

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

**AUGUST 23, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS

**COUNCIL: KEVIN CRAIG
JEFF DICKOW
HAYLEY FRANKLIN (ARRIVED AT 7:01 P.M.)
MIKE GORDON
DOUG HILL
DWIGHT LOUDEN**

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: BETH TOOMBS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: ROBERT HOFMANN

FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL

MAIN ST. DIRECTOR: SAM BURGESS

POLICE CHIEF: MIKE WILLHOITE

ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS SUPV: TROY HARELL

PRESS: LOGAN KUNSELMAN /NEWS DEMOCRAT

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN OFFERED THE INVOCATION. MAYOR ADAMS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

DEIDRA HAYS, THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE
FRANK BARTLEY
ALLIE SIMMONS

NO ONE ADDRESSED COUNCIL.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 8/9/2021

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 8/9/2021.

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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 8/11/2021 - 8/24/2021

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 8/11/2021 THROUGH 8/24/2021.

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2nd READING: ORDINANCE #2021-15: SETTING 2021 ADVALOREM TAX RATE

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2021-15: SETTING 2021 ADVALOREM TAX RATE.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION / CONSIDER / APPROVE ON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF EIP 50-50 MATCHING FUNDS / SIGNAGE FOR THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE

ROBERT HOFMANN TOLD COUNCIL HE HAD A RECOMMENDATION FROM DRB ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY DEIDRA HAYS FOR THE E.I.P. 50/50 MATCHING GRANT FOR SIGNAGE AT HER NEW BUSINESS, THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE, AT 410 MAIN STREET. TOTAL SIGN COST IS \$430.00. SHE IS WORKING WITH A LOCAL BUSINESS, 732 HERE'S YOUR SIGN. TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT WOULD BE \$215.00.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE EIP 50-50 MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE FOR SIGNAGE AT 410 MAIN STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215.00.

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DISCUSSION/CONSIDER APPROVE OF THE RENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FROM THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE.

SAM BURGESS TOLD COUNCIL THAT THE CARROLLTON MAIN STREET PROGRAM'S ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE APPLICATION OF DEIDRA HAYS FOR THE RENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR HER BUSINESS, THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD SOME CONCERNS, BUT DO RECOMMEND THE \$500/MONTH GRANTABLE AMOUNT. ONE CONCERN WAS, WHAT FOLLOW-UP WILL THERE BE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE? THE OTHER CONCERN WAS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOW-UP? DEIDRA WILL MEET QUARTERLY WITH HER MENTOR, CHARLOTTE WALLACE. IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COULD ALSO ASSIST DEIDRA. MAYOR ADAMS SAID MR. BURGESS OR HER MENTOR, CHARLOTTE WALLACE, COULD GIVE AN UPDATE TO THE MAYOR OR ROBERT HOFMANN. MR. BURGESS SAID THEY NEED CLARIFICATION ON WHAT FOLLOW-UP IS NEEDED. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THE RENT ASSISTANCE WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE TO RECEIVE 100% FUNDING FOR THE RENT SUPPORT PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE \$500/MONTH FOR ONE YEAR.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MAYOR ADAMS SAID MR. THOMPSON SENT OUT AN EMAIL TODAY TO COUNCIL THAT INCLUDED A DRAFT REVISION FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE.

MAYOR ADAMS SHARED SOME INFORMATION ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. HE CAN GET THE SPECS ON THE DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT SO IT CAN ALL GO TO BID.

MAYOR ADAMS SAID IT WAS MENTIONED AT FRIDAY'S SPECIAL MEETING FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER GIVING CITY EMPLOYEES SOME AMOUNT OF DAYS IF THEY TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID OR HAVE TO BE QUARANTINED. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MANDATED LAST YEAR THAT EACH EMPLOYEE BE ALLOWED UP TO 80 HOURS. THAT MANDATE ENDED MARCH 31, 2021. COUNCILMAN DICKOW SAID THE MAYOR LEFT OUT ABOUT THAT THE EMPLOYEES WOULD ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE PAY IF THEY WERE VACCINATED. HE IS AGAINST GIVING THE PAY TO ONLY VACCINATED EMPLOYEES. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN SAID HE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF SPECIAL PAY. EMPLOYEES RECEIVE 12 SICK DAYS PER YEAR, IN ADDITION TO VACATION AND HOLIDAY TIME. HE ALSO SAID UNLESS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TELLS US WE HAVE TO PAY, WE NEED TO LEAVE EVERYTHING ALONE.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR ADAMS SAID THE BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SALT BIN SHOULD BE IN THE SEPTEMBER 2ND PAPER. PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7TH. BIDS WILL BE DUE AT 4:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 13TH.

HE'S STILL WAITING ON A PLAN FOR THE BATHROOMS AT POINT PARK.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

THE MAYOR HAD NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT.

COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN CRAIG: THE LANDSCAPING AT CITY HALL LOOKS A LOT BETTER.

COUNCILMAN LOUDEN: HE THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT COUNCIL DID ALLOW A NEW EMPLOYEE TO REACH FORWARD TO USE BENEFIT TIME WHILE HAVING TO BE OFF FROM WORK.

COUNCILMAN HILL: BEAUTIFICATION AWARD SHOULD BE COMING UP.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 7:25 P.M.

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ATTEST:

ROBB W. ADAMS, MAYOR

BETH A. TOOMBS, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK