

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 17, 2010

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2010-135R – SETTING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

The resolution sets Public Hearings on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 City of Victoria Budget for September 2, September 7, and September 9, 2010. Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr.

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

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2010-123R – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSED BY VSTDC

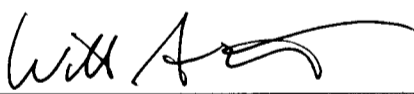
The resolution authorizes an economic development project proposed by Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation (VSTDC). Second Reading. Thomas A. Gwosdz.


Cm. Rangel moved that the resolution be adopted on second reading, with Cm. Polasek seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor
Armstrong
NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Armstrong announced that there was no need for an Executive Session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
August 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Will Armstrong at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2010 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
Paul Polasek, Mayor Pro-Tem
Denise Rangel
Gabriel Soliz
David Hagan
Joe Truman
Tom Halepaska

OTHERS PRESENT

Dale Fowler, President
Victoria Economic Development Corp.
(VEDC)

STAFF PRESENT

Charles E. Windwehen, City Manager
Charmelle Garrett, Deputy City Manager
Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
Linda Champion, Assistant City Attorney
Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance
Lynn Short, Director, Public Works
John Kaminski, Director, Development Services
Vance Riley, Fire Chief
Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation
Dayna Williams-Capone, Director, Library
Cheryl Marthiljohni, Director, Human Resources
Rick Henrichs, Director, Information Technology
O. C. Garza, Director, Communications
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Cm. Hagan requested clarification regarding the congestion around the new schools and information that the school district was telling citizens to contact the City. Director of Development Services, John Kaminski advised that it was implied on the news last night that the City determined that there would be only one entrance at each school and designed those entrances, which was not the case. Like any other developer, Victoria Independent School District (VISD) hired an architectural firm and an engineering firm to do their design. The City reviewed their designs, but those entrances were not designed by the City. The initial plan for the East High School campus was to have at least two entrances, one off John Stockbauer and one off Mockingbird. The proposed entrance on John Stockbauer was not built even though the City staff strongly recommended it. He reported that staff was out at both campuses the last two days and the traffic was much better today. There were still things that could be done to improve the traffic flow in both locations, and City staff would be talking to VISD about ideas of how to do that.

Cm. Polasek commented that he was at the West High School campus watching traffic and the traffic flow was flowing a lot better today. The Police Department was doing some traffic control that helped as well.

Cm. Halepaska reported that at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting today, there was discussion on various ways TxDOT, VISD, and the City could work together to improve things around the new schools.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one wished to address Council.

ORDINANCES AND OTHER ITEMS WITH PUBIC HEARINGS

Mayor Armstrong opened a public hearing on the following item:

ORDINANCE 2010-20 – DESIGNATION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE AND TAX ABATEMENT FOR CATERPILLAR, INC.

City Attorney, Thomas A. Gwosdz, read the caption of Ordinance 2010-20, which determines that the Application for Designation of a Reinvestment Zone and Tax Abatement of Caterpillar, Inc. meets the criteria for designating a reinvestment zone, designates as a reinvestment zone real property and associated structures, approximately 320 acres located at Loop 463 and Lone Tree Road N. (also known as Lone Tree Business Center), establishes the boundaries thereof and other matters relating thereto, determines that the City of Victoria intends to enter into an agreement for Tax Abatement with said entity, and establishes requirements for said agreement. First Reading. Dale Fowler.

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President of Victoria Economic Development Corporation, Dale Fowler, thanked the Council for considering the application for tax abatement. He advised that VEDC had reviewed the project for Caterpillar, Inc., who plans to spend approximately \$120 million to build a manufacturing facility in Victoria that will hire over 500 new jobs for the community in Phase I of their plans. Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation owns the 320-acre Lone Tree Business Center property, and once the property transfers over to Caterpillar, Inc. they will be paying taxes on the land. He advised that the abatement was for the new facility.

Mayor Armstrong asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience.

Cm. Polasek moved that the ordinance pass on first reading, with Cm. Halepaska seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on first reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong

NAYS: None

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE AND TAX ABATEMENT OF CATERPILLAR, INC. MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING A REINVESTMENT ZONE, DESIGNATING AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE REAL PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES, APPROXIMATELY 320 ACRES LOCATED AT LOOP 463 AND LONE TREE ROAD N. (ALSO KNOWN AS LONE TREE BUSINESS CENTER), ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, DETERMINING THAT THE CITY OF VICTORIA INTENDS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITH SAID ENTITY, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearing.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- **Presentation of FY2010-2011 Texas Zoo Budget** – Executive Director, Andrea Blomberg presented a PowerPoint presentation with follow-up of the Zoo's goals and their progress to date. City Manager, Charles E. Windwehen advised that the proposed budget included \$150,000 for the Zoo, and does not ask that they pay water and sewer utility fees.
- **Fiscal Year 2010-2011 City of Victoria Annual Budget** - Director of Public Works, Lynn Short recommended changing the scope of work in the 2011 Residential Street Rehabilitation Budget to do the Industrial Circle Subdivision in 2011 and include Del Papa, a short street between Red River and Houston Highway. The recommendation would not change the budgeted amount. There was Council consensus to move forward with the recommendation.
- The City Manager announced that the dates for the three separate readings of the tax rate and budget had been changed to the following dates: Tuesday, September 7; Thursday September 9; and Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

RESOLUTION 2010-129R – APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS COMMISSION

The resolution ratifies the vote from the last meeting to appoint Susannah Porr and Ashley Walyuchow to unexpired terms, and Vic Caldwell, James Wearden, and Jamie Brown to three-year terms on the Victoria Parks and Recreation Commission. Scarlet Swoboda.

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

AYES: Council Members Rangel, Soliz, Polasek, Hagan, Truman, Halepaska, and Mayor Armstrong
NAYS: None

City Attorney, Thomas A. Gwosdz ask Council to consider a change in procedure in how to handle nominations in the future. His recommendations were provided to Council and there was consensus to implement his recommendations.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Armstrong announced that Council would recess into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m., in accordance with:

Texas Government Code § 551.074 with regard to personnel matters (including, but not limited to the Municipal Court). Thomas A. Gwosdz.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary
