

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:01 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Will Armstrong, Mayor
Philip Guittard
Lewis Neitsch
Paul Polasek
David Hagan
Jim Wyatt
Tom Halepaska

STAFF PRESENT

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager
Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager
Miles Risley, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance
John Johnston, Director, Engineering
Jerry James, Director, Environmental Services
Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation
Vance Riley, Fire Chief
Lynn Short, Director, Streets and Utilities
Danette Respondek, Director, Human Resources
Rick Henrichs, Director, IT
Andrew Jacob, Assistant Finance Director
Ray Miller, Assistant Planning Director
Jared Mayfield, Senior Planner
Steve Trevino, Director, IMS
Kelly Price, Police Lieutenant
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cm. Halepaska stated that he did not vote on either of the Republic Waste Contracts at the last two meetings and asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that correction. The minutes of the special meeting of September 25, 2007 and the regular meeting of October 2, 2007 were approved as corrected.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one wished to address Council.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

There were no items from Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION

Mayor Armstrong opened a public hearing on the following items:

ORDINANCE 2007-2008A – AMENDING THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NUMBER 4

The ordinance considers amending the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget of the City of Victoria by transferring \$286,500 from the General Fund fund balance to the General Fund Fire Department Construction capital line item, and transferring \$286,500 from the General Fund Parks Department Transfer to Construction line item, to the General Fund fund balance [net \$0 to general fund] to provide additional funding for the construction of the Fire Station No. 4 Project. Emergency Reading. Andrew Jacob.

Fire Chief, Vance Riley reported that the project was a little more expensive than expected, so items had been cut and altered to keep the costs down. The general exterior was not changed other than less stone would be used on the exterior, and plans were changed to use hardy plank on the back of the building.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none.

ORDINANCE 2007-2008A – AMENDING THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NUMBER 4

Senior Assistant City Attorney, Miles Risley, read the caption of Ordinance 2007-2008A, which amends the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget of the City of Victoria by transferring \$286,500 from the General Fund fund balance to the General Fund Fire Department Construction capital line item, and transferring \$286,500 from the General Fund Parks Department Transfer to Construction line item to the General Fund fund balance [net \$0 to general fund] to provide additional funding for the construction of the Fire Station No. 4 Project. Emergency Reading. Andrew Jacob.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the ordinance pass on emergency reading, with Cm. Guittard seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on emergency reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
NAYS: None

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA BY TRANSFERRING \$286,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL LINE ITEM, AND TRANSFERRING \$286,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND PARKS DEPARTMENT TRANSFER TO CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM TO THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE [NET \$0 TO GENERAL FUND] TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE STATION NO. 4 PROJECT, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2007-22 – AMENDING SECTION 13-196 AND REPEALING SECTION 24-142 OF THE CITY CODE TO AMEND DUMPING REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CITY’S LANDFILL RATES

The ordinance considers amending Section 13-196 and repealing Section 24-142 of the Victoria City Code to regulate dumping at the landfill and provide that the rates charged thereat are as determined by the City's landfill operator. Emergency Reading. Andrew Jacob.

Environmental Services Director, Jerry James, reported that the ordinance establishes the gate rates for everyone other than City trucks. The rates set out in Republic Wastes contract with the City are done with an ordinance because they have latitude in how they can set gate rates. It would also change the current ordinance, which limits landfill use to Victoria County residents, unless there was specifically written authorization by the City, which has previously been done by contract. It would now allow those in a 100 mile radius to use the landfill. It also balances the amount of land owned at the landfill, to keep approximately 100 years of life at the landfill. Some language was added to more specifically parallel State law as to what could be taken in and how it could be taken in at the landfill. The rates for the City would remain the same for three-years, after that time period Republic Waste would bring rate recommendations to Council for their approval.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none.

ORDINANCE 2007-22 - AMENDING SECTION 13-196 AND REPEALING SECTION 24-142 OF THE CITY CODE TO AMEND DUMPING REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CITY’S LANDFILL RATES

Senior Assistant City Attorney, Miles Risley, read the caption of Ordinance 2007-22, which amends Section 13-196 and repealing Section 24-142 of the Victoria City Code to regulate dumping

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at the landfill and provide that the rates charged thereat are as determined by the City's landfill operator. Emergency Reading. Andrew Jacob.

Cm. Neitsch moved that the ordinance pass on emergency reading, with Cm. Wyatt seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on emergency reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Council Member Halepaska

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-196 AND REPEALING SECTION 24-142 OF THE VICTORIA CITY CODE TO REGULATE DUMPING AT THE LANDFILL AND PROVIDE THAT THE RATES CHARGED THEREAT ARE AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY'S LANDFILL OPERATOR, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SAVINGS, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 UPON CONVICTION AND PUBLICATION, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DESIGNATING A REINVESTMENT ZONE AND ENTERING INTO A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STARTEK USA, INC.

The public hearing considers the designation of Tract 6 of Farm Lot 2, Block 3, Range 4, East Above Town in the Four League Grant to the town of Victoria (1309 E. Red River – previously known as “Albertson’s”) as a Reinvestment Zone and declaration of intent to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with StarTek USA, Inc., Dolphin Associates Limited Partnership, and Whisper Capital, LLC. Miles Risley.

Mayor Armstrong announced that 258 people had already been hired to start the project and StarTek was continuing to hire.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none, and Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- **Acquisition Method of Ladder Truck and Ambulance.** Fire Chief, Vance Riley – presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding acquisition methods that have not been used before. He requested permission to use the Houston/Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program to remount the ambulance, and then bid the cab and chassis separately to allow local businesses the opportunity to bid. Likewise, he requested permission to purchase an Aerial Ladder Truck from the buyboard a Cooperative Purchasing Program based out of Austin. There was unanimous consensus to move forward with the recommendations.
- **Capital Improvement Plan Projects Quarterly Report.** Director of Engineering, John Johnston, presented the third quarter report. There were no questions.
- **Horseman’s Club Arena.** Parks and Recreation Director, Doug Cochran, reported that the Horseman’s Club Arena cleanup was complete.
- **Health Plan Update.** Director of Human Resources, Danette Respondek introduced Jarrad Wills, Senior Account Executive with Holmes Murphy who presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Health Plan Performance. His firm looked at the City of Victoria’s health plan compared to other municipalities and private employers. The health fund reserve was projected to be approximately \$1.1 million for all health funds combined, which is about three months of operation. He pointed out a couple of benefit recommendations: (1) Mandatory health plan participation currently requires proof of coverage under another plan if the employee chooses to opt out of the City’s plan. They recommended eliminating mandatory insurance and offer choice back to the employee. A lot of time deductibles are increased and benefits are taken away and for those individuals that may not want to participate, it would allow them the option not to participate. From a financial prospective and the impact of the plan, the consultants were not seeing any kind of adverse selection or

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negligence in that regard. (2) Upfront allowance, to endorse the promotion of the wellness benefit by combining the upfront \$500 benefit and the \$150 wellness benefit and enhancing the preventative services to cover those recommended by the US Preventive Service Task Force and CDC for children. He advised that the increase in employee premiums would be increased by 7.1%. City Manager, Charles E. Windwehen advised that the administration was also recommending these changes, adding that some of the lower paid employees are can be disqualified from Medicaid because they have City insurance.

Cm. Neitsch stated that he would hate to see a City employee go to a hospital and not have insurance. He understood balancing insurance verses income, but was not in favor of allowing an employee to opt out. Mayor Armstrong stated that part of the hospital system was in trouble because of individuals showing up at the emergency room and not paying, and we would be aiding and abetting this by allowing our employees to opt out of insurance. Following further discussion it was the consensus of Council to continue to make it mandatory that employees enroll in the City insurance or have coverage under their spouses insurance.

RESOLUTION 2007-159R – AWARDING DON KRUEGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY THE CONTRACT FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 4 PROJECT

The resolution finds that Don Krueger Construction Company of Victoria, Texas offers the best value for the City of Victoria (City) based on the City's published selection criteria and the City's Ranking Evaluation for the City of Victoria Fire Station No. 4 Project, selects said entity for negotiations therewith, authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with said entity in a total amount not to exceed \$2,274,500 for the construction of the project, subject to the approval of funding for said project. Vance Riley.

Cm. Neitsch moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Hagan seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
- NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-160R – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR)

The resolution authorizes the purchase of computers, computer software, computer peripheral equipment, supplies, and phones through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) in the amount not to exceed \$402,153. Rick Henrichs.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
- NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-161R – AWARDING CONTRACT FOR GROUND MAINTENANCE AND MOWING OF THE STREETS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PROPERTIES TO THE EDGE LANDSCAPING

The resolution awards a contract for Grounds Maintenance and Mowing of the City of Victoria Department of Streets and Utilities Department Properties with Kevin Brown d/b/a The Edge Landscaping, of Victoria, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$47,388. Lynn Short.

Cm. Hagan moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-162R – AWARDING ANNUAL SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE TO BAY CHEMICAL COMPANY

The resolution awards the Annual Supply Contract for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate to Bay Chemical Company, of Odem, Texas, in the amount of \$104.80 per liquid ton for a total of approximately \$146,720. Lynn Short.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Polasek seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-163R – VARIANCE DENIED TO THE STREET DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPERS TO ROSE MEADOW SUBDIVISION OWNED BY WILLIAM R. HALEPASKA

The resolution considered granting a variance to Section 21-71(b) of the Victoria City Code, which requires a developer of a rural subdivision in the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction to provide street and drainage facilities in accordance with the City of Victoria's Engineering Design Standards and Specifications, to Rose Meadow Subdivision, located on the west side of Old Refugio Highway (US 77B South) just south of Dry Creek, which is owned by William R. Halepaska. Ray Miller.

Assistant Planning Director, Ray Miller advised that the variance request was brought to the Planning Commission at their meeting on September 20, 2007 at which time staff recommended denial of the variance. The Planning Commission denied the variance with a unanimous vote. The applicant was going through the appeals process however staff still recommended denial of the variance request.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Hagan seconding the motion. The resolution was **denied** by the following vote:

AYES: None

NAYS: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, and Mayor
Armstrong

ABSTENTION: Council Member Halepaska

RESOLUTION 2007-164R – APPROVING GUIDELINES FOR THE DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The resolution approves guidelines for the Downtown Preservation Incentive Program. Only buildings in the downtown business district would be considered, not residential buildings in the downtown area. Jared Mayfield.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Polasek seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-165R – NOMINATING AND CASTING VOTES FOR THE VICTORIA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The resolution nominates and casts votes for Paul Polasek to the Victoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Scarlet Swoboda.

Cm. Neitsch moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Halepaska seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-166R – AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 HERBICIDING OF DRAINAGE DITCHES AND OUTFALLS TO WEED PRO, LLC.

The resolution awards a bid for the FY 2008 Herbiciding of Drainage Ditches and Outfalls to Weed Pro, LLC of Swartz, Louisiana, in the amount of \$33,280. Doug Cochran.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-167R – AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 TRIMMING OF TREES IN CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAYS TO CUSTOM TREE TRIMMING

The resolution awards a bid for the FY 2008 Trimming of Trees in the City rights-of-way to Kenneth Eggemeyer, d/b/a Custom Tree Trimming and Removal of Yoakum, Texas, in the amount of \$43,400. Doug Cochran.

Cm. Neitsch moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Guittard seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-168R – AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KEEP VICTORIA BEAUTIFUL FOR A HISTORIC BUILDING AT 3003 N. VINE STREET

The resolution authorizes a Lease Agreement with Keep Victoria Beautiful for Historic Building at 3003 N. Vine Street (aka Botanical Gardens house). Doug Cochran.

Cm. Neitsch moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Wyatt seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-169R – AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH URBAN ENGINEERING AND URBAN SURVEYING FOR THE LAURENT STREET RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II PROJECT

The resolution authorizes Professional Services Agreements with Victoria Engineering d/b/a Urban Engineering in the amount of \$644,000 and Urban Surveying, Inc. in the amount of \$255,000 for the Laurent Street Reconstruction Phase II (Airline Road to Sam Houston Drive) Project. John Johnston.

Cm. Guittard moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Polasek seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-170R – AWARDING CONTRACTS TO BRANNAN PAVING COMPANY, LTD., AND TSI LABORATORIES FOR THE LONE TREE CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II

The resolution awards (1) a bid for the Lone Tree Channel Improvements Project Phase II to Brannan Paving Company, Ltd. of Victoria, Texas in the amount of \$7,464,304.26 *{for the Base Bid [\$6,132,524.26] + Alternate Bid No. 1 trail project [concrete-\$1,331,780]}*, (2) authorizes the City's Director of Engineering to execute contracts for construction testing services with TSI Laboratories in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000, and (3) declares the reservation of construction contingency funds to cover unanticipated project costs and changes related to said Project, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000. John Johnston.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-171R – AUTHORIZING SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOUTH TEXAS ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC, CULTURAL COUNCIL, TEXAS SETTLEMENT TRAILS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISITORS BUREAU, VICTORIA REGIONAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, KEEP VICTORIA BEAUTIFUL, AND THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM

The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute Service Agreements and authorizes reductions in funding of hotel occupancy tax funded agreements to account for reduced receipts of hotel occupancy taxes, and approves the budget and funded activities for the following entities for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year.

1. a Zoological Park Management Services Agreement with the South Texas Zoological Society, Inc., in the amount of \$162,500,
2. a Hotel-Motel Tax Revenue Arts Promotion Services Agreement with the Cultural Council of Victoria, Inc., in the amount of \$85,000,
3. a Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Agreement with the Texas Settlement Trails Inc., for Historical Renovation and Preservation, in the amount of \$4,000,
4. a Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Revenue Tourism/Convention Promotion Services Agreement with the Victoria Chamber of Commerce to operate its Convention and Visitor's Bureau, in the amount of \$202,000 *(A new budget page was submitted which increases the moving expense by \$2,000 and reduces the office facilities by \$2,000, with the total budget remaining the same),*
5. a Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Cultural and Historical Activities Promotion Service Agreement with the Victoria Regional Museum Association in the amount of \$15,000,
6. a Beautification Services Agreement with Keep Victoria Beautiful in the amount of \$25,000,
7. a Museum Services Agreement with Children's Discovery Museum, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000. Gilbert Reyna.

Cm. Wyatt moved to amend the resolution to incorporate the new budget page for the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Bureau, with Cm. Polasek seconding the motion. The resolution was amended by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Council Member Polasek

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Cm. Halepaska moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Wyatt seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted, as amended, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Council Member Polasek

RESOLUTION 2007-172R – AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNOR’S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FEDERAL REIMBRUSEMENT FOR THE BORDER STAR PROGRAM

The resolution authorizes an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management to provide for state and/or federal reimbursement for the City's operational expenses incurred due to its participation in “Border Security Enhancement Operations” (aka Border Star), in the amount of \$80,165.40. Kelly Price.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2007-173R – AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER SERVICES TO CAREMARKPCS HEALTH TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT SERVICES

The resolution authorizes a contract for Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services to CaremarkPCS Health, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and authorizes the City Manager to execute a Prescription Benefit Services Agreement and all other documents necessary to accept the final offer of said entity. Danette Respondek.

Cm. Wyatt moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Hagan seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Polasek, Hagan, Wyatt, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong

NAYS: None

WORK SESSION

Mayor Armstrong announced a short break at 6:33 p.m. Council reconvened in a Work Session at 6:39 p.m.

City of Victoria Comprehensive 20/20 Plan - Chapter 10-Economic Opportunity

Senior Planner, Jared Mayfield, presented a power point presentation on Chapter 10-Economic Opportunity pointing out additions, deletions, and updated information. All of the tables within the chapter have also been updated. He reported that the vision statement for Chapter 10 was “Victoria’s residents will enjoy a robust diverse economy that provides a high quality of life with a variety of dynamic job opportunities.” The projected growth and employment for 2014 is 14.8% over the next decade. The cost of living index was updated to show the first quarter of 2007 showing that Victoria was slightly more affordable than the other cities compared throughout the plan. The property tax rates also look good compared to the same cities.

The section on Education Attainment was updated to incorporate the 2000 census statistics. The section on retail sales tax rebates have almost doubled since 1996. New construction and property valuation has risen 42% in the last 10 years, with building permit activity remaining stable. A few changes were made to the Goals and Objectives of the chapter, by moving things around so that goal statements that fell in the responsibility of Victoria Economic Development Corporation

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(VEDC) were altogether. Mr. Mayfield proceeded to go over the goals highlighting the specific changes, deletions, and additions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Armstrong announced that Council would recess into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m., in accordance with:

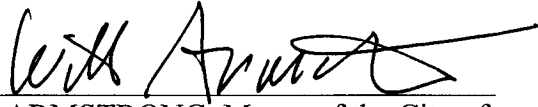
Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Miles Risley.


Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property interests due to the fact that deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third party. Miles Risley.

Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, to discuss or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the City Council seeks to have, locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City of Victoria and with which the City of Victoria is conducting economic development negotiations. Miles Risley.

Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, with regard to personnel matters (including, but not limited to, appointment of a member to the Victoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors). Scarlet Swoboda.

The Council reconvened in regular session at 7:55 p.m. with no action taken and nothing to report. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: 
WILL ARMSTRONG, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary
