

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2018**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilmember Russell Machann led the opening devotion and Mayor Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry Freese, Alice Heard-Roberts, Russell Machann Don Mueller and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., City Attorney Paul Webb, Finance Director Joan Anandel, City Secretary Paula Favors, TRMC, CPM, Community Development Coordinator Gwyneth Teves, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Civic Center Manager Makyla Monroe, Assistant to the Building Official Claudia Velasquez, Police Chief Terry David Lynch and Public Works Director Wade Wendt.

Visitors present were: Christina Butler, April Roberson, Jarod Sharp and Albert Villegas with the Wharton Journal Spectator.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excused Absences. All Councilmembers were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were made.

The forth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Finance Director Joan Anandel introduced the newly hired Civic Center Manager Makyla Monroe to the City Council. Mayor Tim Barker stated the new restrooms at Croom Park #1, Croom Park #2 and Guadalupe Park were now open

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Finance Report for May 2018. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the financial report for the month of May 2018. Mrs. Anandel stated that the TexPool balance for May was \$1,009,332.44 with an average monthly yield of 1.715%. She said the Prosperity Bank balance for May 2018 was \$3,373,472.74 with an average monthly yield of .25%. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the City of Wharton

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Financial Report for the month of May 2018. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Mr. Henry Baade requesting the waiver of building permit fees for the construction of a wheelchair ramp located at 315 West Pecan Street. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from Mr. Henry Baade requesting the waiver of building permit fees for the construction of a wheelchair ramp located at 315 West Pecan Street. Assistant to the Building Official Claudia Velasquez stated Mr. Baade was requesting the waiver of building permit fees to construct a wheelchair ramp. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the request from Mr. Henry Baade waiving the building permit fees for the construction of a wheelchair ramp located at 315 West Pecan Street. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Councilmember Don Mueller arrived at 7:14 p.m.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider Texas Municipal League MultiState – Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML MultiState IEBP):

A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML-MULTISTATE-IEBP) for medical, long-term disability, life, accidental death & dismemberment, for flexible spending account and health reimbursement account plans for City employees for the October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 fiscal year; authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreements.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a memorandum from City Secretary Paula Favors regarding the TML-Multistate IEBP Health re-rates for the year 2018-2019 and a recommendation to contribute the previous year's amount of \$1250 to a Health Reimbursement Agreement (HRA) to offset the \$2500 deductible or other medical expenses that City employees may have. Mrs. Favors stated that the contribution would help the employees with their future medical expenses by allowing them some flexibility. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-45, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MULTISTATE INTERGOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL (TML MULTISTATE-IEBP) FOR MEDICAL, LONGTERM DISABILITY, LIFE,

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT, FOR FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT AND HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT PLANS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton received the renewal rate for medical, long-term disability, life, accidental death & dismemberment for city employees; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton medical plan with Texas Municipal League MultiState-Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool would be renewed with an 18% decrease; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton would provide to each full time employee a \$1,250 yearly contribution to the employee health reimbursement account (HRA) administered by the TML MultiState-IEBP; and,

WHEREAS, The City Manager of the City of Wharton has executed on behalf of the City said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves of an interlocal contract with the Texas Municipal League MultiState - Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool for medical, long-term disability, life and accidental death & dismemberment coverage signed by the City Manager.

Section II. That Wharton City Council hereby approves providing to each full time employee a \$1,250 yearly contribution to the employee health reimbursement account (HRA) administered by the TML MultiState – IEBP.

Section III. That the City Manager of the City of Wharton is hereby authorized to sign any additional documents relating to the aforementioned agreements.

Section IV. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER

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Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS

City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Water Conservation Plan:

Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the Water Conservation Plan for the City of Wharton and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said plan.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) required cities to develop a Water Conservation Plan to implement for water conservation. City Manager Garza said that during the recent droughts the State had become very active in implementing these additional regulations to cities and other entities that sell water. City Manager Garza presented the proposed Water Conservation Plan for the City of Wharton. Public Works Director Wade Wendt stated the plan must be submitted every five years with the last one being submitted in 2013. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-46, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-46**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WHARTON AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID PLAN.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton is required by State Law to develop a Water Conservation Plan, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton Public Works Department worked in conjunction with other City Departments to developed a Water Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to approve the Water Conservation Plan.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the Water Conservation Plan as attached.

Section II. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to said plan.

Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an agreement with Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) for purchasing services for government entities and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said agreement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a memorandum from Finance Director Joan Andel to him regarding the Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) for purchasing services. Ms. Andel stated that PACE was an entity associated with the Gordian Group which the City had reached out to for help in purchasing some applicable capital items for the upcoming budget and by joining PACE the City may be able to purchase commodities and/or services through any PACE vendor. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-47, which read as follows:

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Wharton to join and participate in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative, being organized and administered by the Education Service Center, Region 20.

WHEREAS, authority for this commitment is authorized by Article 791.011 Interlocal Cooperation Act as amended and would allow for substantial savings to be realized by volume purchasing of specific commodity items.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wharton City Council hereby joins in and elects to participate in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative being organized and administered by the Education Service Center, Region 20 and recognizes that there will be no fee for participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute such documents as are appropriate and necessary to implement the Entity's participation in said PACE Purchasing Cooperative. We certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted by City of Wharton Wharton, Texas. In City of Wharton witness thereof, I/we have hereunto set my/our hand(s) this 25th day of June, 2017.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

NAME and TITLE: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

NAME and TITLE: _____

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item on the agenda was to review and consider USDA Well and Water Plant Loan:

A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing entering into an agreement for legal services with Paul Webb for the USDA Well and Water Plant Loan and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing entering into an agreement for bond counsel services for the USDA Well and Water Plant Loan and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) required that the City have standalone agreements with legal and bond counsel for

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the services to be provided on the USDA Well and Water Plant loan the City had been approved for. Community Development Coordinator Gwyneth Teves stated that there was also a requirement for the engineer to use a USDA structured agreement and this would take the place of the current engineering agreement in place for this project, the agreement was being reviewed by legal counsel to insure it meets USDA's criteria. City Manager Garza presented the Letter of Conditions provided by the USDA showing the required agreements and the draft resolutions to enter into these agreements. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution 2018-48 and City of Wharton Resolution 2018-49, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-48**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE USDA WELL AND WATER PLAN LOAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton is required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to have an agreement with legal counsel for the services to be provided on the USDA Well and Water Plant loan, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton City Council wishes to enter into an agreement with Paul Webb, P.C. Attorneys at Law for legal services; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the City of Wharton City Council wishes to enter into an agreement with Paul Webb, P.C. Attorneys at Law for legal services.

Section II. The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-49**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE USDA WELL AND WATER PLAN LOAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton is required by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to have an agreement with bond counsel for the services to be provided on the USDA Well and Water Plant loan, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton City Council wishes to enter into an agreement with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP for bond counsel services; and

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the City of Wharton City Council wishes to enter into an agreement with Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP for bond counsel services.

Section II. The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the City Council of the City of Wharton, Texas, expressing intent to finance expenditures for the City of Wharton's Well and Water Plant Project. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that per bond counsel the City needed to have a resolution in place for any expenses to be paid on the USDA Well and Water Plant Loan in order to be reimbursed once the loan was closed on. Finance Director Joan Anandel stated the resolution was a customary requirement. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-50, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-50**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS,
EXPRESSING INTENT TO FINANCE EXPENDITURES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WHARTON §
CITY OF WHARTON §**

WHEREAS, the City of Wharton, Texas (the "City"), is authorized to finance its activities by issuing obligations pursuant to the Texas Government Code and Texas Local Government Code, which may include obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes ("tax-exempt obligations"), pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City will make or has made, not more than 60 days prior to the date hereof, payments with respect to the projects listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Financed Facilities and Improvements"); and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to reimburse itself for the costs associated with the Financed Facilities and Improvements listed on Exhibit A attached hereto from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued subsequent to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably expects to issue one or more series of tax-exempt obligations to reimburse itself for the costs associated with the Financed Facilities and Improvements listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The City hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures that have been paid within the last 60 days or that will be paid subsequent to the date hereof in connection with the Financed Facilities and Improvements listed on Exhibit A attached hereto from the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be issued subsequent to the date hereof.

The City reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount of tax-exempt obligations issued to reimburse the City for costs associated with the Financed Facilities and Improvements listed on Exhibit A attached hereto will not exceed \$5,000,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF June, 2018.

By: _____
Mayor
City of Wharton, Texas

ATTEST:

City Secretary
City of Wharton, Texas

EXHIBIT A

FINANCED FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

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The planning, design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of the City's water system, including a new water well, ground storage tank, and pump station, and the costs of professional services incurred in connection therewith.

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council establishing a Consultant Selection Committee and developing evaluation criteria for the selection of an engineering consulting firm for services to provide the design and construction management of projects for one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the City staff would advertise for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. City Manager Garza presented the recommendation of GrantWorks and TDEM to re-procure for engineering and the draft resolution. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-51, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-51**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE AND DEVELOPING EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF AN ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRM FOR SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF PROJECTS FOR ONE OR MORE HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) GRANTS FROM THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND/OR OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION, AND/OR FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to establish a Consultant Selection Committee for an engineering consulting firm for services to provide the design and construction management of projects for one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance and provide recommendations to the entire City Council; and,

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WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes the Consultant Selection Committee to consist of the City Council Public Works Committee along with the City Manager and Public Works Director; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes for this Committee to exist until a recommendation is forwarded to the entire City Council; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to establish the criteria of selection of the consulting firm as per Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby establishes the City Council Consultant Selection Committee.

Section II. That the Wharton City Council Consultant Selection Committee will consist of the City Council Public Works Committee along with the City Manager and Public Works Director.

Section III. That the criteria as set forth in Attachment A is hereby approved.

Section IV. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of Public Comment for the H-GAC draft Method of Distribution for Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster

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Funds-General Land Office. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated H-GAC released the draft Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Funds on June 21, 2018 for public comment. City Manager Garza presented the draft H-GAC MOD for the Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Funds and the draft resolution. Community Development Coordinator Gwyneth Teves stated City Council approval would allow authorization to submit a public comment on the draft MOD. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-52, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-52**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE H-GAC DRAFT METHOD OF
DISTRIBUTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT DISASTER FUNDS-GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**

WHEREAS, The Houston-Galveston Area Council released the draft Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Funds for review and public comment on June 21, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the submission of a public comment on the MOD; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the City of Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the submission of a public comment on the MOD.

Section II. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of June 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

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ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Wharton Youth Soccer League for assistance. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that on January 4, 2018, the City Staff met with Wharton Youth Soccer League Representative Kristina Butler, regarding assistance from the City of Wharton to help find land for new soccer fields. City Manager said that on March 12, 2018 at its regular meeting the Wharton City Council approved a Land Lease Agreement with the Wharton Independent School District to include a parcel of land known as Harris Park and the land west of Bailey Street and the Wharton City Council also approved to offer this site to the Wharton Youth Soccer League for soccer fields and for the City Staff to help the League with preparing the site for use. He said Wharton Youth Soccer League President Kristina Butler submitted a request to the City regarding the funding for goals and maintenance of the soccer fields. City Manager Garza said the City of Wharton currently allows organizations to use City property for recreational purposes (i.e. Wharton Little League, Wharton Girls Softball Association), however the organizations were responsible for maintaining the property and the City Staff recommended the responsibly of maintaining the fields should fall on the league as it would with any other organization but the City would be able to assist in the installation of the goals purchased by the soccer league. City Manager Garza said the Parks and Recreation Committee met on June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and were requesting that the City Council consider approving assisting the League with the purchase of goals in the amount of \$4,780 made payable through the Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDCo) Park Reimbursement fund and establish the requirement that the League maintain the fields during their use of them. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve assisting the League with the purchase of goals in the amount of \$4,780 made payable through the Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDCo) Park Reimbursement fund and establishing the requirement that the League maintain the fields during their use of them. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Amendment. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Amendment. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the amendment to the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget as presented. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The sixteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Manager Travel Reimbursement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented his request for travel reimbursement. After some discussion, Councilmember Alice Heard-Roberts moved to approve the City Manager Travel Reimbursement request. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to review and consider is an update of City of Wharton Grant Programs. Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves presented an update on the City of Wharton Grant Programs. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The eighteenth item on the agenda was the update of City of Wharton on-going Projects. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of his memorandum dated June 20, 2018 providing an update on the City of Wharton current projects as of May 31, 2018.

FLOOD REDUCTION (LEVEE) PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Lower Colorado River Phase I Report - City of Wharton Flood Prevention Project and Recommended report is located at the Wharton County Library and the office of the City of Wharton City Secretary for viewing or the report may be viewed on line at <http://www.cityofwharton.com/information-a-notices/lcrb-feasibility-study>. The City Council authorized the submission of a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the first phase of the levee project. The City Staff re-submitted the project to Texas Water Development Board for the 2017 Program Year under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for loan forgiveness consideration. Also, there has been some federal legislation passed in Congress that may provide funding for the project. The City Staff is working with the Fort Worth District Office regarding the legislation. The USACE is developing the guidance on the process to move this project forward. The City is expecting an announcement from the USACE soon.

DRAINAGE:

1. Stavena Addition Drainage Project.

The design and construction plans are complete. The challenge on this project is to find locations to place approximately 35,000 cubic yards of soil.

2. Ahldag Ditch Improvement.

The project was approved by the City Council. Public Works Director is currently working out the details.

3. On-going Drainage and Maintenance Program.

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The Public Works Department has continued working on cleaning residential draining ditches that have experienced poor drainage.

4. Pecan Acres (Mahann, Kinkaid, Delmas) Drainage Project.

The project area has been surveyed and an improvement plan has been developed by Schibe Engineering. The City Staff has contacted property owners for the necessary easements needed to install the drainage pipes. All four (4) property owners have executed the drainage agreements and have been accepted by the City Council. The Public Works Department will begin the installation of drainage pipes in the near future.

WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

1. On-going Water and Sewer Maintenance Program.

Water leaks and sewer failures are still being seen in the month of May.

2. Alabama Street Sewer Line Project.

The project has been completed and grant closeout had begun.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

1. FM 1301 Extension and Overpass Project Progress Report.

IDC Inc. has submitted to TxDOT Yoakum District Office all required plans for the project. The City Staff continues to coordinate with TxDOT to ensure the project continues to move forward. The City is awaiting TxDOT announcement of the project to be funded in Wharton County.

2. I-69 Project.

The City submitted the comments as approved by the City Council to TxDOT.

3. NanYa Exit Ramp Project.

TxDOT has been coordinating with NanYa on the exit design.

4. 2017-2018 City Street Improvements.

The City 2017-2018 Street Improvement Program was approved by the City Council on April 9, 2018. The City Public Works Department has begun the Street Improvement Project. Monthly updates will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council as the project progresses.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The nineteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider Appointments to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

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- A. Beautification Commission.
- B. Building Standards Commission.
- C. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.

After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to appoint the following:

Planning Commission:

	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Mr. Russell Cenko	June 30, 2020
Mr. Marshall Francis	June 30, 2020
Ms. Billie Jones	June 30, 2020
Mr. Mike Wootton	June 30, 2020

Building Standards:

Mr. Chester Houston	June 30, 2020
Mr. Howard Singleton	June 30, 2020
Mr. Damon Parker	June 30, 2020

Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities:

Ms. Faye Evans	June 30, 2020
Ms. Rebekah Kirschke	June 30, 2020

Beautification Commission:

Ms. Gloria Smith	June 30, 2020
Ms. Kate Harrell	June 30, 2020

Airport Board:

Mr. Mark Hanson	June 30, 2020
Mr. Jimmy Zissa	June 30, 2020
Mr. Glenn Erdelt	June 30, 2020

Veterinarian:

Carlos Bonnet	June 30, 2020
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Municipal Court Judge:

John Murrile	June 30, 2020
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Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Councilmember Russell Machann moved to appoint the following:

Holiday Light Decorating Chairman:

	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Mayor Tim Barker	June 30, 2020

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Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The twentieth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Council Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports:

- A. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held June 11, 2018.
- B. Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities meeting held June 13, 2018.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twenty-first item on the agenda was City Manager's Reports:

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| A. City Secretary/Personnel. | H. Fire Marshall. |
| B. Code Enforcement. | I. Legal Department. |
| C. Community Services Department /
Civic Center. | J. Municipal Court. |
| D. Emergency Management. | K. Police Department. |
| E. E.M.S. Department. | L. Public Works Department. |
| F. Facilities Maintenance Department /
Wharton Municipal Pool. | M. Water / Sewer Department. |
| G. Fire Department. | N. Weedy Lots / Sign Ordinance. |
| | O. Wharton Regional Airport. |

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary