

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES MAY 25, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING 303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Mayor Joe Baker Cindy Saenz, District 1 Johnny Rodriguez, District 2 Christopher Parker, District 3 James Douglas-Meyer, District 4 Saundra Schultz, District 5

CITY PRESENT:

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City Manager William Linn City Secretary Ruby Beaven

Police Chief Richard Ashe

City Attorney Alessandra Gad

Opening Agenda

1. Call City Council Workshop meeting to order and establish a quorum is present.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

2. Prayer.

Mayor Baker led the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Workshop Agenda

4. Discussion on items related to modifying the City Council Rules of Decorum, Division 2 Rules of Meetings and Order of Business; Subdivision III Order of Business; Section 2-62 and Section 2-63(c).

City Manager Linn addressed the council to excuse City Attorney Gad for a family emergency. City Manager Linn stated the Attorney provided a handout with Agenda Sample Language and explained the highlighted sections are relevant to this meeting.

Mayor Baker addressed the Board and stated he has provided a handout for recommended proposed changes to Section 2-63 that does not remove anything from the current ordinance but only adds to it.

Discussion was held among the Council and City Manager Linn in regard to Section 2-63(c). The consensus is to amend Order of Business; Subdivision III Order of Business; Section 2-63(c) as follows:

The Mayor and any Councilmember may submit agenda items which shall be included on the agenda. Items must reach the City Secretary by 5:00 p.m. Friday one (1) week prior to the posting of the agenda.

The City Manager stated he will update the ordinance with track changes and provide to the City Attorney for review and approval. Once approved, will add to the next City Council Agenda.

Discussion was held among the Council and City Manager Linn in regard to Section 2-62. City Manager Linn explained the City Secretary handles the agenda and format and recommends this to continue. The consensus is to amend Order of Business; Subdivision III Order of Business; Section 2-62 as follows:

On the workshop agenda section need to reorder item F to E and move E to F as follows:

Item E. Workshop items. Public comment.

Item F. Public Comment. Workshop items.

Discussion was held among Council and City Manager on items related to modifying the City Council Rules of Decorum, Division 2 Rules of Meetings. Items discussed included opening an item to the floor, roll call, and adjourning a meeting. City Manager Linn stated that he and City Secretary Beaven can setup a workshop to practice fake agendas. The Council was in agreement for the Rules of Decorum workshop. The City Secretary is to obtain a gavel for meetings.

5. Adjourn.

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joe Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ruby Beaven, City Secretary