

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF DENTON  
CITY OF CORINTH**

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 the City Council of the City of Corinth, Texas met in Regular Session at the Corinth City Hall at 7:00 P.M., located at 3300 Corinth Parkway, Corinth, Texas. The meeting date, time, place and purpose as required by Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter C, Section 551.041, Government Code, with the following members to wit:

**Members Present:**

Mayor Heidemann  
Sam Burke, Mayor Pro Tem,  
Scott Garber, Council Member  
Lowell Johnson, Council Member  
Tina Henderson, Council Member  
Kelly Pickens, Council Member

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Members Present**

Bob Hart, City Manager  
Kim Pence, City Secretary  
Jerry Garner, Chief of Police  
Michael Ross, Fire Chief  
Patricia Adams, Rockefeller, & Fort  
Helen-Eve Liebman, Planning and Development Director  
Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director  
Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director  
Shea Rodgers, Technology Services Manager

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS PLEDGE:**

Mayor Heidemann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Garber delivered the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor read the Proclamation into the record, proclaiming March 25, 2020 as Medal of Honor Day.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Citizen's comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Comments about any of the Council agenda items are appreciated by the Council and may be taken into consideration at this time or during that agenda item. Please complete a Public Input form if you desire to address the City Council. All remarks and questions addressed to the Council shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any individual member thereof. Section 30.041B Code of Ordinance of the City of Corinth.

There were no Citizens Comments made.

**BUSINESS AGENDA:**

1. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September

30, 2019 as presented by Eide Bailly, LLP.

**Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director** – The City Charter, in compliance with Chapter 103 of the Local Government Code requires an annual independent audit. The audit of the city of Corinth's financial records for the year-ended September 30, 2019 was conducted by Eide Bailly, LLP. The audit firm, in its fifth year as the City's independent audit firm, issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement, stating that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the City's financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Finance Audit Committee reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report on February 20, 2020 and recommended it be forwarded to the City Council.

Staff recommends approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.

**Councilmember Johnson** – is it time to rebid this next year or do they have an extension.

**Lee Ann Bunselmeyer, Finance Director** – there is no extension. For Audit Services you do not have to bid, we typically run this by our Finance Audit Committee and in April we will go over that criteria and have them decide if they want to continue or go out and look at other companies.

**MOTION** made by Councilmember Johnson to approve as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Henderson.

<b>AYES:</b>	Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Consider and act on "Agora" as the brand to guide the strategy for marketing and promoting the Transit Oriented Development ("TOD") District.

**Jason Alexander, Economic Development Corporation Director** - The TOD District is the focus of Corinth's economic development efforts and serves as the community's emerging downtown. This district will introduce an economic, physical and social identity that will be distinct to Corinth and distinguish the community from the surrounding communities. The TOD District is to be anchored by a commuter rail station and an amphitheater that will provide increased opportunities for living, working, shopping and gathering in Corinth.

As such, the Departments of Economic Development and Communications and Marketing engaged Slate Communications to assist with the design and implementation of a branding strategy that will elevate the vision for future infill and redevelopment within the TOD District and enhance opportunities to promote the community's core as a dynamic and thriving environment for investment. Working closely with staff, Slate Communications received input from the Ambassadors Group, the Corinth Economic Development Corporation (the "CEDC") and developers and others with a vested interest in the success of the TOD District. Based on this input, Slate Communications developed and proposed names to brand the district. During the March 5, 2020 City Council Workshop Session, staff presented and discussed four (4) names to brand the TOD District:

1. Agora District.

2. Corinth Crossing.
3. Corinth Town Center.
4. Union Crossing.

The City Council identified Agora as the brand to promote the TOD District for economic development and cultural purposes. Should the City Council select Agora as the brand --- it will position staff to further collaborate and coordinate with Slate Communications to design and launch a complementary website, a new logo to be used for promotional materials and provide other related media to increase interest from developers, investors and others who wish to live, work and play in the TOD District.

**MOTION** made by Councilmember Garber to approve as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Burke

**AYES:** Burke, Garber, Johnson, Henderson, Pickens  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**The purpose of this section is to allow each councilmember the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to fellow councilmembers, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. Also, in accordance with Section 30.085 of the Code of Ordinances, at this time, any Councilmember may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.**

**Councilmember Burke** – my wife is an internal medicine doctor and is prudent to some information and it is very difficult to get tested so I caution you to drive to much information from the number of positive tests. My wife did see two or three people that she thinks probably did have the virus here in Denton, but they will not be tested because they do not fit into the criteria for testing. It is here and the mortality is somewhere between 1-3% which is extremely high compared to the flu. For the safety of everyone here, your parents, grandparents I recommend taking the precautions seriously.

**Bob Hart, City Manager** – we were notified this week that we were selected as a Tree City USA also KCB was notified that they hit the silver status through Keep Texas Beautiful. We would like to celebrate but will push them off for a couple of months, so we have a better audience, but it is nice to see this.

**Mayor Heidemann** – would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff members for your efforts to keep the City of Corinth safe. I understand we now live in the 18<sup>th</sup> safest City.

**Mayor Heidemann recessed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. \* See Closed Session**

**CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council will convene in such executive or (closed session) to consider any matters regarding any of the above agenda items as well as the following matters pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas

**Section 551.071.** (1) Private consultation with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation; and/or settlement offer; and/or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City Council met in Closed Session from 7:20 p.m. until 7:59 p.m.

- a. **Legal advice related to the provision of fire services, interlocal agreement for fire service and related matters.**

Section 551.072. To deliberate 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 governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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- a. **Project Daylight**
- b. **Project Festival**
- c. **Land along Corinth Parkway**

Section 551.074. To deliberate 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.

Section 551.087. To deliberate or discuss regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

After discussion of any matters in closed session, any final action or vote taken will be in public by the City Council. City Council shall have the right at any time to seek legal advice in Closed Session from its Attorney on any agenda item, whether posted for Closed Session or not.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.**

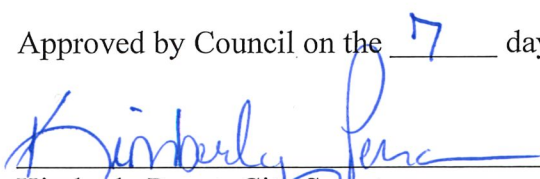
**ADJOURN:**

**Mayor Heidemann adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**AYES:** All

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by Council on the 7 day of May, 2020.

  
 Kimberly Pence, City Secretary  
 City of Corinth, Texas

