

April 2, 2018

A City Council workshop and regular meeting was held on the above date in the City Council Chamber, 100 South Houston Avenue with all officers and members present except the vacant position of Ward 3.

Mayor Anderle called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager JRhett Parker reviewed the agenda items.

City Manager JRhett Parker discussed the possible availability for the Texas A & M University call for community planning projects. The City of Cameron would need to submit a letter of intent to be considered for the project. This would assist the City with developing a new master plan for \$10,000 to \$40,000 depending on grant funding. A current bid was given by our grant advisors for \$125,000.

Mayor Anderle called the regular meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Street Supervisor Craig Arnold offered the invocation.

Council Member Hardeman led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no citizen's comments at this time.

Council Member Schiller moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, 2018 with correction. Council Member Hardeman seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Mondrik being absent.

City Manager JRhett Parker would like for the current Council to set a date and time for a workshop and planning session. After discussion of possible dates, Mr. Parker will email Council possible dates and times to look at.

Council Member Williams moved to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter of intent to Texas A & M University to participate in the Texas Target Community Program. Council Member Schiller seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Mondrik being absent.

Ms. Mary Gibson was not present to discuss the Community Wide Faith Fest. Council Member Williams moved to table the item until Ms. Gibson could be present. Council Member Schiller seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Mondrik being absent.

No action was taken regarding the proposed budget amendment for Milam Appraisal District.

Chief Lonnie Gosch asked the Council to designate the Cameron Police Department, 605 West Fourth Street, as a "Safe Exchange Zone".

Council Member Mondrik moved to designate the Cameron Police Department, 605 West Fourth Street, as a "Safe Exchange Zone". Council Member Willie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Julie Sulak, representing Working for Cameron and Cameron Chamber of Commerce, requested use of Ledbetter Park on May 4 – 6, 2018 for the Cameron Funfest and BBQ Shootout. There will also be a Fun Run, Arts and Crafts, Kid Fish and bounce houses.

Council Member Schiller moved to approve the use of Ledbetter Park on May 4 – 6, 2018 for the Cameron Funfest and BBQ Shootout. Council Member Mondrik seconded the motion and it carried with Council Member Willie abstaining.

Mayor Anderle read the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS RE-ADOPTING GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS AND REINVESTMENT ZONES; AMENDING CERTAIN GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS AND REINVESTMENT ZONES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City adopted Article 11.06 of the City's Code of Ordinances that provides for guidelines, rules, and regulations for tax abatement agreements and reinvestment zones;

Whereas, the guidelines and criteria found in said Article are effective for two years unless re-adopted; and

Whereas, the City of Cameron seeks to readopt Article 11.06 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals above are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made part hereof for all purposes as finding of fact.

SECTION 2. Re-adoption. Except as otherwise herein provided, the City of Cameron re-adopts and declares valid all provisions of Article 11.06 of the City's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Tax Abatement Agreements and Reinvestment Zones," as if adopted and enacted on the effective date of this Ordinance. All terms and conditions contained therein are hereby declared adopted and of full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Amendment. Section 11.06.002(d) of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed. Section 11.06.002(a) and (c) of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.06.002 Qualifying facilities

(a) The city council may enter into tax abatement agreements with landowners demonstrating increased investment in buildings, fixed assets, and tangible personal property or substantial increase in employment for projects that include:

- (1) industrial development;
- (2) hotel/motel/conference centers; or
- (3) retail, distribution, or office facilities.

(c) Qualifying industries include:

(1) manufacturing, assembling, processing, fabrication, and other industries adding value to products;

(2) hotel/motel/conference centers with an increase of at least 50 guest rooms or new hotel/motel/conference centers with an at least 50 new rooms;

(3) Retail trade;

(4) Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting;

(5) Wholesale trade;

(6) Information;

(7) Finance and insurance;

(8) Management of companies and enterprises;

(9) Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services;

(10) Administrative, research and development facilities associated with these industries.

SECTION 4. Severability. It is hereby declared that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the city council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5. Repealing Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 6. Publication. The City Council hereby directs the City Secretary to publish the caption of this ordinance as required by the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its adoption and it is accordingly so ordained.

Council Member Williams asked about changes that were made in the ordinance. Economic Development Director Ginger Watkins explained that since the corporation is a 2B corporation, equipment and retail can now be included for tax abatements. Rules and guidelines will be changing in September 2018 so this ordinance will be effective until the law changes. Council Member Williams asked about the vague descriptions and asked if an Exhibit could be added to show the standards. Mrs. Watkins explained that the vague wording comes from the actual ballot wording. The guidelines can be added as an exhibit.

Mayor Anderle read the first reading of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS REGULATING STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING, AND THE DISCHARGE OR PICK UP OF PASSENGERS ON CERTAIN STREETS AT CERTAIN TIMES; PROVIDING FOR AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; ESTABLISHING A FINE FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to provide a safe environment for school children to be taken to school and picked up thereafter;

WHEREAS, discharging and picking up schools along City streets is dangerous to the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron seeks to prohibit the offenses described below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals above are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made part hereof for all purposes as finding of fact.

SECTION 2. Parking not to obstruct traffic.

(a) The chief of police and members of the police department, both regular and reserve officers, are empowered to enforce this Ordinance.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c), the operator of any motor vehicle or other conveyance shall not stop, stand, park, or leave standing an attended or unattended motor vehicle or momentarily pick up or discharge a passenger on any portion of a street, roadway, or highway described below, provided signs are posted indicating the prohibition:

- (1) East 12th Street between North Fannin Avenue and North Lee Avenue;
- (2) East 22nd between North Fannin Avenue and East 21st Street;
- (3) East 21st between North Washington Avenue and North Hoover Avenue;
- (4) North Washington Avenue between East 21st Street and East 22nd Street.

(c) The restrictions described in subsection (b) above are limited to the following times on days when schools within the Cameron Independent School District are in session and conducting school:

- (1) 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; and
- (2) 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

(d) Affirmative Defenses. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this ordinance if the motor vehicle is disabled and it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the vehicle.

(e) Exception. The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle (as defined by state law) is exempt from this Ordinance when responding to an emergency call, conducting a traffic stop, or otherwise carrying out his or her official duties.

SECTION 3. Penalty. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 per offense.

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