

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF ANDERSON       §  
CITY OF PALESTINE           §

The Real Estate Committee of the City of Palestine convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: Chair Brenda Walker, Committee Members Ann Connor, and Edwin Link.

Staff present: City Secretary Teresa Herrera and City Manager Administrative Assistant Hilda Moeller.

Others present: Interim Development Services Director Mark Miears, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, and City Manager Michael Hornes.

Committee member Larry Web was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

With a quorum present, Chair Brenda Walker called the Regular Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member Connor made a motion, seconded by Committee member Link, to approve minutes of January 15, 2019, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 3-0

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Review proposals received RFP-04-18 Commercial Real Estate Services.**

Michael Hornes delivered copies of proposals submitted for Commercial Real Estate Services. The Committee will meet again for a special meeting Thursday, March 7 at noon to discuss and select a proposal and make recommendation to City Council.

**Update on current development residential and commercial.**

Mark Miears provided an update on current developments. A comparison report of current developments compared to previous years will be presented at the next regular meeting.

**Update on Infill Program**

Michael Hornes made a list of properties owned or in trust by the City and the County, which are within the City limits. He will make this list available to Committee Members and update it on a monthly basis on the City's web page.

**Update on Old Memorial Hospital.**

A Town Hall Meeting revealed that more people wants housing in the space vacated, while others want a park, and a few suggest that nothing is done. Council will host another town hall meeting Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m., before a decision is made.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the following:**

- a. **Palestine Performing Arts Center.**  
There was discussion as to where the equipment will go. Mr. Link suggested donating the kitchen equipment to HOPE station. Ms. Connor cautioned against selecting one recipient which may result in offending other non-recipients. Michael Hornes suggested that an inventory should be made and the equipment sold.
- b. **Palestine Mall.**  
JC Penney has renewed its contract for five more years.
- c. **City-owned property.**

Michael Hornes provided an update on residents interested in purchasing City owned property.

Discuss necessity of Real Estate Committee.

Chairperson Brenda Walker encouraged committee members to think of someone to fill the vacancy for the Real Estate Committee.

Items for next meeting.

Disposal of items at the Performing Arts Center, and discuss Development Services comparison report.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

  
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Brenda Walker, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Hilda Moeller, CM Admin. Assistant