



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater Drive, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Wimberley will conduct a teleconference/video conference meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The public may participate in this meeting via the following toll-free numbers 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257 and/or using the Zoom meeting ID 815 0171 1857 and using the password 031958.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments and participate in any public hearing via teleconference or video conference, as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

Anyone wishing to offer public comments, participate in any public hearing, or offer written questions or comments must notify City Secretary, Laura Calcote, at lcalcote@cityofwimberley.com, at least two hours before the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Gina Fulkerson, called the meeting to order on May 21, 2020 at 6:01 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL

Council Members Present:	Gina Fulkerson	Mayor (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Rebecca Minnick	Place One (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Teresa Shell	Place Two (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Christine Byrne	Place Three (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Jim Chiles	Place Four (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Bo Bowman	Place Five (<i>via teleconference</i>)
City Staff Present:	Shawn Cox	City Administrator (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Laura Calcote	City Secretary (<i>via teleconference</i>)
	Sarah Griffin	Deputy City Attorney (<i>via teleconference</i>)

INVOCATION

Cypress Creek Church Reverend, Jose Abaroa, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor, Gina Fulkerson, led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas, in remembrance of the 2015 Memorial Day Flood in the Wimberley Valley. *(Place Three Council Member Christine Byrne)*

Mayor, Gina Fulkerson, read aloud the proclamation. Former Mayor, Steve Thurber, provided a summary of the evening and night of the 2015 Memorial Day Flood, and the aftermath of the catastrophic event within the Wimberley Valley. He thanked the community for coming together and supporting one another during the difficult time.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizen's comments.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presentation and consider possible action to approve the City of Wimberley's Quarterly Investment Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2020. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)* City Administrator, Shawn Cox, presented the City's second quarter (January-March 2020) investment report for FY 2020. The report included investment portfolio summaries, cash summaries, TexPool summaries and CD summaries for each month.

Motion to approve the City of Wimberley's Quarterly Investment Report for the second quarter for Fiscal Year 2020 was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Chiles. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

7.1. Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held May 7, 2020.

7.2. Approval of minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held May 8, 2020.

7.3. Approval of minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held May 14, 2020.

7.4. Approval of Place One Rebecca Minnick's appointment of Rick Burleson to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator, Shawn Cox, provided an update regarding the projected loss of sales tax for Fiscal Year 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, Mr. Cox reported that local businesses were planning to reopen during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, and City facilities were going to slowly begin to reopen in June. Swim season at Blue Hole Regional Park would start on Monday, May 25th, at a limited capacity.

There was discussion among Mr. Cox and Council members regarding signage for the downtown area to encourage the citizenry and visitors to wear face coverings, along with traffic control concerns during Memorial Day weekend. The Constable's Office would be directing traffic at the Wimberley Square on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 9.1. Discuss and consider possible action to approve Resolution No. 03-2020, authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for grant funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)*
Mayor, Gina Fulkerson, provided an overview regarding how the CARES Act funding could be utilized for the City, including reimbursement for expenses incurred directly or indirectly in response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020. The funds could not be utilized for expenditures previously budgeted.
Motion to approve Resolution No. 03-2020, authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for grant funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, including Exhibit A, was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 9.2. Discuss and consider possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2020-13, relating to temporarily suspending certain variance requirements for signage under Article 4.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wimberley and providing for approval of certain variances by the City Administrator in relation to temporary signage for businesses recovering from effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the reopening provisions of Executive Order GA-21 and any further executive orders in relation thereto; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)*
There was discussion among Council and City staff regarding the ordinance expiration date of August 3, 2020.
Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-13, relating to temporarily suspending certain variance requirements for signage under Article 4.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wimberley and providing for approval of certain variances by the City Administrator in relation to temporary signage for businesses recovering from effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the reopening provisions of Executive Order GA-21 and any further executive orders in relation thereto; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date, was made by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion was seconded by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).
- 9.3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding increased cleaning services, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a proposal from Mariposa Cleaning Services, LLC for increased restroom cleaning services at the Wimberley Square and at Blue Hole Regional Park. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)*
Mariposa Cleaning Services Owner, Sara Aragon, spoke regarding the quote for increased cleaning at the downtown and park restroom facilities. The City would be able to be reimbursed for the additional cleaning expenditure, not previously budgeted, through the CARES Act.

Motion to approve the amended cleaning contract proposal from Mariposa Cleaning Services, LLC for increased restroom cleaning services at the Wimberley Square and at Blue Hole Regional Park was made by Council Member Teresa Shell. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Chiles. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 9.4. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the status of the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)*
City Administrator, Shawn Cox, stated the plans to connect the pipe to the Cypress Creek bridge had been reviewed by TxDOT's Structure Department. A load analysis was still needed. Additionally, a letter to property owners within the service area had been drafted. Council and staff discussed setting a utility rates workshop on May 26th at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, for the following purpose:

Section 551.071 (Consultation with Legal Counsel) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters) City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Administrator Shawn Cox.

OPEN SESSION

Regular Session reconvened at 9:21 p.m.
No action was taken.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

12.1. Announcements – Council Member, Christine Byrne, reminded Council and the citizenry that local physicians would have several tables set-up during the upcoming weekend on the Wimberley Square with information pertaining to COVID-19 and encouraging the wearing of face coverings. City Administrator, Shawn Cox, stated City offices would be closed on Monday, May 25th, for Memorial Day.

12.2. Future agenda items – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bo Bowman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

RECORDED BY:



Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary



APPROVED BY:



Gina V. Fulkerson, Mayor