

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a DR-4332 CDBG-DR Local Acquisition/Buyout application to the General Land Office and authorizing the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to act as the City's authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the application and the subsequent award – Council Member Shugart made a motion that Council approve this Resolution as presented. His motion was seconded by Council Member Branch.

Mrs. Smith explained that this grant would provide approximately \$3,041,446 for acquisition of homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey that are owned by those in low-to-moderate (LMI) income areas. These residents would have to apply for their residence to be purchased. The purchase price would be determined by the post-storm-damage fair market value. Grant funds would cover the cost of demolition (and elevation improvements should the City choose to do so). Once the work is done, the City would place the property back on the market for sale. The previous property owner would be eligible to buy the property back if they wanted to do so.

Mrs. Smith projects that grant funds will cover 15 LMI homes and 5 urgent need homes. Grant funds will not only cover the cost of buying the property from the owner, but could also cover the following:

- Title company work
- Legal fees
- Inspection services
- Relocation assistance
- Down payment assistance
- Environmental reviews
- Development of Housing Guidelines
- Financial Management
- Project Case Management
- Fair Housing Activities
- General Administration

With there being no further discussion on the issue, Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance assessing a fee and/or penalty for excessive false alarms - Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion that Ordinance No. 447, an ordinance assessing a fee and/or penalty for excessive false alarms be adopted as presented. This motion was seconded by Council Member Branch. The mayor explained that there is current an ordinance in place (No. 232) that addresses only fire alarms, but No. 447 will address all types of alarms.

Chief Stelly reported that there have been numerous false alarm calls to certain entities, which is a waste of manpower and equipment. There have been as many as eight (8) false alarm calls to one entity in one week.

Mayor McDonald then called for a vote on the motion. Ordinance No. 447 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the Quarterly Investment Report for the months of January - March, 2019 - A motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the months of January - March, 2019 into record was made by Council Member Shugart, with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. With there being no questions or discussion, the mayor called for a vote, with the report being unanimously accepted as presented.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution establishing construction and other permit fees for the City of West Orange, Texas - Council Member Shugart made a motion that this Resolution, which would establish construction and other permit fees for the City of West Orange, Texas be accepted as presented. His motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin.

Mr. Fuller explained that these revisions to the City's current permit fees became necessary after the State Legislature passed laws prohibiting residential permit fees to be based on construction valuation. The City, as most cities in the area, then had to change the way the permit fees were assessed. He was asked if all area cities were going to charge the same amount. He replied that they were all going to be "very close."

Mayor McDonald then called for a vote on the motion to adopt these new fees. The motion unanimously passed.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then announced the following dates:

1. All non-emergency departments of the City will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019 in observance of Independence Day.
2. Next Council meeting: Monday, July 8, 2019; 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.



Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

