

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Brown
Councilmember Trube
Councilmember Osteen
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell
Mayor Hocking

ABSENT:

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking dispensed with this item.

(4) WORKSHOP

a. Presentation/discussion- The Tribute Apartments-1720 and 1725 Gulf Freeway -City Manager C. Buttler and Adrian Iglesias

City Manager Buttler informed City Council that Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias had requested an opportunity to present their request to City Council. City Manager Buttler continued by informing Council that Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias had met with the Development Committee (CM Buttler, EDC Director, PW Director Morgan and Building Official Tims) to discuss the proposed complex and the water issues that been brought up at the council meeting last year.

Mrs. Iglesias gave a brief overview of the proposed complex and its amenities. Their discussion on the number of units, water efficient toilets, waters harvesting methods and the use of individual meters at each unit. Discussion also involved the projected use of water at the proposed complex and the impact on the city. There was discussion on a proposed water recovery fee which would be utilized for the replacement/repair of the water/sewer lines.

Councilmember Trube – voiced concerns regarding water usage and conservation methods.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell - based on the information provided that we are utilizing approximately 87% of the city's allocation and this includes the Sam's project. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Public Works Director Morgan what does 13% transfer into gallons. Public Works Director Morgan stated that his roughly transfers into roughly to 361,000 gallons. Mayor Pro-Tem asked Mr. Iglesias about the projected use at the apartments. Mr. Iglesias stated that is approximately 11,000 gallons per day.

Mayor Hocking asked about the afterschool programs. Mr. Iglesias stated that the programs are a part of the criteria required by the state. The programs include: afterschool tutoring, computers, gardening,

cooking classes, teaching individuals to build their credit, personal development and healthy cooking. These are provided at no costs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell – asked about having a police officer living on the premises. Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias indicated that this was an item of concern for the city; they would allocate an apartment for a police officer.

Councilmember Osteen – stated that we all need to work together. He indicated that he had concerns on voting on this issue this evening and he would like the opportunity to take this information back to his constituents.

Councilmember Trube – asked about the swimming pool. Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias indicated that there are plans to have a pool and understand the concerns with drought conditions. The Iglesias explained there are options available under those circumstances.

Councilmember Brown – stated that Mr. and Mrs. Iglesias had done a great job in presenting their project to City Council. The City of La Marque needs to concentrate on promoting growth within the city.

(5) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Zina Tedford, City Clerk