

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WILMER  
OCTOBER 3, 2019**

**Councilmembers Present**

Emmanuel Wealthy Williams, Mayor  
Candy Madrigal, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jeff Steele, Councilmember  
Phyllis Slough, Councilmember  
Sergio Campos, Councilmember  
Melissa Ramirez, Councilmember

**City Staff**

John Hubbard, Interim City Administrator  
Mark Hamilton, Fire Chief  
Joe Flores, Director of Community Development  
Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

**Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the Regular Meeting of the Wilmer City Council was called to order by Mayor Wealthy Williams at 8:11 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in the Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer, Texas.

**Invocation**

Mayor Wealthy Williams gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Ramirez led the pledge of allegiance.

**Community Announcement**

Mayor Wealthy-Williams encouraged the community the importance to become a registered voter.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams urged all of the citizens to attend the City's Annual Pioneer Days scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal shared that the North Texas Food Bank will be onsite to distribute food to the community. The event is held on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

**Citizens Comments:**

Lisa Moya, 200 Billy Wickliffe, registered to speak but did not approach the podium.

Laura Jacobs, 306 N. Dallas Avenue, spoke in opposition and shared concerns regarding agenda item 2.

Lorrie McDonald, 1826 E. Beltline Road, spoke in opposition and conveyed concerns on agenda item 2.

Holly Hamilton, 691 W. Jefferson, shared some citizen benefits that have been happening within the city.

### **Consent Agenda**

City Secretary Ortiz read the consent agenda.

- 1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Special Meeting held on August 22, 2019 and August 29, 2019.**
- 2. Consider Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between STAR Transit and the City of Wilmer.**

City Secretary Ortiz pulled item 1 and requested no action.

Councilmember Steele requested to pull item 2.

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Councilmember Steele inquired if the cost will be offset by the companies benefiting from the transportation. Mayor Wealthy-Williams confirmed as the companies has expressed a need for transportation. Also, she stated that there will not be a financial burden on the City.

Interim City Administrator Hubbard stated that STAR Transit required a public entity to allow STAR Transit to partner with the companies within the City.

Councilmember Steele requested the percentage from the companies that will contribute to the costs. Interim City Administrator Hubbard stated that the cost is funded from the Wilmer Economic Development Corporation and Wilmer Community Development Corporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal stated that the Wilmer Economic Development Corporation and Wilmer Community Development Corporation decided to provide funding as the cost will be reverted to the City. She shared that discussion about transportation has been happening for approximately 18 months will several companies within the City limits.

Interim City Administrator Hubbard expressed the significance of workforce transportation and how it may possibly affect how the City obtains future commercial businesses.

Councilmember Slough inquired the funding of the annual cost of \$91,348.56 which is a monthly charge of \$7,612.38.

Interim City Administrator Hubbard stated the cost is funded from the Wilmer Economic Development Corporation and Wilmer Community Development Corporation. The boards approved to split the charge.

Councilmember Steele inquired if the City has an agreement by and between the City and the commercial businesses to allow STAR Transit to provide transportation services. Mayor Wealthy-Williams shared that once the City approves the agreement, STAR Transit will obtain an agreement with the companies in order to provide the transportation services.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams expressed the beneficial impact not only to the commercial but to the citizens of the City.

Councilmember Steele spoke in opposition of item 2 and requested the percentage contributed by each company. Interim City Administrator Hubbard shared the percentage is not confirmed pending the City's approval.

Councilmember Slough inquired the length of the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal stated the term is for two (2) years.

Councilmember Steele inquired if the agreements were reviewed by legal counsel. Interim City Administrator Hubbard confirmed and clarified that after one (1) year the City may terminate the agreement with STAR Transit.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams administered a roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campos to approve item 2. The vote was cast 2 for, 3 against [Steele, Slough, and Ramirez]. The motion failed.


#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Wealthy-Williams adjourned the regular session at 8:47 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor

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