

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 7, 2010

RESOLUTION 2010-145R – VICTORIA COMMUNITY CENTER ANNEX PARTITION DOOR REPLACEMENT

The resolution awards a bid for the Accordion Door/Partition Removal and Replacement at the Victoria Community Center Annex to Coastal A.D.S., Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas, for \$65,379. Doug Cochran.

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

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


EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Armstrong announced that Council would recess into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m., in accordance with:

Texas Government Code § 551.087, 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. Thomas A. Gwosdz.

Texas Government Code § 551.071, 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 (to include, but not limited to training time under the Fair Labor Standards Act and StarTek Tax Abatement). Thomas A. Gwosdz.

The Council took no action taken and had nothing to report. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
September 9, 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, September 9, 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

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
Bruce Ure, Police Chief
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. Truman recommended that everyone should get flu shots.

Cm. Rangel commended staff for the bare bones budget, the proposed \$.65 tax rate, which is lower than the effective tax rate of \$.6521, and to still be able to install another community park. She asked the Parks and Recreation Director, Doug Cochran to provide information on the new community park and splash pad.

Mr. Cochran advised that there would be a splash pad, pavilion, restrooms, soccer, baseball, softball and football practice fields, a 20-acre natural area, and parking facilities. The grant total is \$1 million with \$500,000 matching from Texas Parks and Wildlife, the other \$500,000 is from the value of the property, which the City already owns. In January 2011, the property will be dedicated as a park, with construction estimated to start in November 2011, and park opening in May or June of 2012.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Toni Marek, 329 Golden Eye Loop commented that she thought the splash pad would be a great idea for Victoria.

ORDINANCES AND OTHER ITEMS WITH PUBIC HEARINGS

Mayor Armstrong opened a public hearing on the following items:

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The second Public Hearing on the City of Victoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was held. Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr.

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

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR TAX RATE

The second Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 City of Victoria Tax Rate was held. Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr.

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

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ORDINANCE 2010-2011 – APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF VICTORIA

City Attorney, Thomas A. Gwosdz, read the caption of Ordinance 2010-2011, which approves and adopts a budget for operating the municipal government of the City of Victoria for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2010, and ending on September 30, 2011; appropriates money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and principal sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness; and repeals all conflicting ordinances and appropriations. Second Reading. Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr.

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

Director of Finance, Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr. provided a list and explained suggested budget amendments. There was discussion and consensus of Council to set a goal of keeping the fund balance at 20% of the budget.

Cm. Truman moved to amend the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Proposed Annual Budget as proposed by staff, with Cm. Halepaska seconding the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Cm. Soliz moved to amend the ordinance to increase the budget by \$180,000 to include a burn house for the Fire Department, with Cm. Truman seconding the motion. The motion **failed** by the following vote:

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

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

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

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2010-21 – SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR

City Attorney, Thomas A. Gwosdz, read the caption of Ordinance 2010-21, which sets the Tax Rate at a total rate of \$0.6500 per \$100 of property valuation and levy's a tax upon all property subject to taxation within the City of Victoria, Texas for the 2010 Tax Year for the use and support of Municipal Government of the City of Victoria, provides for the assessment and collection of taxes, apportions said levy among the various funds and items for which revenue must be raised includes providing a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonded debt of the City, and provides for penalties and interest for delinquent taxes as prescribed by the Texas Tax Code. Second Reading. Gilbert P. Reyna, Jr.

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

Cm. Polasek urged those Council members that would be voting no, to find where to cut that other one-half cent.

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

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

Caption:

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TAX RATE AT A TOTAL RATE OF \$0.6500 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUATION AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF VICTORIA, TEXAS FOR THE 2010 TAX YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES, APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE TEXAS TAX CODE, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Armstrong closed the public hearings.

RESOLUTION 2010-146R – MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER TRANSPORTATION COST REIMBURSEMENT

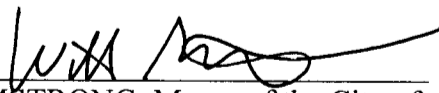
The resolution authorizes an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Victoria through its Police Department and Victoria County regarding Mental Health Consumer Transportation Cost Reimbursement. Bruce Ure.


Cm. Polasek moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Hagan 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 5:47 p.m.

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

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary
