

MINUTES
CITY OF HONDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Called the meeting to order.
Mayor McAnelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Quorum check.
Mayor John McAnelly, Council Member Jose “Porky” Ytuarte, Council Member Brett Williams, Council Member Wesley Huesser, Council Member John E. Villa.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Vela

Staff Present: City Manager Scott Albert, City Attorney Molly Solis, City Secretary Sue Ann Reyes, IT Network Administrator Josh Rodriguez, IT Support Specialist Adolfo Tellez, Public Information Officer Jamie Kindred, Public Works Director Rene Saenz, Director of Parks and Recreation Lora Socarras, Director of Aviation Ryan Elder, Development Services Director Jessica Carpenter, Police Chief Justin Soza, Library Director Elsie Purcell, Chief Financial Officer Chris Hill,

3. Invocation by Pastor Beverly Kelling, St. Paul Lutheran Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens’/Public Comments: *Persons who desire to address the City of Hondo City Council will be received at this time. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a Public Comment Form and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the meeting. If the speaker wishes to comment on a particular agenda item, then the speaker should indicate such item(s) to on the form. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City of Hondo City Council cannot deliberate or take action on items not listed on the meeting agenda)*

None.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Proclamation for Susan Freeman Day. (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly presented the proclamation to Ms. Susan Freeman.
7. City Manager’s Report. (Scott Albert)

None.

Councilman Ytuarte asked if there were any updates regarding Aqua-Metric. Mr. Albert explained Aqua-Metric delivered seven pallets of meters. The majority were large meters, which the City was already anticipating the delivery. Aqua-Metric also delivered an additional 40 small residential meters and Aqua-Metrics would give the City an ETA on the rest of meters on Monday.

Councilman Ytuarte asked if the meters were delivered to the City of Hondo or to their warehouse.

Mr. Albert stated the meters were delivered to the City. Councilman Ytuarte asked if the residential meters would be installed or if staff would be waiting on the influx of the rest of the meters. Public Works Director Rene Saenz stated they would be installed and that there were some lots in need of meters and those would be installed first. Councilman Ytuarte asked if the Mayor and Council could have received regarding the meters being delivered. Mr. Saenz stated he received the email that day and could forward the email if Council wanted. Mr. Ytuarte stated he would like the email forwarded.

Councilman Villa stated last week Mr. Albert had no report and this week was the same. He wondered if there was nothing going on that, they needed to know about. Mr. Albert stated he worked with the department heads that are reporting activities and that was his role was managing departments. He stated he managed their activity and he would just be repeating many of the same activities as staff. He stated his name was also on many of the agenda items being presented.

Councilman Ytuarte stated he understood Councilman Villa's question and did Mr. Albert intend to let the Council and Mayor know about the meters that were received. He stated that was something that could have been in his report.

Mayor McAnelly asked if Council wanted more reporting even though it would sometimes duplicate what they were hearing from department heads. Councilman Ytuarte stated if the City Manager did not mention the meters being received how were they going to be informed of them.

Councilman Williams stated he felt this was micro managing. Mr. Albert stated the meters were the responsibility of the public works department and that they would report on it. Mr. Albert stated it was Mr. Saenz area of operation and that he could only give the basic information because Mr. Saenz managed the day-to-day operations of public works. He stated Council wanted him to report on what was going on in each department he could do that but he felt his staff were the ones in charge of the project and they should be the ones reporting on them. Councilman Williams stated he had full faith in staff and he did not need them to tell them forty meters out of the thousands that were ordered were received. Councilman Villa stated they should know because if citizens asked they should be able to answer them.

8. Public Works Report. (Rene Saenz)

Director of Public Works, Rene Saenz gave an overview of the work orders received noting 174 closed work orders. He stated the numbers were as of Wednesday due to him being out of the office Thursday and Friday and that most of the remaining work orders had been closed as well.

Councilman Ytuarte gave kudos to the street department for the patching they had been asking for. However, 29th Street and Avenue G had not been touched. He stated they spoke at length about it on Wednesday of last week and that when he drove by it today it still looked like a bomb hit it. He stated he did not know what he was going to tell the homeowners on that street because he was approached about it on 21st Street and Avenue J. Mr. Saenz stated he had a plan in motion. Staff was doing sections of the road and he could not deviate from the plan. Once they hit a stop point, they would come back to it and he had it written down.

Mayor McAnelly stated Council did appreciate the street and public work departments are prioritizing the work based of the need. Mayor McAnelly stated they did want to be responsive to the citizens and they did appreciate staff working on it all the time.

Mr. Saenz the City of Hondo had two service lines and that CPS would be starting maintenance

on one of the lines, which meant the City, would only have one service line. He stated CPS assured the City they did not anticipate any interruption of power. He stated the City was going to be proactive and send outreach information to critical facilities in case there was an uncontrollable power outage. CPS had generators they could provide in case of an outage and that the critical facilities had backup generators as well. He stated it was preventive maintenance and should not affect the City. Councilman Ytuarte asked if Mr. Saenz could confirm the nursing home had a generator. Mr. Saenz stated he did not know but would confirm tomorrow.

Mr. Saenz stated in the previous years the City of Hondo worked with LCRA in reference to trimming the trees along the power lines. The contract has expired from last year and its coming up for renewal. Mr. Saenz stated he wanted to get on the waiting list and would bring it to Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Saenz stated Cemetery Road would be finished next week according to the County.

Councilman Villa asked how far staff was from completing the street repair plan. Mr. Saenz stated it was complicated and that he had some residential streets in the plan and the infrastructure was in line. If the waterlines and sewer lines were, new it would be easy to roll out the paving plan but there were several steps that needed to take place. He did not want streets to be town up because of a water line break. He stated he also needed to make sure that he was paving the streets that were used the most. It did not make sense to spend money on a street that was not used as much. He wanted to pave the roads that gave mobility to the City and then branch out to residential streets. Mr. Saenz stated he needed to prioritize the plans and could give a report at the next meeting.

9. HOME Program Update. (Jamie Kindred)

Jamie Kindred gave an overview of the HOME program noting the program ran for five years with approximately five homes to be built per year. She received 33 applications and there were still applications coming in. She stated five homes were out for bid for construction. There was a homeowner who had signed her grant documents and was ready for construction. Once Langford hired a contractor there would be conversations regarding pre construction information as well as move out date. The other four homeowners had a couple of steps to complete before they can sign their grant documents. Once the state receives the documents, they will move forward with updates as well.

Mayor McAnelly clarified this was a program for people that owned their homes that needed work. The program was through grants and the City match enabled them to reconstruct their homes. He was glad to hear 33 applications were received.

10. Hondo Police Department Racial Profile report for January – December, 2022 (Justin Soza)

Chief Soza reported this was a statutorily required report on stats. Last year the police department had 1172 traffic stops of that, 297 were citations and the rest were warnings. Nothing really stood out that looks out play with the demographics of the City. He pointed out in the month of January and February of this year alone; police had already made over 700 traffic stops so he expected those numbers to increase drastically for next year's report

CONSENT

Council Member Williams moved to approve consent agenda items 12 and 13, excluding item 11; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela.

12. Discuss and consider the 1st Quarter Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2023 as presented. (Chris Hill)
13. Discuss and consider the 1st Quarter Investment Report for the Fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, as presented. (Chris Hill)

The following item(s) were pulled from consent agenda and considered individually.

11. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from February 12, 2023 (SueAnn Reyes)

Councilman Ytuarte stated a correction of page 11 should have been 3.2s acres as opposed to 8 acres.

Council Member Ytuarte made a motion to approve the minutes with correction from February 12, 2023; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela.

14. Discuss and take any necessary action to adopt/reaffirm Civil Rights Policies and Procedures, to include the HUD Section 3 presentation, for the TxCDBG City of Hondo Contract CDV21-0401. (Janell Foster)

Janell Foster stated this was reaffirming the City should like to adopt the citizen participation plan and grievance procedures. This would give the City the option to post notices as opposed to publishing them.

For the HUD section three presentation TDA and HUD wanted everyone to know about their section three hours and reporting and their outreach to section three workers. The City received the following grant award, the grant agreement CDV21-0401 with the grant award amount of \$350,000.00. The project was for the wastewater treatment plant in rehabbing the clarifiers. The grant was funded through the Community Development Block Grant via HUD and TDA and as a condition of funding; the City must comply with Section Three of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. To the greatest extent feasible, grant recipients must direct economic opportunities generated by CDBG funds to low and very low-income persons. In part, that meant ensuring that section three businesses have the information to submit a bid or proposal for the project and section three workers had information about any available job opportunities related to the project. A company may qualify as a section three business if it was owned by low income persons, it is owned by section eight assisted housing residents or 75% of all labor hours for the business in a three month period were performed by section three workers. The project they had granted administration services as previously selected, also the engineering service had been already selected, and the construction company was set to be awarded. A person may qualify as a section three worker if the annual income was below the County threshold for your family size, where you are a current or recent participant register the information for answers for opportunities at work in Texas. Ms. Foster stated they would be tracking all the hours.

Councilman Ytuarte asked how the City would comply with the grant section on English proficient to provide translators. Would the City have to provide translators? Ms. Foster stated was a plan

the City had in place already. She stated when the hearing and notices are published they would be published in both languages. Councilman Ytuarte asked how this would help someone coming to city hall that did not speak Spanish. Ms. Foster stated they notice would tell them whom to contact at city hall. Councilman Ytuarte asked if the City had somebody in place. Mr. Albert stated there were certain staff members that spoke Spanish and staff would arrange to accommodate them.

Council Member Ytuarte made a motion to approve to adopt/reaffirm Civil Rights Policies and Procedures, to include the HUD Section 3 presentation, for the TxCDBG City of Hondo Contract CDV21-0401; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela.

15. Hold a public hearing and consider a request from Gilbert Sandoval, for a Specific Use Permit to allow for a Tattoo/Body Piercing Parlor to be located at 1208 18th Street Hondo, TX 78861. The legal description being, Hondo Block 15 Lot 7 & 8 in part. In accordance with the Unified Development Code, Chapter 3, Section 3.12.3. Any person, firm or corporation, either as landowner or tenant, may request the use of property which requires a Specific Use Permit. A Specific Use Permit may be granted after application has been properly made and a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council has been conducted. (Jessica Carpenter)

Councilman Ytuarte recused himself from the item due to his brother owning the building.

Development Services Director Jessica Carpenter gave an overview of the request for the Specific Use Permit on file. Ms. Carpenter noted the applicant was a 15-year veteran of the practice and would like to expand his opportunity through official business as a tattoo and piercing parlor.

Ms. Carpenter stated the Planning and Zoning Commission did approve the recommendation for the request.

Mayor McAnelly opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Councilman Villa asked how many responses were received regarding the request. Ms. Carpenter stated there was one response in opposition of the request.

Councilman Ytuarte stated he felt the Council was not in the position to pick and choose business because of personal beliefs, personal agenda or personal identity. He felt Council should not their personal feelings get in the way of letting businesses come to Hondo. He felt that with the hesitation that was what was happening.

Discussion ensued regarding past approval of the tattoo parlor. Councilman Villa stated the City has boards to help them with decisions on the to bring to the City of Hondo and that Planning and Zoning had approved the request.

Ms. Beverly Kelling stated she was speaking as a private citizen and recalled instances where the Planning and Zoning Committee did not approve something and Council did approve it. Just because boards decide one thing or the other did not mean Council always walked in step with them. Ms. Kelling stated they public elected the people to the places they elect them to not to vote their personal opinion but so that they represent the votes that have voted them in. She wanted to remind Council that they did not always go along with what the Planning and Zoning Commission requested.

With no one else wishing to speak Mayor McAnelly closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Council Member Villa made a motion to approve a request from Gilbert Sandoval, for a Specific Use Permit to allow a Tattoo/Body Piercing Parlor to be located at 1208 18th Street Hondo, TX 78861. The motion died for lack of second.

Mayor McAnelly asked what the options were for the applicant as the motion died for lack of second. Ms. Carpenter stated he could withdraw or go back to P&Z with a different format or the exact same proposal. The request was not denied therefore, there was no waiting period.

16. Hold a public hearing and consider a request from Egzon Shala, the leasee of the new bar registered as the Hondo Beer Market, for a Specific Use Permit for on premise service and consumption of alcohol to be located at 1710 Avenue M Hondo, TX 78861. The legal description being, Hondo Block 15 Lot11 and South 15ft. of Lot 12. In accordance with the Unified Development Code, Chapter 3, Section 3.12.3. The proposed use must comply with all regulations and restrictions as contained in the UDC. In addition, all requests for a Specific Use Permit must comply with all State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to such use. The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend additional restrictions or stipulations as the facts and circumstances of each case may warrant. Specific Use Permits are valid conditioned upon the permitted use continues and the applicant complies with all ordinances, codes, regulations, conditions, and stipulations of the City of Hondo and as set forth in this section. (Jessica Carpenter)

Development Services Director Jessica Carpenter gave an overview of the recommendation on file. Ms. Carpenter stated currently there was an SUP standing but the applicant was proposing a new Specific Use Permit as a new tenant. Mr. Shala was currently proceeding with his TABC application. Ms. Carpenter stated that due to a fatality at the location the City had authorization to revoke or put on probation the existing SUP. That did not happen. She stated that it was the City's duty and obligation to provide quality of community and safety of place for all the patrons and residents that entertain themselves in the business district. The City had the obligation to propose to Council directives to offer a new Specific Use Permit for Mr. Shala, to ensure that the City has taken a course of action for mitigation and prevention of this type of event from happening again. The standard protocol for the recommendation of approval was that within the first year of business, the City and the Development Services Director would pull the police reports on a monthly basis for the first 12 months of business. The second protocol would be looking at and reviewing their TABC report. Mr. Shala has gone above and beyond with the property owner, they have put in a security system that covered every internal and external corner along with the alley. The business will provide security, which was a recommended conditions of approval in the packet. It was imperative that during the duration between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. on the nights that they choose to operate to those hours that they provide an additional measure of security for their patrons. Ms. Carpenter stated Planning and Zoning did approve the request and the SUP. Staff was recommending approval of the request.

Mayor McAnelly open the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Councilman Huesser asked about the hours of operation as the application stated they would be open until 12 a.m. but the information provided stated they would provide security until 2 a.m. Ms. Carpenter stated they would be open until 2 am on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Councilman Huesser asked about parking, traffic as the theater was across the street, and many

families went there. He asked if staff had considered anything to help with traffic or parking along the street. Ms. Carpenter stated generally in a downtown business corridor it was not required to have the standardized parking for a retailer business space or eatery.

Councilman Ytuarte asked about the probation and what the terms were. Ms. Carpenter stated that was directed towards the new proposed Specific Use Permit. She stated that in the event that something such as a fatality happened at a business the City had the right to review, audit and revoke or probate the SUP that was in play. Staff was asking to propose a new Specific Use Permit for the location under the new tenant. She stated staff did not anticipate any future issues of that nature and that Mr. Shala was the owner of Luigi's and was a respectable restaurant owner.

Councilman Villa stated security could not promise not anything was going to happen. Ms. Carpenter stated this was a proactive measure.

Councilman Ytuarte asked why staff burdened the family with a Specific Use Permit. Ms. Carpenter stated there was already a Specific Use Permit at the location. She stated the City was trying to ensure that they were taking proactive measures, as it was their obligation to put into place those measures.

Ms. Carpenter stated the Commercial Business District did require a Specific Use Permit for a dancehall, tavern or nightclub, bar or pub. It was required for them to have a Specific Use Permit to operate those types of businesses.

Mayor McAnelly asked if there were any latter in favor or in opposition and Ms. Carpenter stated there were none.

Discussion ensued regarding the existing SUP and the requested permit. Ms. Carpenter stated the new proposed Specific Use Permit would replace the current permit in place. She explained the existing Specific Use Permit was drafted under a different UDC Code and not today's code.

Council Member Villa made a motion to approve a request from Egzon Shala, the leasee of the new bar registered as the Hondo Beer Market, for a Specific Use Permit for on premise service and consumption of alcohol to be located at 1710 Avenue M Hondo, TX 78861 with the condition of approval recommended; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Huesser, Villa. NAY: Williams. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

17. Consideration, discussion and possible action concerning the award of a construction contract for the TxCDBG Grant CDM21-0402 - City of Hondo downtown revitalization sidewalk improvements project. (Clay Livingston, Rene Saenz)

Public Works Director Rene Saenz they had received three bids for this project and the lowest bidder came in at \$285,892.75. He stated staff would like to award the contract TxCDBG Grant CDM21-0402 to the lowest bidder.

Councilman Villa asked what would happen to the money left over from the low bid. Mr. Albert stated it would go back to the State.

Councilman Ytuarte stated there were businesses that did not want their sidewalks replaced and that Mr. Saenz stated that the funds could not to be used to repair from Hondough Pizza east to Avenue M. He asked if he had not visited that request. Mr. Saenz stated they did visit and that the CDBG office stated they could not do it. He stated he did say that under the City's bill they were looking at repairing the sidewalks from 18th Street to Avenue K.

Mr. Albert stated staff would bring in an engineering proposal before Council at the next meeting in March regarding design work for the sidewalk along 18th Street along with the estimated cost to move forward with construction as well and potential funding sources.

Councilman Williams asked that the item be put on the next agenda regarding the sidewalk repairs.

Council Member Williams made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with DCA contractor to remove and replace sidewalks downtown; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

18. Discuss and consider approving the South Texas Regional Airport revised ALP set. (Ryan Elder)

Director of Aviation Ryan Elder presented a revised ASP set on file. Discussion ensued regarding designating proposed release areas. Council agreed on area to be designated a proposed release area and requested a revised ALP be brought back to Council.

19. Discuss and consider appropriate action regarding the proposed Hondo Farmer's Market. (Lora Socarras)

Director of Parks and Recreation Lora Socarras gave an overview of the request from the Hondo Farmer's Market to operate at the Loading Dock. Ms. Socarras stated the market currently operated out of Veterans Memorial Square. The item was approved annually last year and the request was to reconfirm that approval for the 2023 season. She stated the current code comprehensive fee schedule only had a fee listed for nonprofits. The farmer's market has collaborated with the Devine Market Association, which was a nonprofit.

Councilman Williams asked how it went at the square. The applicant stated there was not enough foot traffic and they had trouble getting eyes on it. Therefore, with the major thoroughfare through town they thought it would garner enough traffic from the road to really draw people in. Mr. Steve Smith stated they started the Devine Market over two years ago and they had been successful. He stated they were in support of the micro producers.

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the use of the train depot loading dock by the Hondo Farmer's Market and Devine Market Association for the purposed dates and to allow the property to be rented at the existing nonprofit deposit rate until October 2023; seconded by Council Member Villa. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

20. Discuss and consider appropriate action regarding C.H.A.S.M.Fest proposal. (Lora Socarras)

Director of Parks and Recreation Lora Socarras gave an overview of the request to host C.H.A.S.M. Fest at the City Parks from April 5 to April 9, 2024. The proposal is on file. This event is being brought on due to the Eclipse expected in 2024 and hosted by JP Smith with Armadillo Events. Ms. Socarras stated Mr. JP Smith was available for questions.

Councilman Williams asked if the local community would have to pay the \$150 fee as well. Mr. Smith stated that while it was not firm or agreed on they talked about having the day of the eclipse

free for the public to come watch the eclipse and enjoy the music. He stated they hoped to have use the barbeque pit and have a community organization cook barbeque to sell at the event.

Discussion ensued regarding the revenue. Ms. Socarras stated they were requesting an authorization to enter into negotiations. There were aspects of the proposal that are mutually beneficial, like having a centralized place for RV's and tent campers to go. The City's current code, and current fee schedule did not anticipate an event of this magnitude so there were items staff want to make sure were addressed in that agreement. Those would be negotiated with Mr. Smith, and would come before Council for final approval. All of those details would still be discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding security, alcohol, and emergency plans, parking and shuttle busses.

Mr. Smith stated they were offering to help with the influx of the viewers. He stated the average RV had one or two people in an RV and they did not attract a wild and crazy group. He stated they also did not sell alcohol.

Councilman Williams stated the contract would still need to be brought back to Council for explanation, negotiation and review.

Council Member Williams made a motion to authorize the City Staff to negotiate an agreement with Armadillo events to facilitate the planning of C.H.A.S.M. Fest; seconded by Council Member Villa. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

21. Discuss and consider park projects (completion of dog park, completion of walking trail at the soccer complex, installation of restrooms at City Park #3) started in 2022. (Councilmen Ytuarte and Villa)

Councilman Ytuarte stated he requested the item on the agenda to resurrect the project to complete the dog park, the walking trail around the soccer complex and install restrooms at City Park 3. He stated staff needed to finish the projects in order for the citizens to take advantage of them and use them.

Ms. Socarras stated materials for the dog park and the walking trail had been ordered and proposed as budgetary items for current fiscal year. She stated her direction to staff was to place them on hold until they could get a handle on maintenance projects. Her intention was to get a handle on the maintenance of the parks so that everyone could enjoy them fully and safely. The intention was to put on hold any new additions to the system that would also incur maintenance requirements. She stated the dog park project would have maintenance responsibilities, codification requirements that went beyond fending.

Councilman Ytuarte asked staff not to find reasons to not finish project as they had in the past. He felt staff was making it a habit of making excuses for not finishing projects that were started. Mr. Albert stated the three project were good project and that once they had a chance to evaluate the parks and all the equipment already in place those would be addressed. Councilman Ytuarte stated they were not adding the projects they were started last year.

Councilman Williams asked about ordinances and laws that would need to be implemented. Ms. Socarras stated the implementation of a new park would need rules and regulations adopted. Councilman Ytuarte asked for the information so that he could look up the requirements himself.

Mayor McAnelly stated he felt budgeted amount was not enough for the project and that there was an impression that staff was trying to put these things down but he did not think that was the case.

Councilman Villa asked why the materials were ordered if nothing was going to be done. Ms. Socarras stated the material was ordered and the fencing was ordered prior to her taking her positions. She stated she started evaluating the maintenance issued and tried to redirect the way staff was prioritizing the money. She stated that if Council directed otherwise she would be happy to proceed.

Councilman Williams stated he though the projects were important and would like to see them done eventually but he was not going to force staff. That was not his job and staff needed to manage the projects with the resources they had. Council was not day-to-day employees of the City of Hondo and it was staff's job to evaluate those things. He felt Council needed to trust senior staff to get the priorities done and he was not going to vote for it because they could be terribly unrealistic and he had no idea how realistic it was because he did not work day to day in the City of Hondo.

Councilman Villas asked when it was determined that \$25,000.00 was the amount needed to finish the restrooms. Ms. Socarras stated that was determined during the budget cycle in October 2023. In order to proceed with the project staff would have to go through the procurement process, get additional quotes and bids, and make sure that the scope is adequate for what they were trying to do. She stated staff's intention was not to kill projects but to propose a good sound business recommendation to the City Council.

Council Member Ytuarte made a motion to direct the parks director through the City Manager to complete the dog park, complete the walking trail at the soccer complex and if \$25,000.00 was enough to install the restrooms at City Park 3 to start by April 1, 2023; seconded by Council Member Villa. The motion failed by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Villa. NAY: McAnelly, Williams, Huesser. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela.

22. Discussion regarding insurance monies received by the City for the 2021 Winter Storm damages. (Councilmen Ytuarte and Vela)

Councilman Ytuarte stated he had some questions regarding projects that had not been finished like the roof at the rec center and the demolition of buildings. He stated on January 23 Ms. Socarras stated that now that the EDC funds were approved the roof could be fixed. Councilman Ytuarte stated the City received insurance money for that and he wanted to know where the insurance money was. Mr. Albert stated he communicated to Councilman Ytuarte that staff would prepare a report and give Council an update with all the building that were damaged from the April 2021 storm along with the vehicles. He stated there were roughly 50 facilities that needed to be repaired and about 30 vehicles. TML was handling the insurance money and the proceeds for the repairs would go directly to the vendor. Councilman Williams asked if the City still had the money left from the insurance claim. Mr. Albert stated the only money they had were for the demo of the facilities. All other repairs would be paid through TML directly to the vendor.

Councilman Ytuarte asked how much money was received. Mr. Hill stated he did not know the exact number but the money that came to the City was for the vehicles. The 1365 was for the vehicles not the building money. That money would go directly to the vendor.

Councilman Williams clarified that the money for the roof money was never received and that the demo money for the buildings was received and still in the account. Councilman Williams asked why the roof at the rec center had not been fixed. Mr. Albert stated staff was pulling together

different estimates for all repairs external to the building. He stated staff was waiting on a bid for repairs. He stated it was more than repairing the roof it was all the repairs associated with it and they staff was getting approval from the EDC to spend some of their funds for improvements.

Councilman Villas clarified the money from the EDC did not include the roof. Mr. Albert stated that was correct. Ms. Socarras stated the color change necessitated the painting. This had a trickle effect and it all had to work together for the external repairs. EDC money would not be used to repair the roof. Councilman Williams asked if the money to demolish the building was still available. Mr. Albert stated it was and Councilman Williams asked why it had not been done. Ms. Socarras stated the world war two dancehall was identified as a concern for historic preservation. It was deemed not eligible for national register designation. Staff wanted to identify the materials that could be salvaged from that building to pay homage to the fact that it was a world war two dance hall. Staff did not want to proceed with demolition until it was confirmed the building was not eligible for national register designation.

Councilman Villas asked if it would cost more money than provided by the insurance to demolish since it had been two years. Mr. Albert stated the money was received four to five months ago and staff had to seek council's authorization first. If Council wanted staff to move forward, they would. One of the buildings was part of the PD operations and items were still being removed from that building. Mr. Albert stated one of the buildings had equipment from Meals on Wheels that needed to be removed. He stated there were a lot of moving pieces and he wished it was that simple but it wasn't.

Councilman Ytuarte asked if the insurance money went into the insurance proceeds 1365. Mr. Hill stated it did. The money goes to the revenue account. Everything that is in the general fund, those departments would go to the general fund insurance proceeds, the airport has their own fund, and they have a separate account for insurance proceeds. It is a revenue line item account in those funds. If the money were spent, it would go in the expense account for vehicle repairs or building repairs under that department. So if that money is not spent, at the end of the year, which it was not last year, it will close out in the fund balance. Therefore, it is in the bank of that fund right now.

23. Discuss and consider making appointments to various boards and commissions. (Mayor McAnelly)

Mayor McAnelly recommended the reappointment of Ellen Stephens to the Parks and Recreation Board, Adriana Sandoval to the Animal Care Advisory Board and Linda Halbardier to the Cemetery Board.

Council Member Huesser made a motion to reappointment of Ellen Stephens to the Parks and Recreation Board, Adriana Sandoval to the Animal Care Advisory Board and Linda Halbardier to the Cemetery Board; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

The City Council of the City of Hondo convened into executive session at 8:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

24. Executive Session: The City Council of the City of Hondo may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code:
Section 551.071(1) (A) and (2) (Consultations with Attorney) and Section 551.072

(Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations); Section 551.086 (Meeting concerning municipally owned utility-competitive matters);

- a. Discussion regarding the Second Amendment to the Stand Still Negotiation agreement with Hondo Creek Farm. (Jessica Carpenter & Scott Albert)
- b. Discussion regarding the purchase of the Stronghold property (3.22 acres). (Scott Albert)
- c. Consult with the city attorney about Climavision project. (Justin Soza)

The City Council of the City of Hondo reconvened into regular session at 9:51 p.m.

25. Discuss and consider appropriate action on items resulting from Executive Session.

Council Member Huesser made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and set fees and bond amount for Climavision license agreement and bring back in March for approval; seconded by Council Member Ytuarte. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Vela

26. Adjourn.

Council Member Ytuarte made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Williams. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Ytuarte, Vela, Williams, Huesser, Villa. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

JOHN McANELLY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

SueAnn Reyes, TRMC
City Secretary