

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF DEL CITY
SPECIAL MEETING
August 4, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
3701 SE 15th Street – City Hall

(Agenda posted on the council bulletin board at 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2022.)

1. **Call to Order:** at 6:00 PM by Mayor Floyd Eason

2. **Roll Call**

In Attendance: Council Members, Kyle Gandy, Jacque Mooney Pam Finch, Michael Dean and Mayor Floyd Eason.

City Employees: Acting City Manager Mike Cantrell and City Clerk Melissa Jones.

3. **Invocation:** Given by Councilman Dean.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ron Kahl.

MOTION: TO RECESS TO DCEDA AT 6:02 PM.

MOVED BY: DEAN SECOND: GANDY
AYES: DEAN, GANDY, MOONEY, FINCH, AND MAYOR EASON
NAYS: NONE

BACK AT 6:04 PM.

4. **Discussion Only – Thin Blue Line Flags**

Discussion, consideration, possible action to hold a discussion concerning flying the Thin Blue Line flag in front of the Del City Police Department.

MOTION: TO HOLD A DISCUSSION CONCERNING FLYING THE THIN BLUE LINE FLAG IN FRONT OF THE DEL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MOVED BY: FINCH SECOND: MOONEY
AYES: FINCH, MOONEY, GANDY, DEAN, AND MAYOR EASON
NAYS: NONE

- Michael Washington: 2900 NE 18th OKC. Spoke about the flag and his interpretation of the flag representation. Against flying the flag at the Police Station.
- Walter Jacques: 4832 Koelsch Dr. Del City. Says he supports the Police Officers fully but has an issue with the flag being displayed at the Police Station and what he feels it means and violates.

- Mayor Eason gave the legal response that was given by the City Attorney, it's representation and that flying of the flag is not illegal.
- Claudia Brown: 3340 Del Aire Pl. Del City. Gave her opinion about the representation of the flag and that she is against flying the flag at the Police Station.
- John Hastings, retired Police Officer: 4608 SE 27th Del City. Gave support in flying of the flag and his reasoning behind it.
- Greg Childers: Del Porte Dr. Del City. Spoke about the representation of what the flag means to him. Said we should be more concerned about the children and elderly in the community. In support of the officers and flying the flag.
- Del City Officer, Marvin Stanford: Gave the meaning of the flag to him and the commitment that officers have to the citizens.
- Mayor Eason: Expresses his support for the Officers and explains that we are only having a discussion and not voting on anything this evening, only speaking opinions and facts. Says that council represents the Will of the people. We will continue to research and eventually come to a vote in the future.
- Michael Washington 2900 NE 18th OKC. Brought up that the officers discussed unity and that the American Flag represented Unity. Asked why the black, white, and blue flag was needed to represent the same. Asked what the Unity was before the flag was in existence.
- Ron McCall: 3403 S. Wofford Del City. Thanked the men and women in blue. Gave his representation of the flag. Says there are other organizations with their own flag to represent the Unity of that particular group, much like the Officers flag. Supports the Officers and the flying of their flag.
- Del City Officer, Christopher Massey: Spoke about what the flag meant to him from the time he became an Officer.
- Councilwoman Finch: Thanked the Officers for the dedication and work they do.
- Councilman Dean remarks on the thin blue line flag discussion:

Each military service has their own flag. Each service has a different mission, and their flag represents their particular mission that they are very proud of. The Thin Blue Line Flag for the police represents a similar ideal for the following reasons:

The police have undertaken a job that requires honor, respect, courage, and devotion to duty and mankind. They are called to take care of many problems that the public does not want to do themselves.

When a mistake is made, they are at risk of going to prison. Losing all their rights and respect. Public Sentiment is not always with them. Numerous people make assumptions that all police are bad and cannot be trusted. Despite these discriminatory, derogatory attitudes towards police, they continue to do their job 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

It takes a special person in Del City to become a police officer. It takes the same type of special person to be a police office in another state and city. That is why when Officers die or are injured in the line of duty, the entire nation mourns for them. Last year, 430 police officers lost their life in the line of duty. Many times, more were injured.

This special group has a flag that associates all police in all the good that they do. The Thin Blue Line Flag means that they stand the line between the good in society and chaos of lawlessness. The flag unites the police in continuing the stand to be police.

I often ask, “why would you want to be in such a job”. I am so thankful that they have answered the call. That is why I and our city respects them enough to keep their Thin Blue Line Flag.

- Lt. Kyle Preston: Spoke about the history of the flag and its symbol.
- Carmelo Ortiz: 4804 Koelsch Dr Del City. Expressed that Del City Officers do a fine job and thanked them for the work they do for the citizens.
- Councilman Gandy: Said that he has not decided against or for the flying of the flag but respects the Officers and glad that we could have this conversation.

5. Adjournment:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 6:57 PM.

MOVED BY: DEAN

SECOND: MOONEY

AYES: DEAN, MOONEY, FINCH GANDY, AND MAYOR EASON

NAYS: NONE

Approved this 15th day of August 2022.

MINUTES
DEL CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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1. Call to Order: at 6:02 PM by Chairwoman Pam Finch.

2. Roll Call

In Attendance: Trustee's, Kyle Gandy, Jacque Mooney, Michael Dean, Floyd Eason, and Chairwoman Pam Finch.

City Employees: Acting Trust Manager Mike Cantrell and City Clerk Melissa Jones.

3. Contract for Sale of Land and Redevelopment

Discussion, consideration, possible action to approve/deny entering a Contract for Sale of Land and Redevelopment with Road Ranger, L.L.C., pursuant to the Scott Street South Redevelopment Plan in the amount of \$2,625,000; authorize Trust Chair to endorse same.

MOTION: TO APPROVE ENTERING A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF LAND AND REDEVELOPMENT WITH ROAD RANGER, L.L.C., PURSUANT TO THE SCOTT STREET SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,625,000; AUTHORIZE TRUST CHAIR TO ENDORSE SAME.

MOVED BY: GANDY SECOND: EASON
AYES: GANDY, EASON, MOONEY, DEAN AND CHAIRWOMAN FINCH
NAYS: NONE

4. Adjournment

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 6:04 PM.

MOVED BY: EASON SECOND: GANDY
AYES: EASON, GANDY, MOONEY, DEAN, AND CHAIRWOMAN FINCH
NAYS: NONE

Approved this 15th day of August 2022.