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December 13, 2021

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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sherman, Grayson County, Texas was begun and held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on December 13, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR PAM HOWETH.
COUNCIL MEMBERS DOBBS, HOLLAND, MARROQUIN,
STEVENSON, TEAMANN.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Plyler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He thanked the North Texas Youth Chorus for performing Christmas carols prior to the Council Meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given by Council Member Henry Marroquin.

CALL TO ORDER

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM MARGARET SOMEREVE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE
POWER

Mayor Plyler introduced Margaret Somereve, Executive Director of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, who recognized the City of Sherman as one of the founding members of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power.

**TEXAS COALITION
FOR AFFORDABLE
POWER**

She explained that, 20 years ago, the City of Sherman joined other cities to form the Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP), to help cities save money on their electric bills. In 2011, CAPP merged with the South Texas Aggregation Project and became TCAP. Their purpose was the same...to find energy rates that saved its members money, in turn saving tax dollars.

Today, with 169 members, TCAP is the largest organization of its kind in Texas. At this 20-year anniversary, TCAP is thanking the founding member cities that were there from the start and have continued to be the leaders in working together for savings.

Ms. Somereve presented a plaque to Mayor Plyler and the City Council, recognizing the City of Sherman as a founding member of TCAP.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**THE PATRIOT MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 612 MILITARY ORDER OF
THE PURPLE HEART, USA WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN A SPECIAL RECOGNITION
AWARD**

Sergeant O.H. Hubbard, Patriot Member of Chapter 612 Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA, presented a plaque to the City Council, recognizing their dedication and support in honoring America's Combat Wounded Veterans and their family members.

**RECOGNITION FROM
ORDER OF THE
PURPLE HEART**

Robby Hefton, City Manager, explained that the group meets at the Municipal Airport, without charge, and they wanted to thank the City

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for everything they are doing to recognize and support their organization.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Asterisked (*) items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council reviewed the Consent Agenda. Council Member Stevenson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann. All present voted AYE.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6441 and called for a public hearing:

**ORD 6441
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 6729; SUPPORTING HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION AT 6412 U.S. HIGHWAY 75S IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Clint Philpott, Assistant City Manager, explained that Item E-1 and E-2 are related, and pertain to Texas Instruments and Presco, which applied and were approved last year for the Municipal Setting Designation.

Originally the designation was approved by resolution, as required by the State. They have now asked that it be approved by ordinance, and that it be a little more restrictive on the usage of ground water.

The City has worked with the attorneys and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, to verify that this ordinance would be acceptable to TCEQ. There are no additional things that the City would be required to do, with the passage of this ordinance. It's a formality to get it into a form acceptable to TCEQ.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6441.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6442 and called for a public hearing:

**ORD 6442
TCEQ MUNICIPAL
SETTING DESIGNATION
(1201 E. PECAN ST)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 6710; IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF GOLDER ASSOCIATES, INC., ON BEHALF OF 1201 E PECAN NORTH REAL ESTATE, LLC AND 1201 E PECAN HOLDINGS, LLC TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION AT 1201 E. PECAN STREET IN THE CITY

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OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Philpott said this is the same as the previous item, except it relates to Presco.

Paul Manley, Vice President of Engineering at Presco

Mr. Manley appeared to answer any questions the Council might have.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6442.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6443 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6099 AND RENAMING INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER 022018-1, CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, TO CITY OF SHERMAN INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER SIX (#6), FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT.

**ORD 6443
REDESIGNATING
INDUSTRIAL
REINVESTMENT ZONE
NO. 6**

Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance, said the State Comptroller notified the City that the numbering on their Industrial Reinvestment Zones no longer complies with the numbering system they use. The only thing this ordinance does is to renumber the Reinvestment Zone. There are no other changes to the designations.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6443.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 6441

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Howeth to adopt Ordinance Nos. 6441, 6442, and 6443, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6827 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR USE OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN ANIMAL SHELTER (NO ACTION TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING)

RES 6827
GRAYSON COUNTY
CONTRACT FOR
ANIMAL SHELTER

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR USE OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN ANIMAL SHELTER.

Zach Flores, Police Chief, presented the proposed contract for Animal Shelter services between the City of Sherman and Grayson County.

At the last presentation, the proposal was for over \$400 per animal. The current proposal is for \$250 per animal, and \$50 per day, after three days.

Mr. Hefton said, as it's written now, the agreement would start tomorrow, December 14, 2021, and expire on April 1, 2022. That would give the County 90+ days to evaluate what they want to do. At that time, another contract could be considered.

Mayor Plyler said Grayson County Judge Bill Magers has asked the Council to delay the start of the contract until January 1, 2022. Council Member Stevenson said he "didn't see the point," they are already giving them an additional 90 days to decide what to do. Mr. Hefton said the Shelter usually gets between one and two dogs a day from Grayson County.

Chief Flores asked the Council to designate, in their motion, when the start date for the contract should be. Mayor Plyler said very often, the Council does extend a courtesy to other governments.

Council Member Stevenson said they have been "extended a courtesy" and have known about this for a long time. Mr. Hefton said it was originally brought to the Council at the first Council Meeting in September 2021. Council Member Stevenson said they were giving the County a courtesy on the \$400 cost for 90 more days.

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6827, with an effective date of December 14, 2021, as presented.

Second by Council Member Teamann.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6828 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF THE STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND HIDELL AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW SHERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN PROJECT SCOPE TO INCLUDE THE LIFT STATION DESIGN AND COORDINATION, ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY INFORMATION AND GEOTECH REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LIFT STATION LOCATION

**RES 6828
POLICE DEPT.
HEADQUARTERS**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF THE STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ARCHITECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND HIDELL AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW SHERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN PROJECT SCOPE TO INCLUDE THE LIFT STATION DESIGN AND COORDINATION, ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY INFORMATION AND GEOTECH REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LIFT STATION LOCATION.

Mr. Philpott said this amendment is to include the design of a lift station for the new Police Department Headquarters. It was originally hoped that a lift station would not be required, however when they got the civil plans back, it was not going to work.

The amendment is to cover the cost of design for a lift station. Hidell will help coordinate timing to ensure that the design and construction is within the construction time of the Police Department.

When the Fire Station was constructed nearby, sewer was not available and a septic system was installed, and was meant to be temporary, until the area developed. It just happens that the City is the one doing the developing. This lift station will take care of the Fire Station needs as well.

Council Member Stevenson asked what the expected cost of the lift station will be. Mr. Philpott said that is in question, and they supplied an example of a lift station that was previously constructed. He said, hopefully, it would be around \$150,000. He said there are some technical systems that they would like to include, to help monitor for issues. This would cost extra, but he felt it was critical for the Police and Fire Departments.

Council Member Teamann asked what coverage this lift station would provide. Mr. Philpott said it is really only for the Police and

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Fire Departments. Everything else, south and west of the new Police Station, can “gravity feed” into the existing line located just over the hill.

Council Member Stevenson asked if the City could also include retrofitting the old lift stations, so that none of them are relying on an alarm or flashing light to alert to a problem. Mr. Philpott said they could not do that with the proposed contract, but they could look at upgrades on the other lift stations and generators to plug into them.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6828, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6829 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FINISAR SHERMAN RE HOLDCO, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER SIX (#6), CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS

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**RES 6829
PROPERTY TAX
ABATEMENT WITH
FINISAR**

Mr. Hefton said this is a proposed tax abatement agreement with Finisar, which is now owned by the II-VI Corporation, for a project they are contemplating in Sherman.

A few years ago, when they moved to Sherman, the City granted them a tax abatement for a committed \$120 million of improvements and equipment purchases, and the employment of about 300 people. Since that time, they have invested over \$180 million, which is on the tax roll. It is likely they have invested over \$200 million, and currently have 400 employees at the site. Therefore, they have had more investment and added more employees than originally thought.

They are now requesting a tax abatement for a proposed \$50 million project, and about 120 additional jobs. The proposed structure of the abatement would be for 10 years, which is a smaller scope than the original abatement. It would average a 50% abatement over the 10-year period. It starts a little higher, at 60% and goes down to 25% by the end of the 10-year period.

Mr. Hefton said the City is very glad Finisar is in Sherman, and that they are expanding in Sherman. They have said positive things

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about being in Sherman, their project, and the support they have received from the City.

He said the staff feels this is a great project, and the proposed abatement would start in 2022, so it would be 2023 fiscal year for the City.

Deputy Mayor Howeth asked why the agreement was with Finisar and not II-VI, which is their new name. Mr. Hefton said they were purchased by II-VI, but Finisar Holding Company is still the name on the property, and they are still the legal owners.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6829, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6830 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW CONSOLE POSITIONS, CONSOLETTES RADIOS AND AN 80FT MONOPOLE WITH ANTENNA LINES AND ASSEMBLY THROUGH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE TEXAS DIR AGREEMENT (DIR-TSO-4104)

**RES 6830
POLICE DEPT.
RADIOS & CONSOLE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW CONSOLE POSITIONS, CONSOLETTES RADIOS AND AN 80FT MONOPOLE WITH ANTENNA LINES AND ASSEMBLY THROUGH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE TEXAS DIR AGREEMENT (DIR-TSO-4101).

Chief Flores said this contract would be for radio consoles which allows radio traffic from dispatchers to move from the computer to the cars, and would include both police and fire. The current equipment is at its end of life.

He said they have tried to coordinate this purchase with the new Police Headquarters, so they can purchase equipment one time and not have to move it again.

Also, he said by purchasing the monopole, the tower, and the radio communication now, by the end of the year, there is a 15% discount. This discount would save about \$100,000.

Council Member Stevenson asked if the old dispatch and the new would be “up and running” at the same time. Chief Flores said they won’t be able to have both fully operational at the same time. But they will either have 911 rollover to the County, to flip the switch. Or, if everything is working correctly, they’ll just flip the switch to switch it over.

He said there will be a console at the current Police Station, that will allow them to work out of that location, in an emergency. This will maintain redundancy.

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Howeth to adopt Resolution No. 6830, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6831 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPANY TRACK LOADER FROM JOHN DEERE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD)

**RES 6831
PURCHASE OF
COMPACT TRACK
LOADER**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPACT TRACK LOADER FROM JOHN DEERE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD).

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARIS DISTRICT ENGINEER NOEL PARAMANANTHAM ON TXDOT PROJECTS

**UPDATE ON
TXDOT PROJECTS**

Noel Paramanantham, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, presented an update on their current highway projects. Mr. Paramanantham also introduced Aaron Bloom, Project Manager for the US Highway 75 Project.

He mentioned the #EndTheStreakTX program which works to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways. November 7, 2000 was the last day without a death on Texas roadways, 21 years ago. As of today, 4,016 have died on Texas roadways in 2021. He said, statewide, more than 11 are killed in crashes every single day. Distracted driving and impaired driving remain the main cause of fatal accidents on Texas highways.

He thanked the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager, for the financial commitments they made to get the Highway 75 Project moving. The \$155 million project from US 75 from FM 1417 to SH 92 (Texoma Parkway), will reconstruct the highway to a six-lane configuration, will reconstruct frontage road bridges at US 82, and will make ramp improvements throughout the stretch. The project is currently about 50% complete.

Mr. Paramanantham said Washington Street and Center Street are currently closed. Center Street should be completed around March or April 2022 and Washington Street should be completed around July or August 2022. Soon after that, there will be some transitions to get the main lanes back on those bridges.

Then, Mr. Paramanantham said Houston and Lamar Streets will be closed, for six or seven months, depending on weather. He said those streets won't take as long as Washington Street will, because it had some complicated issues.

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He discussed the removal of the northbound on ramp from FM 1417, but said there is a temporary ramp, just south of South Travis Street, that puts traffic back on Hwy 75.

He said, currently for Center Street or Park Street, you have to exit at FM 1417, and that detour will remain until construction is complete north of Travis Street. The exit for South Travis Street is temporary and will “go away” and you will have to exit at FM 1417.

Mr. Hefton asked if, overall, the project was on schedule. Mr. Paramanantham said it is on schedule and they are looking at the end of 2023 for completion. Clean-up will continue into 2024, but most of the traffic disruptions will be complete by the end of 2023. He clarified that is both the Hwy 75 portion and the Hwy 82/Hwy 75 intersection. Mr. Paramanantham discussed the 82/75 exit to Loy Lake Road and the very short ramp that is currently there.

Council Member Stevenson addressed the traffic at Loy Lake Road and Hwy 82, and said going across the bridge is bad, and he asked if the ramp removal would make it better or worse. He said, on weekends, a car might have to set through three traffic changes at the light.

Mr. Paramanantham said hopefully the diversions during the reconstruction will have people stay on the frontage road.

Council Member Teamann said TxDOT and Zachary are “working hard and fast” on the reconstruction and they are doing “phenomenal work.”

Mr. Paramanantham also addressed other projects that TxDOT is working on, including FM 902 to FM 1417, which is currently unfunded. Funding will be requested in the 2023 Unified Transportation Plan. He also addressed MPO funded projects.

The reconstruction and widening of FM 1417 from US 82 to SH 56 was let to Zachary Construction in early 2020. The project seems slow, but there was a lot of work with water lines and utilities that also had to be completed.

He expected the east side pavement to be complete in the Winter of 2023 and the west side by Summer of 2024.

Mr. Philpott said North Travis Street, between Hwy 82 and Hwy 75, looks good after the mill and overlay.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ANNEXATION SCHEDULING PLAN FOR ADOPTION OF APPROXIMATELY 36.892 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED OFF OF FM 131 NORTH, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN’S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DEVELOP A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED UPON APPROVAL OF THE ANNEXATION SCHEDULING PLAN

Mr. Philpott said this was a request to adopt an annexation schedule that will come back at the next Council Meeting. The annexation

**ANNEXATION
SCHEDULE
(BMT GLOBAL, LLC –
NORTH TRAVIS)**

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includes about 37 acres on North Travis Street, south of Austin Landing. The intent is for a mixed-use development, with Single-Family Residential and a portion along Travis Street that would be commercial.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve the Annexation Scheduling Plan for approximately 36.892 acres, located off of FM 131 North, known as BMT Global, LLC – North Travis, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Howeth.

VOTING AYE: Dobbs, Holland, Howeth, Marroquin, Stevenson.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Teamann.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022, DUE TO CONFLICT WITH A FEDERAL HOLIDAY

**SET CALLED
CITY COUNCIL MTG**

The City Council called a Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, due to a conflict with a Federal Holiday. The regular date for the City's second Council Meeting in January 2022 is Monday, January 17, however, this is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a Federal holiday.

The City's Charter says "in the case of a holiday, the regular meeting shall be held on the Tuesday immediately following said holiday."

CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

SPEED ON HWY 75

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Council Member Marroquin expressed his concern about the speed limit on Hwy 75 in the construction zone. He said a lot of cars go 70 mph in the construction zone. He said a lot were out-of-state cars. He asked if anything could be done.

Chief Flores said enforcement is very critical in the construction zones and limits the police access. He said they do currently have one motorcycle officer and another one being trained. The motorcycles increase their ability to enforce speed limits in the construction zones.

He said speed trailers also work for a limited amount of time. They tend to work when they're first noticed. He said they do enforce speed limits where they can, but they can't make stops in construction areas because it is not accessible.

Council Member Marroquin asked about red-light cameras, but Chief Flores said those were outlawed in Texas.

Mayor Plyler thanked Chief Flores for their enforcement of speed limits in residential areas with the speed limit trailers. Chief Flores said the trailers they have also produce a report, so they are able to make educated decisions about where to locate them.

FINISAR PROJECT

Council Member Stevenson recognized the \$53 million project that Finisar has announced. He said, there was a time, that was a really big deal. With the size of the Texas Instruments project, it doesn't sound as impressive. He thanked II-VI and Finisar for their investment in Sherman.

FINISAR PROJECT

SPEED ON HWY 75

Council Member Teamann said normally there are highway signs that say fines are double in construction zones, when workers are present. He didn't know if those signs were on Hwy 75, but said they probably should be.

SPEED ON HWY 75

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Council Member Teamann recognized the City staff that recently worked the Employee Appreciation Day event, saying they did a fantastic job. He said he appreciated that awards were also presented to employees that should have received them last year, since the event was cancelled because of COVID-19.

**EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION
DAY**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO STAFF

Deputy Mayor Howeth wished the City staff Merry Christmas. She said it was a great luncheon last week and said these employees are the foundation of what occurs in this City. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

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Council Member Holland wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He encouraged them to be safe.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Council Member Dobbs said it was a great Employee Appreciation Day. He also recognized Linda Ashby, City Clerk, for receiving her 40-year recognition during the event.

**EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION
DAY**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Mayor Plyler wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and said it was wonderful to distribute the awards for last year and for this year, at the Employee Appreciation Day event. He recognized the hard work that the City staff and employees do every year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION
DAY**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The walking trail at Pecan Grove West is filled with over 5.5 miles of twinkling lights this year. Parks and Recreation will turn the lights on at 5:30 p.m. through 11:00 p.m. every night, through the end of December.
- The Senior Citizen Center and Library both have a month full of holiday-themed events over the next several weeks. Check out Facebook for a complete list.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551,
GOVT. CODE, V.T.C.S., (OPEN MEETINGS LAW)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NOW HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS.

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 --

SEEKING THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, SETTLEMENT OFFERS OR ANY MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

- (a) Receive legal advice regarding proposed airport access agreement for development adjacent to the Sherman Municipal Airport and related issues

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.072 --

DELIBERATING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.073 --

DELIBERATING A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR A PROSPECTIVE GIFT OR DONATION TO THE CITY IF DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.074 --

DELIBERATING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; OR TO HEAR A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE UNLESS THE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE DELIBERATION OR HEARING REQUESTS A PUBLIC HEARING

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.076 --

DELIBERATING THE DEPLOYMENT, OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES OR A SECURITY AUDIT

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.087 --

DISCUSSING OR DELIBERATING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE CITY HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS PROSPECT THAT THE CITY SEEKS TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY OR EXPAND IN OR NEAR THE CITY AND WITH WHICH THE CITY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS; OR DELIBERATING THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO A BUSINESS PROSPECT

TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.089 --

DELIBERATING SECURITY ASSESSMENTS OR DEPLOYMENTS RELATING TO INFORMATION RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY,

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NETWORK SECURITY INFORMATION, OR THE DEPLOYMENT OR SPECIFIC OCCASIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR SECURITY DEVICES

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened in Open Meeting.

OPEN MEETING

Reconvene into Open Meeting and take action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

OPEN MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK