

City of Hays  
Hays City Hall, 520 Country Lane  
Minutes 11-21-2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.** The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Billy Maphies; Mayor Pro Tem Roxanne O'Neal; Councilmembers Candace Blake, Tony Valdez Hannah Ballou; and Glennell Strawn.
  
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Councilmember Candace Blake asked for more organization and support of the church's requests when we reserve the meeting room at Hays Hills Church.
  
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Interview law firms, discussion and possible action on the Special Counsel Request for Legal Qualifications (This item may be taken into Executive Session under Code §551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations exception or §551.071, Advice of Counsel exception.**

Adam Friedman of McElroy, Sullivan, Miller and Weber presented information about his qualifications and experience to the Council.

Bobby Levinski, Levinski Law PLLC, and Lauren Ice of Perales, Allmon and Ice, discussed their joint submission to represent the City. They presented their qualifications and experience.
  
4. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ABOUT MOVING MILESTONES PRELIMINARY PLAT PUBLIC HEARING TO ANOTHER LOCATION AND TIME.**

Don Rauschuber, City Engineer, discussed the preliminary plat. He received it in July 2022. He discussed the 2006 subdivision requirements and how they modified the 2013 plan. The plat he received was not administratively complete. A resubmitted preliminary plat was sent two weeks later, following the 2006 ordinances. Don agreed it was complete.

The 2006 ordinance requires a public hearing on preliminary plat, no sooner than 15 days and no later than 30 days. The meeting has been posted, and letters announcing a public hearing on November 30 were sent out to all property owners within 200 feet of the boundary and mailed by LJA. Tony Valdez requested that we set the meeting later because our code requires three extra days for mailing, but Don Rauschuber said as long as the letters were postmarked within the time frame we are in compliance.

Regarding concerns about a crowd at City Hall for that meeting, Veronica Rivera suggested that we hold the meeting on November 30 at City Hall and if there is an overflow crowd we will tell them we will continue at the Hays Hills Church.

Roxanne O'Neal made a motion to hold the meeting on November 30, and if there is an overflow crowd, move to the church on December 5. She then amended the motion to say if the


church is not available that day, we will hold it at the next available date. The motion passed 4-1 with Tony Valdez opposing.

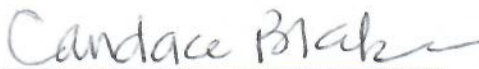
The meeting was called into executive session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss agenda item #3.

The council returned from executive session at 9:25 p.m.

Roxanne O'Neal made the motion to hire the law firms affiliated with Bobby Levinski and Lauren Ice to represent the City of Hays in environmental matters. The motion passed unanimously with all five council members voting in the affirmative.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

  
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Mayor Billy Maphies

  
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Candace Blake, Councilmember