



City of Webster

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AGENDA

City Council Meeting

101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas

February 18, 2020

6:00 PM

NOTICE is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Webster, County of Harris, State of Texas, to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 PM at: City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following numbered items. The City Council of the City of Webster, Texas, reserves the right to meet in closed session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum.
4. Proclamations and Special Recognitions:
 - Special Recognition: Fire Department Employee Recognition.
 - Special Recognition: City Secretary's Office Employee Recognition.
5. Requests or Petitions from the Public.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP for collection of delinquent court fines and fees.
7. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to adopt a resolution of which the caption reads:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT COURT FINES AND FEES WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §2254.1032; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO

**EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

(Texas Government Code 2254.1032)

8. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** setting a date for City Council's Strategic Planning Session to review, discuss, and provide direction on issues surrounding the creation of the City of Webster Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Annual Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION to adopt an ordinance of which the caption reads:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 54, MUNICIPAL COURT, OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER;
PROVIDING FOR THE TERM, APPOINTMENT AND
REMOVAL OF ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF THE MUNICIPAL
COURT OF RECORD; AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS TO PRESERVE COURT
RECORDS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL
BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A
SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND A
REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION,
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.**

This is the FIRST of two readings.

10. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.
11. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Engagement letter of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP, Certified Public Accountants, for professional auditing services for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2020, 2021, and 2022.
12. **PRESENTATION** of the Webster Police Department's 2019 Racial Profiling Report as filed with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and the 2019 Racial Profiling Report Analysis.
13. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to approve a Pipeline Permit Application for Mobil Pipeline Company (MPLCo) that authorizes the construction, operation and maintenance of a 36-inch underground pipeline that will be transporting crude oil for approximately 2.57 miles through the City of Webster.
14. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to authorize a purchase order to Chastang Ford for the purchase of one vehicle for \$42,888 for the Public Works Department, and to direct Staff to include this item in the next budget amendment.

15. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with RPS Group to perform as Interim City Engineer.



16. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for professional engineering and surveying services with IDS Engineering Group, for the sum of \$83,000 (Medical Center Sidewalks).

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. Section 551.074, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary.
- B. Section 551.074, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judges.

18. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary.

19. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** regarding the Associate Judge(s).

20. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION** to approve the minutes:
●Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020.

21. Excused Absences.

22. Agenda Requests from Councilmembers.

23. Reports or requests from the City Manager.

24. Adjournment.



This notation indicates that this agenda item is an approved budgeted item.



This notation indicates that this agenda item is the product of a specific directive resulting from the Council Planning Sessions.

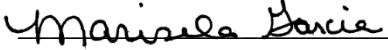
ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO ACTION

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I certify that a copy of this notice of the City Council Meeting for February 18, 2020 was posted at City Hall, 101 Pennsylvania, Webster, Texas, on Friday, February 14, 2020 by 2:30 P.M.



Marisela Garcia, TRMC
City Secretary

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Webster City Council will be held on February 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm at 101 Pennsylvania Avenue, Webster, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the City of Webster to be collected in the most effective manner. The City desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the City does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented City for the past ten (10) years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs beginning on April 2010.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of thirty percent (30%) in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis, which would otherwise be required.

Marisela Garcia
City Secretary