



## **MINUTES**

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### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 24, 2021**

This meeting will be conducted utilizing a videoconferencing tool. City Council members, staff, and citizens will participate via audio only. Instructions and direct links to view the meeting or speak during citizen comment can be found at [LongviewTexas.gov/Tele](http://LongviewTexas.gov/Tele).

To participate in citizen comment, please plan to arrive early to give yourself time to register to the videoconference tool. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The virtual conference meeting room will open at 8:45 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Roll Call**

Mayor Andy Mack: Here  
Ed Moore, District 1 - Here  
Nona Snoddy, District 2 - Here  
Wray Wade, District 3 – Here  
Kristen Ishihara, District 4 – Here  
David Wright, District 5 - Here  
Steve Pirtle, District 6 – Here

City Staff:

City Manager, Keith Bonds – Here  
City Attorney, Jim Finley – Here  
City Secretary, Angie Shepard – Here

- I. **Citizen Comment** – Jeremiah Hunter said thank you and good job to those who work at the water treatment plant. They worked hard to keep the water running for the citizens for Longview during the storm last week. He request the City Council go back to in person meeting. If not in person, the meetings need to be video conference, would like to be able to see the council. Lastly, he spoke to the Cornado family and would like to see that family given fair market value for their property. Their property is being taken without proper compensation. Would like to see the plans for the roadway modified.

- II. **Consent Items**

- A. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from 2021 State Homeland Security Program for an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00 for the purchase of specialized collapse/stabilization equipment for use by the Fire Department –**

J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution to allow the Fire Department to apply for, receive and expend 100% grant funding (with no match) from the State Homeland Security Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00. This funding will be used to purchase collapse and stabilization equipment for use by the department in victim rescue situations.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNORS’ (OOG) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DIVISION (HSGD) THROUGH THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP), AS MANAGED BY THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A “SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT”; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDING; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, THE CITY MANAGER’S DESIGNEE OR OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE CITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN APPLYING, ACCEPTING, REJECTING, ALTERING, TERMINATING, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF FUNDS FOR LOSS**

**OR MISUSE; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5754 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**B. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for a program coordinator for Partners in Prevention Mentoring and Coalitions for Drug-Free Youth Programs**

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution approving professional services contract for Program Coordinator for Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program and Coalition for Drug-Free Youth to assist Partners in Prevention Manager. Coordinator facilitates strategies to reduce substance misuse among youth, hold monthly coalition meetings, support volunteer mentors, conduct criminal history background checks, placement of mentors with mentees, and facilitate group activities. Coordinator participates in the Mentoring Advisory Council, plans, implements and evaluates Mentoring Program activities, gathers data required by grantors and funders, and submit reports as required. The contract will not exceed \$45,000 a year with up to 4 one-year renewals

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WHITNEY PIERCE FOR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS A PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR PARTNERS IN PREVENTION MENTORING AND COALITIONS FOR DRUG-FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF SAID AGREEMENT AT THE CITY MANAGER'S DISCRETION FOR UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT FOR ANY ONE RENEWAL TERM SHALL NOT EXCEED FUNDS BUDGETED FOR SAID AGREEMENT IN THE CONCURRENT BUDGET YEAR;**

**FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5755 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**C. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for a program coordinator for Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program –**

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution approving professional services contract for Program Coordinator for Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program to assist Partners in Prevention Manager. Coordinator supports volunteer mentors, conducts criminal history background checks, placement of mentors with mentees, and facilitates group activities. Coordinator participates in the Mentoring Advisory Council, plans, implements and evaluates Mentoring Program activities, gathers data required by grantors and funders, and submit reports as required. The contract will not exceed \$35,000 a year with up to 4 one-year renewals.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ADORA HALL FOR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS A PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR PARTNERS IN PREVENTION MENTORING AND COALITIONS FOR DRUG-FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF SAID AGREEMENT AT THE CITY MANAGER'S DISCRETION FOR UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT FOR ANY ONE RENEWAL TERM SHALL NOT EXCEED FUNDS BUDGETED FOR SAID**

**AGREEMENT IN THE CONCURRENT BUDGET YEAR;  
FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS  
RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE  
TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER  
FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE  
SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5756 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**D. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with Westech Engineering of Salt Lake City, Utah, in the amount of \$230,862.00 for the construction of the Grace Creek WWTP Trickling Filter #1 Mechanism Replacement Project –**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution Consider awarding a contract in the amount of \$230,862.00 to WesTech Engineering, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on February 9, 2021:

Bidder	Amount
WesTech Engineering, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT	\$230,862.00
Bar Constructors, Inc. Lancaster, TX	\$299,000.00

The scope includes fabricating and delivering the arms and manifold of trickling filter #1 to the Grace Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The trickling filter mechanism will be installed by city personal.

City staff has examined the bids and the qualifications of the low bidder, and recommends award of the contract to WesTech Engineering, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT in the amount of \$230,862.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF**

**WESTECH ENGINEERING, INC., OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "GRACE CREEK WWTP – TRICKLING FILTER #1 MECHANISM REPLACEMENT"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND WESTECH ENGINEERING, INC. OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5757 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**E. Consider a Resolution accepting the “Longview Arboretum & Nature Center Phase II” and authorizing final payment of \$35,800 to Casey Slone Construction, LLC, of Marshall, Texas –**

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution accepting the "Longview Arboretum & Nature Center Phase II" and authorizing final payment of \$35,800.00 to Casey Slone Construction, LLC, of Marshall, Texas. Approval of the final payment will begin the contractor's one-year warranty period.

The City Council awarded a contract to Casey Slone Construction, LLC, on May 14, 2020 in the amount of \$358,000.00. The final construction cost is \$358,000.00.

The project provided the construction of a city park with additional parking, site lighting, an entry kiosk, pergolas, and related work on 26 acres at 10 Grand Boulevard located between Grace Creek and Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Complex.

The project has been completed in accordance with the contract. MHS Planning and Design, LLC recommends acceptance of the project and approval of the final payment. City staff concurs with the recommendation.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE PROJECT ENTITLED “LONGVIEW ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER PHASE II”; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT TO CASEY SLONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, OF MARSHALL, TEXAS, FOR THE COMPLETION OF SAID PROJECT; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5758 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- F. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement and any other documents incident to the continued use of facilities located at 301 W. Whaley for the City's Emergency Operations Center –**

J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the renewal of a license agreement with AT&T Corporation for the continued use of the City's Emergency Operation Center.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR OR INCIDENT TO THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T CORPORATION OR ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AFFILIATES OR SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF FACILITIES LOCATED AT 301 W. WHALEY STREET FOR THE CITY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE**

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5759 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Pirtle seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Council Member Moore	Yes
	Council Member Snoddy	Yes
	Council Member Wade	Yes
	Council Member Ishihara	Yes
	Council Member Wright	Yes
	Council Member Pirtle	Yes
	Mayor Mack	Yes

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

**III. Election Item**

**Consider an Ordinance canceling the Election to fill the expired term for Mayor declaring elected to office the unopposed candidate for a term expiring in May, 2024 –**

Angie Shepard, City Secretary was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance approving canceling the May 1, 2021 general election for Mayor and declaring Andy Mack elected for a three year term.

MOTION: Council Member Pirtle made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

**N ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, CONFIRMING THE CERTIFICATION OF ANDY MACK AS AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS MAYOR; DECLARING ANDY MACK ELECTED AS MAYOR; DECLARING THE MAY 1, 2021, CITY ELECTION CANCELED; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS**



**AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND  
DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

SECOND: Council Member Wade seconded the motion.

VOTE: Council Member Moore Yes  
Council Member Snoddy Yes  
Council Member Wade Yes  
Council Member Ishihara Yes  
Council Member Wright Yes  
Council Member Pirtle Yes  
Mayor Mack Yes

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance No. 4299 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**IV. Action Items**

- A. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate, finalize and execute, on behalf of the City of Longview, an economic development agreement pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code as part of the economic development incentive package negotiated by the Longview Economic Development Corporation and designated "Project Double" —**

Wayne Mansfield, President/ CEO of Longview Economic Development Corp was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution authorizing a development agreement for "Project Double" This is part of an incentive package negotiated by Longview Economic Development Corporations.

- \$140 Million investment
- About 850,000 square feet
- More than 500 full-time jobs by the end of 2023
- Grow to 1,000 full-time jobs over the next five years
- Additionally 1,000+ part-time and seasonal jobs by 2026

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, FINALIZE, AND EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND THE GAPO, INC., (OR AN AFFILIATE OR SUBSIDIARY OF SAID COMPANY) TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND E-COMMERCE CENTER IN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND THE INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH SAME; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

SECOND: Council Member Pirtle seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Council Member Moore	Yes
	Council Member Snoddy	Yes
	Council Member Wade	Yes
	Council Member Ishihara	Yes
	Council Member Wright	Yes
	Council Member Pirtle	Yes
	Mayor Mack	Yes

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5760 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider a Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver a letter confirming that the City of Longview has no objection to the designation of a Foreign-Trade Zone as part of the economic development incentive package negotiated by the Longview Economic Development Corporation and designated "Project Double" –**

Wayne Mansfield, President/ CEO of Longview Economic Development Corp was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution supporting

the application for foreign trade zone designation for property located at the Longview North Business Park.

MOTION: Council Member Wright made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE GAP, INC., FOR FOREIGN TRADE ZONE DESIGNATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE LONGVIEW NORTH BUSINESS PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A LETTER STATING THAT THE CITY DOES NOT OBJECT TO SAID DESIGNATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO SUPPORT THE AFORESAID APPLICATION; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

SECOND: Council Member Pirtle seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Council Member Moore	Yes
	Council Member Snoddy	Yes
	Council Member Wade	Yes
	Council Member Ishihara	Yes
	Council Member Wright	Yes
	Council Member Pirtle	Yes
	Mayor Mack	Yes

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5761 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

**V. Items of Community Interest and COVID update**

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Angie Shepard  
City Secretary

