



**VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS  
MINUTES**

Regular Called City Council Meeting  
February 17, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

**I. ITEMS OPENING THE MEETING**

A. Call to Order: Mayor Dan Thost called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

B. Call Roll and Establish Quorum:

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Isabelle Evans, Kit Hopkins, Ed Racht, Kristin Ruff and Claudia Wilson. Councilmembers Absent: None. Quorum established.

Also Present: Mayor Dan Thost, City Attorney Cristian Rosas-Grillet and City Secretary Sonja De La Fuente, City Engineer Marc Dickey, and Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Phil Mitchell.

The Mayor recommended moving the Public Hearing items to the beginning of the agenda.

**Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to move items I.C., I.D. and I.F. and Item 2 after Item 3 on the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Ruff. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5-0.**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor introduced Aaron Archer, Project Manager for the BCRUA Well Water Delivery System Phase II, and he introduced Jared Niermann with Walker Partners.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant, Aaron Archer provided a report on this item. Jared Niermann provided additional information.

City Engineer Marc Dickey provided a brief report on items II.A and II.B. and clarified what the City Council will be considering.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Phil Mitchell reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission met on February 16<sup>th</sup> and shared some information from that meeting. He advised the Commission approved both the zone change and Conditional Use Permit.

- A. Public Hearing - Consideration of and possible action regarding Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) to rezone 5.217 acres more or less; generally located at the southwest corner of Bernard St and Jackson St ROW in the John Stewart survey No. 551 and the Robert Foster Survey No. 31, in Travis County and comprising parts of Lake Travis Subdivision No. 2 and 6. Currently the property is zoned "SR" Single Family Residential. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to "UD" Utility District in accordance with Sec 9.02.057 of the Volente Code of Ordinances. The property will be utilized as the site for a maintenance building which will support operation and maintenance of a deep-water intake. Applicant: Walker Partners on behalf of BCRUA.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Tony Ruff commented that he appreciates both sides coming to the table to work through this and feels this is the best-case scenario going forward.

Chris Wilder asked why this is being done prior to approving the final ILA.

Tom Blauvelt stated that he thinks a lot has been accomplished and that this is in preparation of constructing the ILA. Arrangement with BCRUA to ensure the intake is constructed offshore and brought in by barge by way of eliminating the need for a Jackson Street extension so less truck traffic down the roads and setting up a maintenance facility is like building a home.

Sean Ryan from Sherman Street asked what the Mayor sees as the Village's leverage and if the Village would be holding the BCRUA to the site development rules.

The Mayor confirmed the Village continues negotiations with the BCRUA on the ILA and once complete they will follow the site development and building processes required by the Village.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Phil Mitchell explained that they are applying for a zoning change and conditional use permit.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Council expressed their appreciation for all of the work done thus far.

**Motion by Councilmember Wilson to approve the rezoning of the 5.217 acres as described in Exhibit A from Single Family Residential (SR) to Utility District (UD). Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5-0.**

- B. Public Hearing Consideration of and possible action regarding Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA) Conditional Use Permit for 5.217 acres more or less; generally located at the southwest corner of Bernard St and Jackson St ROW in the John Stewart Survey No. 551 and the Robert Foster Survey No. 31, in Travis County and comprising parts of Lake Travis Subdivision No. 2 and 6, authorizing the conditional use permitted for Utility District under Volente Code of Ordinances sec. 9.02.057 (c)(3) Facilities required by public or private utility providers. Applicant: Walker Partners on behalf of BCRUA.

City Engineer Marc Dickey asked the City Attorney for clarification regarding the exhibit to reiterate what he said regarding the Conditional Use Permit. The City Attorney explained that you cannot enlarge, extend or relocate the use without having to come back for approval.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Phil Mitchell advised that the approval of this item was passed by a 5-0 vote by the Commission.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Seeing nobody wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to approve a Conditional Use Permit for facilities required by private and public utility providers as presented in the applications submitted. The conditional Use Permit is restricted to a Maintenance Building not to exceed 3,000 sq. ft., invasive mussel control system, electrical, chemical storage and other associated accessories as per the approved Site Plan as presented in the ILA. Seconded by Councilmember Ruff. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5-0.**

#### **I. ITEMS OPENING THE MEETING (continued)**

- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2021, Special City Council Meeting
- E. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2021, Special City Council Meeting.

Council Member Hopkins suggested the meeting packet is added as an Exhibit to the Minutes. She would also like the packets numbered. She noted a correction to the minutes of the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items F and G were tabled until the next regular City Council meeting and H, I and J were deferred until the next regular City Council meeting. She noted a correction to the minutes of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. She moved to adjourn Executive Session at 3:02 P.M. and regular session was reopened at 3:04

P.M. and Councilmember Wilson moved to adjourn regular session at 3:05 P.M. She also noted a correction to the minutes of the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. On page two under Item C, where it says conditional use permit; there should be a period after the word permit and the next sentence starts with "Permit needs to be updated to...".

Public Comment:

None

**Motion by Councilmember Hopkins approve the minutes with the noted changes. Seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.**

F. Presentation of committee reports (if any).

Mayor Thost expressed appreciation to the community members for work done during the freeze.

Councilmember Racht provided an update on COVID-19. He encouraged all to get the vaccine.

## **II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

## **IV. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discussion Regarding Planning a Council Workshop Regarding Committees, Structure, Charters, and Protocol for Selection of Members

The City Council discussed when to hold the meetings and whether they should be held on a Saturday or in the evening during the week. Shorter specific topic meetings will be held with subsequent meetings as needed.

Public Comment:

Nancy Carufel requested clarification regarding the topic of the workshop.

**There was a consensus of the Council to meet on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. regarding setting goals first. Each Councilmember will provide their list of goals to the City Secretary by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Moving City Hall

The Mayor provided a report regarding this item.

Councilmember Racht suggested engaging the Fire Department in the decision-making process.

Public Comment:

Nancy Carufel suggested keeping the citizens more informed of what the options are and what the Council is looking at.

**Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to allow Mayor Thost to pursue options for the Village City Hall. Seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.**

## C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of a New Bank

The Mayor provided a report regarding this item.

There was discussion held regarding various possible banks (i.e. Horizon and Frost Bank). Councilmember Hopkins will help the Mayor with moving the process forward. The item will be brought back to Council for consideration and approval as soon as possible.

Public Comment:

None

## D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Freeze Damage

The Mayor provided a report regarding this item. He recommended amending the contract with Garcia's Tree Trimming contract to allow them to clean up the damage from the freeze.

Councilmember Wilson advised that Pete Garcia will come out to assess the work that needs to be done and provide a cost.

There was discussion held regarding what is the Village's responsibility.

Public Comment:

None

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Councilmember Hopkins to adjourn the regular called meeting of the City Council. Seconded by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.**

**Exhibits to Minutes:**

**Meeting Recording:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/whJHJv0Lexkv-UA0pWcWAPKShPiV0OZKN966NnThcW1KIPNXT--faoi20Jg3s2P.-C47w-DKtDzmogSS>

**Meeting Packet:**

[https://www.villageofvolente-tx.gov/vertical/sites/%7BA12E976C-9CE3-4BFC-BC01-DA09425A5BE6%7D/uploads/February\\_17\\_-\\_Regular\\_Meeting\\_Packet.pdf](https://www.villageofvolente-tx.gov/vertical/sites/%7BA12E976C-9CE3-4BFC-BC01-DA09425A5BE6%7D/uploads/February_17_-_Regular_Meeting_Packet.pdf)

Approved this 16th day of March, 2021

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Thost, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary