



## **MINUTES**

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### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 25, 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 5:15 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.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

**III. Citizen Comment** – There were no citizens to speak this evening.

**IV. Consent Items**

- A. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$9217.27 from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) fund for the purpose of continuing education and training for law enforcement personnel of the Longview Police Department –**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt, and expenditure of grant funding from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) fund in the amount of \$9217.27 for the purpose of continuing education for law enforcement personnel.

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 APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION (LEOSE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9217.27; FINDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID FUNDS; 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. 5768 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to negotiate and execute an extension of the City's current lease agreement for office space at the Glover Crim Building for an additional three years for an annual rent of up to \$96,684.36 (\$8,057.03 monthly) –**

Bonnie Hubbard, Human Resources & Risk Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution for the award of a three year agreement with Glover Crim, Ltd. to lease office space for City of Longview Departments. Partners in Prevention, Human Resources, and the Risk department utilize approximately 8,663 square feet of rentable area located in a multi-tenant office building. The physical location is 140 East Tyler Street, Suite 400, Longview, Texas. The proposed rental fee over the three year period will \$96,684.36 per year (8,057.03/month).

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 AN EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S CURRENT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE GLOVER CRIM BUILDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS; APPROVING THE LEASE RATE; CONDITIONING ANY EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SAID LEASE ON FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR; CONDITIONING SAID LEASE ON THE RECEIPT OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; FINDING AND 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 DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5769 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- C. Consider a Resolution authorizing, approving, and ratifying the amendment of the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of the Longview Economic Development Corporation as necessary to pay for infrastructure work and incentives associated with the performance agreement with The Gap, Inc. –

Wayne Mansfield, LEDCO President/CEO was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution amending LEDCO's budget for infrastructure work and incentives associated with the performance agreement with Gap, Inc. LEDCO has approved \$997,000 for infrastructure work in the North Business Park and \$5,200,000 for incentives payable to Gap, Inc.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING THE AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET OF THE LONGVIEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE WORK AND INCENTIVES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE GAP, INC.; 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. 5770 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- D. Consider a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to negotiate and execute any necessary documents for the purchase of playground equipment for the Citywide Park Improvements via the City's purchasing agreement with the local government purchasing cooperative administered by the Texas Association of School Boards ("TASB BuyBoard") for an amount not to exceed \$512,920.00 –**

Scott Caron, Director of Park and Recreation was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution authorizes the purchase of playground equipment for the Citywide Park Improvements project through the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program. The equipment has been properly bid by the TASB BuyBoard. Accordingly, the City complies with the competitive purchasing requirements of state law when purchasing through the TASB BuyBoard.

The cost of this equipment will not exceed \$512,920. Funding will come from bond proceeds.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITYWIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS VIA THE CITY'S PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS ("TASB BUYBOARD"); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AND/OR OTHER OFFICIAL(S) OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID PURCHASE; SETTING FORTH THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; DETERMINING THAT SAID PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM STATE COMPETITIVE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS; FINDING AND 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 DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Resolution No. 5771 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 Snoddy 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).

**V. Discussion Item** – City Council to discuss returning to in-person meetings.

Mayor Mack: On March 2, Gov. Abbott removed several restrictions related to COVID-19.

- Removed the mask mandate.
- Removed the occupancy limitations.
- Removed requirement for mayoral approval of outdoor events
- However, entities are *encouraged* to continue good faith efforts to reduce risk associated with COVID-19.  
Governmental entities may continue to meet virtually if they choose.
- Some City of Longview boards and commissions, which often have smaller attendance than council meetings, have returned to meeting in person with social distancing and masks encouraged.
- City Council Chamber has been arranged to allow social distancing between council members with reduced, staggered seating for citizen participation.

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

Longview 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday – mini celebrations May 17, 2021

Mayor Mack Scholarship – due date is April 15.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Angie Shepard  
City Secretary

