

Tom Daly, Mayor
Noah Washington Jr., Place 2
Becky Harris, Place 3

Kevin Hadas, Place 4
Jim Parma, Place 5
Ken Polasek, Mayor Pro Tem



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**
Selma City Hall • 9375 Corporate Drive • Selma, Texas 78154
July 14, 2022 • 6:30 P.M. – 7:16 P.M.

a. Call to Order

Mayor Tom Daly called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 P.M. in the Selma City Hall.

b. Roll Call – Members of Council in attendance:

Mayor Tom Daly	Councilman Kevin Hadas
Councilwoman Becky Harris	Councilman Jim Parma
Councilman Noah Washington Jr.	Mayor Pro Tem Ken Polasek

Member(s) of Council absent: None

City Staff in attendance:

Wyatt Agee, Assistant to the City Administrator
Robert Cardenas, Assistant City Secretary/Court Administrator
Johnny Casias, City Administrator/City Secretary
Clifford Ellison, Police Sergeant
Robert Klaerner, Information Technologist
Dave Padula, Police Chief
Rene Saenz, Director of Development Services & Infrastructure
Marc Schnall, City Attorney

c. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Becky Harris gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to be Heard

Mayor Tom Daly called upon the individuals who signed up to speak. Maggie Titterington, President of The Chamber, provided a Selma Visitor Center update and an analytics update for the website. Mrs. Titterington announced that San Antonio Business Journal ranked The Chamber number nine in the top ten chambers category. Lastly, she announced that The Chamber Community Guide won first place at the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Conference.

1. Operational Update by Ms. Angela Cooper, General Manager, Retama Park.

Ms. Cooper was unable to attend and provide an operational update.

2. Discussion /Possible Action on the Minutes of the Selma Regular Monthly City Council Meeting and Public Hearing of June 9, 2022.

Councilwoman Becky Harris made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Selma Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing of June 9, 2022. Councilman Jim Parma seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

3. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and on Ordinance Number 071422-01, an ordinance granting variances to Sections 74-223, 74-224, 74-431(b), 74-431(c), 74-431(e), and 74-431(i) of the City sign ordinance to permit a changeable electronic message sign at 15879 IH 35 along the IH 35 access road (1) in excess of 50 feet within 150 feet of IH 35, (2) to be located with a setback less than 30 feet in the IH 35 overly district, (3) not be an appurtenance to a conventional sign, (4) be more than 50 percent of the total sign face, (5) be less than 25 feet from a side property line, and (6) be higher than 6 feet from the ground.

Mayor Daly opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 P.M. Jay Leggett, 7915 Belmont Ridge, thanked the City Council for the excellent work performed on the Evans Road reconstruction project. Mayor Daly closed the public hearing at 6:37 P.M. Councilman Jim Parma made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and to approve Ordinance Number 071422-01, as presented. Councilman Kevin Hadas seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

4. Public Hearing/Discussion/Possible Action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and on Ordinance Number 071422-02 an ordinance granting variances to Sections 74-223, 74-224, 74-431(b), 74-431(c), 74-431(e), and 74-431(i) of the City sign ordinance to permit a changeable electronic message sign at 16513 IH 35 along the IH 35 access road (1) in excess of 50 feet within 150 feet of IH 35, (2) to be located with a setback less than 30 feet in the IH 35 overlay district, (3) not be an appurtenance to a conventional sign, (4) be more than 50 percent of the total sign face, (5) be less than 25 feet from a side property line, and (6) be higher than 6 feet from the ground.

Mayor Daly opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 P.M. After no one signed up to offer testimony, Mayor Daly closed the public hearing at 6:42 P.M. Councilman Noah Washington Jr. made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and to approve Ordinance Number 071422-02, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Ken Polasek seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

5. Discussion/Possible Action on an existing sign structure refacing agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Polasek made a motion to approve the existing sign structure refacing agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC, as presented. Councilwoman Becky Harris seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

6. Discussion/Possible Action on Ordinance Number 071422-03, an ordinance repealing Division 5 of Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma, Texas, that established the Selma Historical and Parks Commission; providing for the dissolution of the Selma Historical and Parks Commission and establishing an effective date.

Councilman Jim Parma made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 071422-03, as presented. Councilman Noah Washington Jr. seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

7. Discussion/Possible Action on a contractual amendment with J3 Company, LLC to perform additional city street improvements.

Councilman Jim Parma made a motion to approve a contractual amendment with J3 Company, LLC to perform additional city street improvements, as presented. Councilwoman Becky Harris seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

8. Presentation/Status Update on funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts State Energy Conservation Office, and the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act.

Robert Cardenas provided an update on funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts State Energy Conservation Office, and the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act. The data presented was for information only – no action was taken on this item.

9. Presentation/Discussion on revenue and expenditure projections for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

City Administrator Johnny Casias presented the revenue and expenditure projections for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Mr. Casias highlighted revenue and expenditure projections for the next fiscal year. Mr. Casias said general fund sales tax revenue was 8.7% above the same period the year before and identified that period as January to June. The sales taxes to the Municipal Development District were 5% above last year's period. Water sales were 14% above the same period the year before. Mr. Casias said franchise fees, building permit fees, bonds and forfeitures are steady. Before transitioning to expenditures, Mr. Casias briefly explained why the American Rescue Plan Act would be an item on future City of Selma budgets. Next, Mr. Casias highlighted expenditure projections, discussing the 4.5% employee salary adjustment and revamping the Selma Police Department salary pay scale. Mr. Casias briefed the Council on the vehicle expenditures for the following departments: police department, fire department, public works, code enforcement, and city administration. Mr. Casias then discussed the various capital improvement projects and public works expenditures. Mr. Casias briefed the Council on the proposed reconstruction of Retama Parkway around the same time University Hospital plans to break ground. Mr. Casias also discussed the need to increase city staff in response to the University Health System building a hospital in Selma. Finally, Mr. Casias announced that the City of Selma still had the lowest property tax rate in the area.

Mr. Casias provided the following timeline of important dates, which lead to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Operating Budget:

- July 26, 2022 - First budget meeting with city executive staff
- August 8, 2022 – Draft budget filed with City Secretary and available online for public inspection
- August 11, 2022 - Briefing of the draft budget during the next City Council meeting
- September 8, 2022 - A public hearing and City Council meeting for the adoption of the budget
- September 15, 2022 – Special meeting to adopt a tax rate to support the adopted budget
- October 31, 2022 – Fiscal year 2021 – 2022 ends
- November 1, 2022 – Fiscal year 2022 – 2023 begins

There were no questions or discussion from the Council, and Council took no action since this was an informational update to serve as a primer in preparation for consideration of next year's annual operating budget at a future meeting.

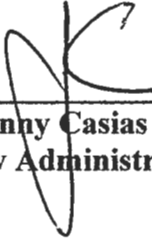
Mayor Tom Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.



Tom Daly
Mayor

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the City Council of Selma, Texas meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Attest:



Johnny Casias
City Administrator/City Secretary

