



The City Council convened in **Special** Session in the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Midland, Texas, at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Council Members present: Patrick Payton, Michael Trost, Scott Dufford, John Norman, Jack Ladd, Lori Blong

Council Members absent: Spencer Robnett

Staff members present: Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr, City Secretary Amy Turner, Deputy City Secretary Vanessa White, Assistant Director of Community Services Laurie Williams, Director of Community Services Cristina Odenborg Burns

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Attend a town hall meeting regarding the development of Hogan Park.

Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr. welcomed all and made introductions. Council Member Ladd thanked everyone for coming noting they wanted to address any issues.

Council Member Blong gave a brief history of how the proposed changes came into effect. She shared a presentation and explained the many different areas of the proposed park renovations.

Jeff Beard explained they are leaning towards putting the park under the control of a conservancy but it would not be specific to Hogan Park; meaning, as other projects were identified, they could be brought into the conservancy. He clarified the City will still own the land and appoint a majority of the board members.

Comments from the audience included the need for more basketball courts for tournaments, the need to know where kids could play who currently use the field while they are under renovation, to make the parks similar to other cities that have recently made changes, the need for sports lighting at other existing parks, to keep the costs affordable to the public, and the need to continue to get community input.

It was noted that if a team is based in Midland, they can call MISD to get on the schedule to use MISD fields. They will not allow them to be used by people from other areas.

Deputy City Manager Morris Williams wrapped up the meeting noting that six of the current seven Council Members are present and asked the community to please continue to share their thoughts and concerns with Council and City staff as the process moves forward.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED January 11, 2022.

Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary