

## V. Action Items

- A. **Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the purchase of four (4) transit buses via the State of Oklahoma interlocal agreement for an amount not to exceed \$534,816.00 using Federal Transit Administration Funds – Scott Lewis, Longview Transit General Manager.**

Keith Bonds, City Manager was present and the resolution for the purchase of four (4) transit buses for Longview Transit. The buses will be purchased using the City's participation in the State of Oklahoma Cooperative Purchasing Program. These buses will replace four buses that have exceeded their useful life. State of Oklahoma issued a bid and awarded a contract for transit buses. The bid and subsequent award complies with State of Texas competitive bidding laws.

One hundred (100) percent of the funding is provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with no required local funds (match) by City of Longview funds. The total amount of the purchase will not exceed \$534,816 for all four buses.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AND/OR OTHER OFFICIALS(S) OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE ANY DOUCMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) TRANSIT BUSES FOR LONGVIEW TRANSIT THROUGH THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

Ed Moore, District 1 - Aye

Nona Snoddy, District - Aye

Wray Wade, District 3 - Aye

Kristen Ishihara, District 4- Aye

David Wright, District 5- Aye

Steve Pirtle, District 6- Aye

And I, Mayor Andy Mack, vote - Aye

City Secretary Angie Shepard, will now confirm the record of the vote.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made the motion.

SECOND: Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5630 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) and the City of Longview for operation of a police academy– Mike Bishop, Police Chief.**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief was present and requested the council consider a resolution approving and authorizing the a Memorandum of Understanding between the Longview Police Department and East Texas Council of Governments as it relates to the reimbursement of one-time course cost for training.

MOTION: Council Member Pirtle made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF A POLICE ACADEMY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS**

**APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS  
ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS  
RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

Ed Moore, District 1 - Aye

Nona Snoddy, District - Aye

Wray Wade, District 3 - Aye

Kristen Ishihara, District 4- Aye

David Wright, District 5- Aye

Steve Pirtle, District 6- Aye

And I, Mayor Andy Mack, vote - Aye

City Secretary Angie Shepard, confirmed the record of the vote.

MOTION: Council Member Pirtle made the motion.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5631 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

## **VI. Update on COVID 19**

Mayor Andy Mack gave the COVID 19 update:  
Governor Abbott has issued executive orders and created a Strick Force to re-open Texas businesses.

Beginning Friday, April 24, non-essential retails stores will be able to function in a "Retail To-Go" manner.

Following these guidelines, the Longview Public Library will re-open for curbside pickup service beginning tomorrow, April 24.

Governor Abbott is expected to provide additional information on Monday, April 27.

We are truly grateful to everyone doing their part for the greater good of public health and is helping us get through this together.

## **VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Angie Shepard  
City Secretary

