



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
AND WORK SESSION OF THE  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.**  
16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, Texas 78641

1. Open Special Called Meeting.  
Mayor Ken Beck called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Call Roll.  
Julia Vicars, City Secretary called roll. Council Members Bill Connors, Babs Yarbrough, Kristi Belote, and Mayor Ken Beck Present. Absent were Council Member David Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Mark Scott.
3. Citizens Comments.  
None.
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving \$75.00 for the Public Relations and Communications Committee to use at the Village Booth during Olive Fest, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - a. Presentation from Chair (Kristi Belote).  
Council Member Kristi Belote presents the request before Council for the funds for the Public Relations and Communications Committee in regards to Olive Fest. The funds will be used for a Volente poster for their booth, the cost of printing visitor postcards, and small prizes for children that visit the booth for a total of \$75.00.  
**Council Member Bill Connors makes a motion to approve the \$75.00 budget for the Public Relations and Communications Committee to use at the Olive Fest Booth on April 18, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Babs Yarbrough. Carries unanimously.**
5. Discussion and Possible Action on a Survey to be conducted by the Public Relations and Communications Committee as a follow-up of the 2014 Community Survey.  
Mayor Ken Beck introduces the three page document with the proposed questions. Council Member Kristi Belote states that at the last Public Relations and Communications committee meeting a consensus was reached that the community needs to be thanked first for their participation in the 2014 Community Survey before sending another out. Participants who responded via SurveyMonkey would receive an email thank you, and participants who mailed in

their responses would receive a mailed letter. After that, a brief survey with questions that are immediately needed would follow. Council then reviews the Follow-Up survey to determine which questions are of immediate importance for their work on the Zoning ordinance. Mayor Ken Beck suggests that the questions for the first follow up survey be limited to ensure the survey is succinct and residents are not overwhelmed.

**Council Member Bill Connors makes a motion to send out a thank you to the participants of the 2014 Community Survey and approve the follow up survey, as amended, to be conducted by the Public Relations and Communications committee as a follow up to the 2014 Community Survey as it applies to zoning. Council Member Babs Yarbrough seconds the motion, with the addition of notifying residents in the thank you letters that brief surveys will be coming. Carries unanimously.**

- 6. Close Special Called Meeting and open Work Session.

The Special Called Meeting closes at and the Work Session opens at 7:02 p.m.

- 7. Discussion and Consensus on the definition of the terminology used to reference different zoning areas within the Village of Volente.

- a. Districts
- b. Neighborhoods
- c. Subdivisions
- d. Classes
- e. Categories

Council Member Bill Connors suggests that the term Districts, which is what is referenced in the Local Government Code, be the term that we use.

Mayor Ken Beck states that he would prefer to see the term category or class used.

Barbara Wilson, City Administrator, reminds Council that districts usually define use.

After discussion, Council agrees to use the terminology Category for lots, Districts for use, with possible overlays called class.

District	Category	Class
Residential or Commercial	By Lot Size	Historical, Small, etc.

*\*Lot size to determine setbacks, impervious cover, etc.*

*\*District to determine Use*

- 8. Review of the current allowed uses within each zoning district.

- a. Residential
- b. Commercial

Council uses the Zoning Summary Table to determine which uses would be possible or desired in the Village of Volente and which uses could potentially be eliminated from the zoning ordinance.

- 9. Review of the proposed residential zoning districts within the Village of Volente.

Council Member Bill Connors details the conceptual zoning maps he created. Council discusses possible changes to the maps, and suggests that the Planning and Zoning Commission receive the map at their next meeting.

10. Discussion and Consensus on what zoning districts should be used and/or added.

- a. Residential
- b. Commercial

No discussion took place on this work session item.

11. Discussion and Consensus for each of the districts in regards to

- a. Setbacks
- b. Impervious Cover (estimation only, Impervious Cover re-visited in Water Quality Ordinance)
- c. View Corridors
- d. Restrictions, examples: acreage, parking, size of structure, height

Council discusses the special lot sizes within the Village of Volente and how lot size determining the setbacks, impervious cover, and restrictions might alleviate some of the issues residents of skinny, long lots face.

12. Discussion on the next steps and plan of action for review of the Zoning Ordinance.

Council agrees to task the following items to present Council members, to be worked on and brought for presentation at the next meeting.

Council Member Bill Connors – Categories, Use

Council Member Kristi Belote – Categories, Use

Council Member Babs Yarbrough – Plotting Lots

Mayor Ken Beck – Plotting Lots

13. Adjourn.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 21 day of April, 2015.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ *KB* \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Ken Beck

Attest:

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Julia Vicars, City Secretary