### HONORABLE MAYOR

Anthony David Turner

### MAYOR PRO TEM

Louie Alfaro, Place #4

## COUNCIL

Alicia Stevens, Place #1 Shawn Weeks, Place #2 Soledad Flores, Place#3 Eduardo Chavez, Place #5



## MINUTES

## Town of Anthony, Texas

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING at 5:30 p.m.

Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive Anthony, Texas 79821

Agenda is available online at http://townofanthony.org/category/government/agendas/

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Mayor Turner called meeting to order at 5:50pm

This is a duly called special council meeting of the Town of Anthony, Texas posted in accordance with Section 551.002 and 551.041 of the Open Meetings Act of the Texas Government Code. Public participation during the portion of the agenda for public comment is limited to that portion only, except that if a citizen's comments relate to a topic or subject covered under an agenda item, the citizen shall wait to speak until the agenda item comes up for discussion. At all other times during the council meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the presiding officer.

#### **QUORUM CHECK** В.

Mayor Turner-YES

Councilwoman Stevens-YES

Councilman Chavez-YES

Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro-YES Councilman Weeks-ABSENT

Councilwoman Flores-YES

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND INVOCATION C.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT- No one signed up for public comment. Town clerk added a 15-D. minute timer in case someone comes in.

To speak to Council during public comment

- Speakers are limited to 2 minutes; a tone will sound at 30 seconds left and when time has expired.
- Please state your name and address when speaking

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The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Town Council on issues that are not indicated as a "Public Hearing" on this agenda. Issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should first be dealt with by calling Town Hall at 915.886.3944 during business hours.

## E. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Public Hearing on the Town of Anthony, Texas application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TA) call for projects

Town Clerk started a 15-minute timer for public hearing. Mayor Turner read a brief description of what the proposed project will consist of and project will demo substandard existing curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, and parkways. Install new curb and gutters, ADA 5ft sidewalks, curb ramps, standard concrete driveways, new landscaping to include vegetation barrier and loose aggregate for groundcover on both sides of the streets.

The project will also include a pedestrian beacon, flashers, and signage along Poplar St. Improvements will be along Cedar St, Elm St, S 8<sup>th</sup> St, S 6<sup>th</sup> St, Magdalena St, 4<sup>th</sup> St, Magnolia St, Kelwood St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Tamarisk St, 5<sup>th</sup> St, 6<sup>th</sup> St, 7<sup>th</sup> St, Houston St, Antonio St, 8<sup>th</sup> St, and 9<sup>th</sup> St total project length is +- 18,700ft. The construction will include erosion control, installation, removal of consistent exists, temporary sediment const fence and traffic control.

Town Clerk mentioned there was a preliminary application and the town was eligible for phase two because the town falls into the economic disadvantage county. Councilman Chavez asks what was the amount that they had granted the town and the Town Clerk stated that the preliminary amount was \$4,787,843.32 with a 20% match but town fall under the economic disadvantage therefore there the town doesn't have to provide a match because it will be 100% covered by the grant. Town Clerk, Interim Public Works Director, Public Works assistant, AECOM and TXDOT got together to add more streets and now it is a 13 million project with a 100% match. Councilwomen Stevens asked when it will be awarded, and Town Clerk mentioned that the grant will take about a year to receive notification about funding. Councilman Chavez asked if the streets that were mentioned will be the only streets that will take part in the project and the Town Clerk states that this is the preliminary and more streets will be added. Any streets that connect with the schools, parks, and streets leading into commercial will be added. Councilwomen Stevens asked that when they do the gutters if any piping will be exposed, and they need repairs can it be changed then. Interim Public Works Director spoke with AECOM and mentioned that any parts for water and sewer need to be covered by town's expense. Councilwomen Stevens suggested that if its already exposed if we could take advantage and get replaced in town's expense. The council agrees but suggests that money is needed to be budgeted for next fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025. Town Clerk did specify that this would fall into Capital Improvement general fund expenses if it relates to streets infrastructure.

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2. Discussion, consideration and action a resolution supporting the Town of Anthony, Texas application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TA) call for projects

Town Clerk expressed that a resolution is required to submit with the grant application that agrees council's support in submitting the application with Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives. Councilwoman Stevens asked if the funding will be available or town must do the expenses and then receive reimbursement. Town Clerk did mention that she will follow up with this question. Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro ask if Third street and the drainage will be included in the project. Town Clerk stated that the project will only cover curbs and gutters. Councilwoman Stevens expresses concern regarding the landscaping including vegetation barriers if it is a good idea. Mayor Turner suggests maybe using a different vegetation barrier. Motion to approve the resolution made by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Chavez. Motion passes 4-0. Roll call Mayor Pro Tem Alfaro- Yes, Councilwomen Stevens- Yes, councilman Weeks-Absent, Councilwomen Flores-Yes, Councilman Chavez-Yes.

I. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion to adjourned meeting by councilman Chavez second by Councilwomen Stevens. Motion passes at 6:15pm.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON JULY 10, 2023

APPROVED BY MAYOR ANTHONY DAVID TURNER, MPH

SUBMITTED BY: TOWN CLERK VALERIE M. ARMENDARIZ, MPA