



## MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2020

### Regular Kemah City Council Meeting Kemah Public Facilities Corporation

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Mayor Terri Gale called the Kemah Council Meeting/Kemah Public Facilities Corporation Meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers in Kemah City Hall. Present were City Council Members Teresa Vazquez-Evans, Wanda Zimmer, Kyle Burks, Robin Collins, and Isaac Saldaña. Mayor Terri Gale declared a quorum. Also in attendance were City Attorney Dick Gregg Jr., City Administrator/Police Chief Walter Gant, Community Services Director Nick Haby, Communications and Marketing Director Debi Hart, IT Director Bobby Hurman, Accounting & HR Manager Chandra Jobb, and City Secretary Melissa Chilcote. *(The time in italics on each item indicates the approximate start time of the section in the associated audio file.)*

**1. 00:00:00 Pledges**

Pledges led by: Damien Nguyen

**2. 00:00:53 Prayer**

Prayer led by: Amy Cave

**3. 00:02:19 Invitation to Address Council**

1. Wes Tipton - Billboard
2. Sylvia Streater – Noise Ordinance
3. Suzanne Baker – Noise Ordinance
4. Jeff Reid – Noise Ordinance
5. Mike Stackable – Noise Ordinance
6. Joe Macias – Noise Ordinance
7. Sydney Carroll – Noise Ordinance
8. Jordan Paultz – Noise Ordinance
9. Matt Wiggins – WCID – Water bill issues
10. Mark Carroll – Noise Ordinance

**4. 00:30:31 Council Members Comments and Announcements**

Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans

Hard act to follow. I was right. I suspected with your rush to move this through you must not be running. I was wondering who was going to fill your spot. One of the things we do on Council is, every Council Member is allowed to add something to the agenda up until the day the agenda is released. We have respected every Council Member's right to do that. We don't ask or expect that there's any back up material, included by staff or the attorney that spends any time working on an issue or any individual Council Members project or request or whatever they want to see discussed until it's been put on the agenda, and all of Council has the ability to discuss it and discuss whether or not we are ready to move forward as a team. I respect my fellow Council Members ability to do that and that's the kind of situation that we had here. Something was put on at the last meeting that I don't think any of us saw it coming and it was a Council Member generated item. At that meeting there was some discussion and acknowledgement that we needed resident support and we tasked staff to get some best practices and similar



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Communities input that are residential and nightlife entertainment interest. So I was shocked to see this come back on the agenda without supporting material. So in response to someone on what the proposal is, well neither does Council. One Council Member generated this discussion item and a lot of proposals out there that have not been discussed with anyone on Council. I have kept up with Facebook but that's not an official platform. I have a lot more to say on it but I will leave that for the agenda item. I also request to respect everyone's time that when we come to the agenda items we move that to the beginning of the agenda. Thank you for coming out and participating. Council Member Wanda Zimmer

I would hope that there are some of you that have decided to speak out that feel good about the community and would like to fill Kyle's spot. He has been a very good Councilman and I hate to see him go. Even though there are plenty of things we disagree on, we manage to come to a mutual agreement. It's not easy and sometimes we have to work hard at it. This is one of the subjects that should probably be a workshop to include not only the City Council but the citizens that feel so strongly about this item. I would like to see that done. Our citizens and residents are the most important. Hopefully someone will pick up an application for his spot. Thank you for coming.

Council Member Kyle Burks

I appreciate everyone's passion on this item. I put 10 applications for City Council on the table outside with a deadline of February 14<sup>th</sup> to be turned in. I withdrew my application and want to let someone come in with a fresh prospective.

- More water for the City with WCID#12 – frozen
- Bel Road
- Pokémon Go
- Largest water gun fight
- City Parking Lot built – worked with Kemah Boardwalk to remove contract for paid parking in lot

Council Member Robin Collins

Spent the last 2 weeks researching this item. I appreciate your trust in me up here and thank you all for sharing how you feel about this item.

Council Member Isaac Saldaña

Thank you for coming. Appreciate everyone's comments on the noise ordinance.

**5 00:38:57 Mayor's Comments**

Thank you for coming. Welcome back Assistant Chief Mark Hinson

Drainage Workshop – Master Drainage Plan

BAHEP – Drainage

League City Drainage Meeting with Management and County Commissioner – Ken Clark

Dept. of Transportation –Traffic – Meeting with District Engineers – Feb 18<sup>th</sup>



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Town Hall Meeting – Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
Krewe Du Lac Parade – Sunday at 12pm  
Yatchy Gras Boat Parade – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
Special Meeting – to Call Election – Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

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00:44:00      Motion:            To move Item #18 above City Administrator Report  
                  Made By:            Council Member Kyle Burks  
                  Seconded By:      Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans  
                  Vote:                **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**18. 00:44:17      Consideration and Possible Action: to Amend the Noise Ordinance**

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Motion:            To discuss the Noise Ordinance  
Made By:            Council Member Kyle Burks  
Seconded By:      Council Member Wanda Zimmer

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Amended Motion: To continue using current Ordinance and schedule a workshop  
Made By:            Council Member Wanda Zimmer  
Seconded By:      Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans  
Vote:                **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**6. 01:06:05      City Administrator Report**

- Financials
- Economic Development
- Events and Operations
  1. Krewe Du Lac Parade
- IT Department
  1. Camera Systems
  2. Dispatch Equipment
  3. Technology Upgrades
  4. New Office Space
  5. Acceptable Use Policy

**7. 01:18:07      CIP**

Drainage – LJA – Next Steps – 3 public Meetings – S. Kemah, Kemah Oaks, All of Kemah Meeting  
Traffic Signal on Bel Road – will have a time frame tomorrow  
WCID #12 – granted easement  
Ride Sharing Lane – bids by end of month



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ADA Requirements – Water Fountain/Rot board on Building/Sidewalk removed at City Hall

**8. 01:34:08 Police and Emergency Management Report**

- Events and Operations
  1. Calls for Service – 794
  2. DWI – 0
  3. Citations – 98
  4. Arrests – 47
  5. Minor accidents – 26
  6. Major Accidents – 4
- 13 Officers and 2 interviews
- Hired Dispatcher
- Emergency Services

**9. 01:37:01 Communications and Marketing Report**

Website

- 45 correction on Businesses
- 122 listed businesses
- Billboard with graphics – HOT Funds/LED sign
- Krewe Du Lac / I45now

**10. 01:38:57 Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 2020-01-16 Council Minutes
  - 2020-01-22 Council Workshop Minutes
- B. Resolution - Galveston County Mosquito Control Aerial Spraying
- C. Approve Preliminary Plat of Austin Gardens West Kemah Addition, being a .918 acre tract out of Abst 12 Page 1 M Gouldrich Survey Tract 10
- D. Approve Longevity reinstatement for Assistant Chief Mark Hinson

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Motion: To approve item B and remove item A, C, and D.  
Made By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer  
Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins  
Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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Motion: To approve Item 10A  
Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks  
Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins  
Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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Motion: To approve item 10C  
Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks  
Seconded By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer  
Vote: **Motion fails** 3 to 2 with Council Member Robin Collins and Wanda Zimmer abstaining.

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Motion: to approve item 10D  
Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks  
Seconded By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer  
Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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11. 01:48:55 **Consideration and Possible Action: Resolution approving a Local OnSystem Improvement Project between TxDOT and the City of Kemah for the FM 518 turn lane between Anders and Lawrence.**

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Motion: to approve a Resolution approving a Local On-System Improvement Project between TxDOT and the City of Kemah for the FM 518 turn lane between Anders and Lawrence.

Made By: Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans  
Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins  
Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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12. 01:50:43 **Consideration and Possible Action: To consider a variance from an applicant at 212 FM 518, suite 101 (Denny's) to request a second freestanding pole sign at the location instead of a second monument sign previously approved.**

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Motion: To approve a variance from an applicant at 212 FM 518, suite 101 (Denny's) to request a second freestanding pole sign at the location instead of a second monument sign previously approved.

Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks  
Seconded By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer  
Vote: **Motion failed** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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13. 01:59:23 **Consideration and Possible Action: on KCDC Board Member Appointment**

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Motion: to approve a KCDC Board Member Appointment  
Made By: Council Member Isaac Saldaña  
Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins

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Amended Motion: to appoint Amanda Reé Allen as KCDC Board Member.  
Made By: Council Member Isaac Saldaña



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Seconded By: Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans

Vote: **Motion carried** 4 to 1 with Council Member Wanda Zimmer voting Nay.

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**14. 02:03:56 Consideration and Possible Action: on Adoption of Lateral Pay Structure for Police Department**

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Motion: to table

Made By: Council Member Robin Collins

Seconded By: Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans

Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**15. 02:03:56 Consideration and Possible Action: on Unfreezing the Lieutenant position in the Police Department**

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Motion: to table

Made By: Council Member Robin Collins

Seconded By: Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans

Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**16. 02:04:26 Consideration and Possible Action: Regarding Coordination with League City for a Stop Sign at the intersection of South Kemah Drive and Lawrence Rd**

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Motion: to approve coordination with League City for a Stop Sign at the intersection of South Kemah Drive and Lawrence Rd

Made By: Council Member Robin Collins

Seconded By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer

Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**17. 02:08:15 Consideration and Possible Action: for measures to reduce traffic on South Kemah Drive in between Lawrence Rd and Anders Ln and any associated budget amendment that may be required.**

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Motion: to approve measures to reduce traffic on South Kemah Drive in between Lawrence Rd and Anders Ln and any associated budget amendment that may be required.

Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks

Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins

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Amended Motion: To replace the speed humps, increase police patrol, get pricing on a digital sign, and to get a price on a traffic study.

Made By: Council Member Kyle Burks

Seconded By: Council Member Robin Collins



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**Vote:** **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**19. 02:23:00 Consideration and Possible Action: to take any necessary measures to market and sell the city-owned land behind the Shoppes of Kemah.**

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**Motion:** to approve any necessary measures to market and sell the city-owned land behind the Shoppes of Kemah.

**Made By:** Council Member Kyle Burks

**Seconded By:** Council Member Isaac Saldaña

**Vote:** **Motion fails** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**20. 02:27:040 Consideration and Possible Action: on 2020 BayTran Annual Membership**

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**Motion:** To approve the 2020 BayTran Annual Membership with a presentation from BayTran at the next Council Meeting

**Made By:** Council Member Kyle Burks

**Seconded By:** Council Member Wanda Zimmer

**Vote:** **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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**21. 02:34:05 Council Members Closing Comments**

Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans

Welcome Amanda Allen and Mark Hinson.

It has been a lively evening.

Going to miss Kyle.

Council Member Wanda Zimmer

Hate to see Kyle go.

Council Member Kyle Burks

Great group of people.

Thank you for coming.

Council Member Robin Collins

Welcome Reé Allen and Welcome Back Mark Hinson. Hope Kyle reconsiders and disagree with your decision

Council Member Isaac Saldaña

Dependent on each Council Member

With Economic Development coming up – hope Kyle reconsiders

**22. 02:38:25 Mayor's Closing Comments**

Hope Kyle would reconsider

Thank you for coming



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**23. 02:38:54 Adjourn**

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Motion: To adjourn

Made By: Council Member Robin Collins

Seconded By: Council Member Wanda Zimmer

Vote: **Motion carried** unanimously by all Council Members present.

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Council was adjourned at 9:40pm.



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**Signature Page:**

APPROVED: 

DATE: 4/23/2020

ATTEST: 