

CITY OF HOPE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2022 7 PM  
FAIR PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2: INVOCATION

ITEM 3: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 4: REVIEW MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2022 BOARD MEETING

ITEM 5: CONSIDER BIDS: VACUUM TRUCK: STREET DEPARTMENT

ITEM 6: CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS: PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

ITEM 7: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 8: CITIZENS REQUESTS

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(IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

The City of Hope Board of Directors met at 7:00 PM, January 18, 2022, with the following present:

Catherine Cook, City Manager  
Wm. Randal Wright, City Attorney  
NaTashia Rileydavis, City Clerk

Directors:

Don Still, Mayor  
Kiffinea Talley, Vice-Mayor  
Mark Ross  
Steve Montgomery  
Reginald Easter  
Dr. Trevor Coffee  
Dr. Linda Clark

Mayor Still called the meeting to order. Don Still opened the meeting with prayer and Mark Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Still asked the Board to review the minutes from January 4, 2022. Trevor Coffee made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Reginald Easter. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Catherine Cook stated the Hope Water & Light Commission requested the City to allow a one-time \$200,000 reduction in the HW&L transfer to the City of Hope. She stated the funds would be used to pay their employees premium pay equivalent to the premium pay paid to the City of Hope employees. She stated that HW&L is the only component unit of the City that has employees. She stated that, if approved, premium pay will only be distributed to active employees (as of

the distribution date), who were employed in 2021. She stated that she visited with HW&L and decided this would be the most appropriate and easiest way compared to giving HW&L a subgrant from the ARPA funds. Cook stated that because of the reduction of revenue, some projects will need to be done with the ARPA funds. She stated that if it's approved a one-page memorandum of understanding would be drafted and reviewed by the City Attorney before it would be signed. Mark Ross made a motion to allow for a one-time reduction of the transfer to the City from HW&L, seconded by Reginald Easter. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:23 and reconvened at 7:29. Steve Montgomery made a motion to reappoint Judy Davis to a 5-year term on the Water & Light Commission, seconded by Mark Ross. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried. Mark Ross made a motion to reappoint Milko Smith and Trevor Coffee to the Hope Tourism Commission, seconded by Steve Montgomery. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried. Mark Ross made a motion to appoint Charlton Luker to the Tourism Commission to replace Babu Patel (who has resigned), seconded by Steve Montgomery. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Under City Manager's report, Catherine Cook stated that a cigarette tossed out at the park caused the fence on 7<sup>th</sup> street to catch on fire. She stated that the fire ruined 11 panels and the City is working on getting them replaced. Cook asked the Board to consider paying the City Attorney and City Clerk premium pay equivalent to \$2,500. She stated that if approved, the funds would not be distributed from the ARPA funds. Linda Clark made a motion to approve the premium pay distribution to the City Attorney and City Clerk, seconded by Trevor Coffee. All present voted "Aye." Motion passed. Cook stated that the City currently has 13 employees out, and 8 of them are due to Covid quarantine or isolation. She stated the pocket park grant has been partially funded for \$31,000 instead of \$81,480. She stated that most of the project could be completed with the funds awarded, but the restrooms would not be included. She stated that if the Board wished to include the restroom it would be a separate project from the City funds. She stated she would bring an amended budget to the Board at a later date. Cook stated that the culvert on Greenwood Street is complete, and that the

City will keep a close eye on it. She stated that there are 3-4 additional drainage problems that will be brought to the Street Committee this year.

Under Citizen's request, Hazel Simpson asked for an update on the assistance of the street cleaning that she requested. Cook stated the City was still short staffed. The Board discussed getting some civics clubs and volunteers involved in the clean-up efforts. Mark Ross stated that he would see if the Boy Scouts were interested in helping.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

AGENDA INFORMATION

FOR BOARD MEETING 2/1/2022

ITEM 5: CONSIDER BIDS: CURBTENDER VAC PAK LEAK COLLECTOR

The City of Hope opened bids on a January 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for a Curbtender vac pack leaf collector. The following bids were received:

Bid # 1: River City Hydraulics New \$208,153.00

Bid# 2: River City Hydraulics Demo \$184,312.00

\$190,000.00 was included as part of the Street Fund budget for this item.

The demo will have the same warranty as the new machine and is available for delivery in 3 weeks, whereas the new machine has an estimated delivery of December 2022. Therefore, it is the staff's recommendation that the bid be awarded to River City Hydraulics for the demo in the amount of \$184,312.00.

ITEM 6: CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS: PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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Planning & Zoning Commission has two appointments that expired at the end of December 2021: Mike Smith and Allen Flowers.

Mayor Still will submit nominations for appointments on Tuesday evening.

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ITEM 7: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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1. Update on current projects