



NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 4, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.
16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, Texas 78641

1. Open Special Called Meeting.
Mayor opens the meeting at 8:02 a.m.
2. Call Roll.
Julia Vicars, City Secretary calls roll. Council Members Robinson, Yarbrough, and Springer are present. Mayor Ken Beck is present. A quorum is established. City Attorney, Tom Buckle, is also in attendance. Absent is Council Member Belote.
3. Citizen Comments.
None.
4. Discussion and Possible Action to revise language and clearly establish Council intent for Ordinance No. 2015-O-10.
Mayor Beck introduces the item and Tom Buckle, City Attorney, presents his overview of the ordinance. He states his major issue with ordinance 2015-O-10 is that there is not a rational basis for the discrimination between lots legally platted prior to incorporation and after incorporation.
Judy Graci, Booth Circle, voices her concerns and disapproval of Ordinance 2015-O-10. She states some Council Members are acting like they are city attorneys for the Village. She reads aloud an email from Council Member Springer in which he requests a building permit, if necessary, for his project and she states that he has a conflict of interest and should recuse himself.
Council discusses the ordinance, the justifications of Council Member Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Connors, staff concerns, and the edits suggested by attorney.
 - a. Resolution or Ordinance
Mayor Pro Tem Connors and Council Member Springer propose a new ordinance, not listed on the agenda, that adopts Chapter 80 Travis County standards. The Council discusses the impact the proposed ordinance would have.
Mayor Pro Tem Connors makes a motion to adopt a resolution of the Village of Volente to clarify City Council intent on Ordinance 2015-O-10 providing severability, effective date and open meetings clauses. Council Member Springer seconds, but amending the motion to direct the City Secretary to immediately publish in three public places 2015-O-10, and to direct Mayor to call a special called meeting 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8th, with the following

Agenda items: 1) to amend 2015-O-10 for City Attorney and City Engineer advice, and 2) to adopt 2015-O-12 to adopt Travis County Chapter 80.

The Mayor states this motion is incredibly inappropriate. He states not having a public hearing on this is appalling. Council Member Yarbrough agrees, stating nobody has had a chance to read it. Tom Buckle, City Attorney, states the resolution does not clarify anything about Ordinance 2015-O-10 and that you cannot adopt by resolution Travis County standards.

Judy Barrick, Booth Circle, says the Engineered Site Plan was the original way Ordinance 2015-O-10 was proposed. She feels that all lots should be treated the same and that the intent presented today conflicts with the original.

Judy Graci, Booth Circle, states the community is not in support of adopting Chapter 80 of Travis County.

Kit Hopkins, Booth Circle, says she's shocked at the lack of responsibility of Council.

Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd, says Council Member Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Connors lied when directly asked what this ordinance would accomplish at the last meeting.

Steve Baker, West Dr., asks about the legal ramifications of this resolution not being on the Agenda for acceptance and if the original intent was portrayed a different intent than the true intentions of Council Member Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Connors.

Mattie Adams, Booth Circle, disapproves of the rush to pass this before the new Council is seated.

Council Member Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Connors vote aye, Council Member Robinson and Council Member Yarbrough vote nay. Mayor votes against the motion to break the tie. The motion fails.

Council Member Yarbrough makes a motion to extend the effective date on Ordinance 2015-O-10 for 60 days to allow Council more time for research. Seconded by Council Member Robison. Council Member Yarbrough and Council Member Robinson vote for the motion, with Council Member Springer and Mayor Pro Tem Connors voting against. Mayor Beck breaks the tie and votes for the motion. The motion carries.

5. Topics for the next meeting.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourns at 9:07 a.m.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed:

Ken Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Julia Vicars, City Secretary