

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

The Real Estate Committee convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 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, Larry Weber, and Edwin Link.

Others present: Public Works Director Tim Perry, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, Marketing Manager Mary Raum, City Manager Michael Hornes, and City Secretary Teresa Herrera.

Committee Member Connor arrived at 12:08 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING**

With a quorum present, Chair Brenda Walker called the Regular Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee Member Weber made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Link, to approve minutes of October 16, 2018, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 3-0.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

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

Michael Hornes provided an update on commercial and residential development.

**Update on Infill Program.**

Michael Hornes provided an update on the Infill Program.

**Update on Old Memorial Hospital.**

City Manager Hornes explained that the demolition is not completed. Council has approved a change order which will give the contractor until January 31<sup>st</sup> to complete the demolition. The contractor has encountered some problems with the three-story building, more rebar than anticipated. Council will hold a town hall meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to hear from the community on their wishes for the property.

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

a) **Palestine Performing Arts Center**

Marketing Manager Raum informed that they have bookings through June 23, 2019. Also, they were only \$800 in the hole from the ballet.

b) **Inventory expectations at Performing Arts Center**

Marketing Manager Raum explained that there is a new six burner commercial stove, tables, chairs, stage lighting, sound system, and other surplus property. She added that they will keep some tables and chairs; they will need a place to store them. Public Works Director Perry stated that there is storage area at the warehouse.

Committee Member Link made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Weber, to transfer equipment to other City departments that may need it; allow Council to declare it surplus property and sell to other governmental agencies, churches, or non-profit groups. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

c) **Palestine Mall**

City Manager Hornes informed that the only City personnel left at the mall are Library employees. Community Services have moved to warehouse building.

d) **City-owned property**

City-owned property was discussed.

Committee Member Weber made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Link, to recommend to Council that the best use for the property where the Old Memorial Hospital was located will be residential housing that will aesthetically blend in with the area. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Discuss necessity of Real Estate Committee

Michael Hornes provided an update of the creation of the committee. Committee will continue to meet on a monthly basis.

Items for next meeting.

Discussion items for next agenda: 1) update on Infill Program; 2) update on Old Memorial Hospital; 3) Performing Arts Center; 4) Palestine Mall; 5) city-owned property; 6) update on current development residential and commercial; 7) review proposals received for Commercial Real Estate Services. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at noon.

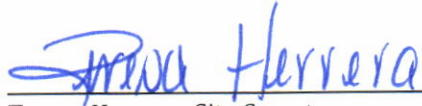
**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

  
Brenda Walker, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Herrera, City Secretary