



MINUTES-WORKSHOP
SEALY CITY COUNCIL
415 MAIN STREET
SEALY, TX 77474
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro tem Vrablec called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum**

Present:

Dee Anne Lerma	Councilmember, Place 1
Chris Noack	Councilmember, Place 2
Sandra Vrablec	Councilmember, Place 3/Mayor Pro tem
Jennifer Sullivan	Councilmember, Place 4
Larry Koy	Councilmember, Place 5
Adam Burttschell	Councilmember, Place 6

Absent:

Janice Whitehead	Mayor
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A quorum was declared present.

Staff attending:

Lloyd Merrell, City Manager
Warren Escovy, Assistant City Manager/Planning Director
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary
Steven Kutra, Finance Director
Joey Schmidt, Fire Marshal/IT
Robert Worley, Executive Director SEDC
Fawn Mackey, Municipal Court Administrator
Kimbra Hill, Main Street Manager

3. **Petition(s) and/or Request(s) from the Public**

None

4. **WORKSHOP: City Council to review and discuss fiscal year 2020-2021 budget and take action as necessary to direct staff.**

- Planning and Community Development
- Finance Department
- Municipal Court
- City Secretary
- Fire Marshal/IT
- City Manager
- Sealy Economic Development Corporation

City staff presented their prospective budgets to council.

- a) Councilman Koy moved to implement a hiring freeze for the Planning and Community Development Department. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Pro tem Vrabec called for the vote:

AYES: Lerma, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

- b) No action was taken regarding the Finance Department's budget proposals.
- c) No action was taken regarding the Municipal Court's budget proposals.
- d) Councilman Noack moved to move the \$5,000 in line item 10-540-53095 to line item 10-540-53020 since the HR expense should not be in the City Secretary's budget. Councilwoman Lerma seconded the motion. Mayor Pro tem Vrabec called for the vote:

AYES: Lerma, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell

NOES: None

The motion carried.

- e) No action was taken regarding the Fire Marshal/IT's budget proposals.
- f) No action was taken regarding the City Manager's budget proposals.
- g) Councilman Koy moved to implement a hiring freeze for Sealy Economic Development Corporation. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Mayor Pro tem Vrabec called for the vote:

AYES: Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy

NOES: Lerma, Burttschell

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Sullivan moved to remove the positions with hiring freezes from the budget. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro tem Vrabec called for the vote:

AYES: Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy

NOES: Lerma, Noack, Burttschell

The motion failed.

Councilman Noack moved that before any other employees are hired, that it be brought before council. Councilman Noack then rescinded his motion.

5. Adjournment

At 8:43 p.m., Councilwoman Sullivan moved that the city council stand adjourned until the next scheduled meeting. Councilman Koy seconded the motion. Mayor Pro tem Vrabec called for the vote:

AYES: Lerma, Noack, Vrabec, Sullivan, Koy, Burttschell
NOES: None

The motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of August 2020.



Janice Whitehead
Janice Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Knoll
Brooke Knoll, City Secretary