

MINUTES OF THE SPLENDORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF MARCH 2022, AT CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 26090 FM 2090 E, SPLENDORA, TEXAS 77372 IN THE CITY OF SPLENDORA, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following members present:

**COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Dorothy Welch, Mayor  
 William Ramey, Position  
 Evelyn Myers, Position II  
 Mike Clark, Position III  
 Sharon Ipes, Position IV - ABSENT  
 William Usher, Position V - ABSENT

**OFFICERS:**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney  
 Danna Welter, City Secretary

**6:00 P.M. – WORK SESSION**

Discuss Unified Development Code for the City of Splendor (Chapters 1-3) [6:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.]

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**REGULAR SESSION**

1. Mayor Welch called the meeting to order. [6:35 p.m.]

**ROLL CALL**

2. All present, except Councilmembers Ipes and Usher, thus constituting a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION**

- 3/4. Pledge/Invocation.

**AGENDA**

5. Approve the minutes of February 7, 2022.  
No action.
6. Approve bills for payment.  
Councilmember Myers made a motion to approve the bills for payment, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: Councilmembers Ipes and Usher absent.
7. Public Comments.
  - a. Liz Mullane. Ms. Mullane stated that she was running for the EMCID Board of Directors and wanted to introduce herself to the Mayor and City Council.
8. Department Reports:
  - a. Police Department for January/February 2022; Municipal Court for January/February 2022;
  - b. Utility Department for January/February 2022: Building Permits; Field Operations; and Capital Projects.
9. **Executive Session-** Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): receive legal advice on items listed on the agenda, as requested by the Mayor and/or City Council. [6:55 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.]
10. Consider and/or take action to proposed Fallen Military Banner Program, as requested by Ana Hernandez. City Attorney Schneider requested the Mayor/Council waive and they agreed the Attorney/Client privilege. Councilmember Myers made a motion to waive the Attorney/Client privilege, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Mr. Schneider stated that as a City, we could not use public funds for the Military Banner Program. State law prohibits using public funds for private programs. Mayor Welch stated that she was in support of the Program and that she would send a letter of support to Entergy for the Military Banner Program.
11. Consider and/or take action to name the park area beside City Hall as “Veterans Memorial Park”.  
Councilmember Clark made a motion to name the park area beside City Hall as “Veterans Memorial Park”, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Consider and/or take action to approve improvements to Veterans Memorial Park, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, as presented by Chief Wieghat, to be funded from solid waste funds (dedicated to Parks/Streets).

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to approve the approve improvements to Veterans Memorial Park, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, as presented by Chief Wiegat, to be funded from solid waste funds (dedicated to Parks/Streets), and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider and/or take action to ratify purchase of set of six bronze military seals to Bronze Memorials, Inc., in an amount of \$7,434.50, to be placed in Veterans Memorial Park.

Councilmember Myers made a motion to ratify the purchase of set of six bronze military seals to Bronze Memorials, Inc., in an amount of \$7,434.50, to be placed in Veterans Memorial Park, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Consider and/or take action on United States Army Donation Program for a display piece(s) for Veterans Memorial Park.

The City will assume all responsibility for the upkeep and safety of the item(s), if approve.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to authorize the application for the United States Army Donation Program for a display piece(s) for Veterans Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and/or discuss Foster Care home in Parkland, as requested by Cheryl Griego.  
No action.

16. Consider and/or take action on request to rezone the property at 15035 Memorial Drive as Commercial, as requested by Jhon Michael Alzate.

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to recess into Executive Session, and Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [8:20 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.]

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to Deny the request to rezone the property at 15035 Memorial Drive as Commercial, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Consider and/or take action on proposed 48 space RV Park by Glenn Whitehead, Sundown Property Development LLC, to be located at 15977 1st Street.  
No action.

18. Consider and/or take action amended plat – 15264 Memorial and 15260 Memorial, as requested by Brian and Michelle Kennedy.  
No action.

19. Consider and/or take action to release the warranty bonds, and accept Utility/Infrastructure conveyance of public improvements for Splendora Fields Section 2, in accordance with the Agreement with Splendora Development, LTD.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to release the warranty bonds and accept Utility/Infrastructure conveyance of public improvements for Splendora Fields Section 2, in accordance with the Agreement with Splendora Development, LTD, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Consider and/or take action on participation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for Angel Body Armor for the City's Police Department.

Police Chief Wiegat stated that Chaplain Culberth has been raising money to help pay for the body armor for all the police officers and requested Council authorize payment of \$15,000 to be able to purchase the armor.

Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve \$30,000 for the Angel Body Armor, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Consider and/or take action on Ordinance 2022-03-21 declining to approve the change in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City on January 31, 2022.

Councilmember Ramey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03-21 declining to approve the change in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City on January 31, 2022, and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Consider and/or take action on Resolution 2022-03-21 authorizing submission of an EMCID Community Grant for improvements to Heritage Park (Drone).

Councilmember Clark made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03-21 authorizing submission of an EMCID Community Grant for improvements to Heritage Park (Drone), and Councilmember Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Consider and/or take action on Unified Development Code – Chapters 1-3. (Separate packet).

Councilmember Clark made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with the UDC, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Executive Session- Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): receive legal advice on items listed on the Agenda, as requested by the Mayor and/or City Council (if needed).
25. Consider and/or take action on items in Executive Session, if applicable.  
No action.
26. Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be taken or discussed.
27. Adjourn. (9:15 p.m.)  
Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Ramey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Danna Welter, City Secretary