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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
112 BAUM,AN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

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Topic: Regular City Council Meeting

Date and Time: December 19, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. (Central Time)

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1. Call Meeting to Order 7:01 PM
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Invocation provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca.
3. Mission Statement

"The City of Kirby is dedicated to delivering excellent municipal services to our community in a fiscally responsible manner."

#### 4. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Council Member Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Lozano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Sanchez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Projects Officer: Mayor, you have a quorum,

#### 5. Citizens to Be Heard

**Roger Romans:** Good evening, Madame Mayor/Council. I'm going to speak this evening on the last item on the agenda; public hearing was conducted on 30 September on for the crime prevention District budget. I just want to read a-an excerpt from, 363154 Echo, use of revenue out of the state government code pertaining to crime prevention district. In a district created by a municipality the board may spend the revenue derived from the sales and use-tax only for a purpose authorized by section 363151. What that's stating is the monies collected by sales tax is-is restricted in how they're spending it; how they can spend it they can only spend it. They can only spend it on programs. On the budget you're going to be looking at this evening under tick code ending 3380 it has internet and email \$20,000. I would hope you all inquire how you can have a \$20,000 internet email bill for the crime prevention district. "4005 Police Chief Operations" \$5,000 please go into the statute 363151, and show where use of taxpayers' money is authorized to be spent that way. "5008 through 5014 Capital Outlay" \$65,000. What programs are being supported with the \$65,000 capital outlay; when it's things like, the sign at the fire department, weapons, vehicle equipment, officer equipment, body cameras, those are not programs. That's capital outlay. That's not the proper use of the restricted monies. I've addressed over \$90 ,000 that they're asking you all to approve that doesn't follow-fall under the statute. You all take an oath to uphold the state law; by approving their budget you're going to say "h-we don't care what the state law is, they can spend that taxpayer money the way they want to spend it". At the last meeting when budget was discussed it was not approved uh the city attorney correctly stated that the statute has a provision that allows to operate on the previous year's budget. I'm not sure if council was aware-

**Mayor Grider:**-Thank you.

**Roger Romans:** -The '24 budget was not appr-

**Mayor Grider:** -Thank you. Next, we have Dr. Street. Please step up to the podium,.

**Susan Street:** Good evening, council. Let me first thank Ms. Lozano for helping with the wrapping for Blue Santa this morning, she was the only council member there. The Fire and Police Department personnel, several folks from Crime Control, and some residents who saw it on Facebook were there also. Secondly why are there no meeting minutes in the packet how do you approve them if they're not

there? Last week I addressed the issue of administration not posting the city council agenda packets online as it was unanimously approved by Council on 11/18/21; including the current mayor, mayor pro-tem and our most absent current councilmen. I know the city manager heard me because she was sitting to my left on the front row. What is the problem? Why are you hiding the details of your actions? I requested a copy of the agenda packet Monday evening I have not received it I get no response from this new city Secretary or the city manager when I send a follow up. So, item 8 a, says negotiate and finalize an agreement with an architect to provide a conceptual development planning design for the city. per section six of this resolution, it says it was made public prior to this meeting but it was not. Just because you type it into the document doesn't make it true. When was this discussed in council? When did this get discussed at a Planning and Zoning meeting? Did this go through EDC? Has EDC even had a meeting? What are you planning to develop? How much will this plan cost? There's no transparency here. Each of your resolutions states that the public was properly notified. They were not. Item 8 b, says ratifying an agreement to provide engineering review of engineering plans and specifications. No other information is given on the agenda. Plans for what? Where? Why do we need a review? Don't we have an engineering firm? How much is this review going to cost? This person is new. Was a request for bids posted and why are we paying for this twice? No transparency here. Item 8 C is about finalizing an agreement with Granicus to take over the processing of agendas and minutes as well as new software and audiovisual equipment. Were there other bids; if not why not? This will be a very expensive addition to the city and should go out for bids. Was this ever on an agenda for discussion other than the attempted resolution last week to do away with normal meeting minutes. Where is this money coming from? The budget is already pushing its limits no transparency again. The total amounts from these three resolutions equal approximately \$200,000. This money that was not originally budgeted for this fiscal year. If you approve these increases without a budget amendment for each you will be misappropriating funds. The state frowns on that. The state also frowns on making false statements with regard to informing the public of your actions taken in a public meeting. The city secretary and the mayor will sign these resolutions and will be liable for any misrepresentations.

**Mayor Grider:** -Thank you. Next, we have Christopher Garza. Please step up to the podium.

**Chris Garza:** To continue on Ms. Street's uh, speech item 8 f is about approving Crime Control and Prevention District's budget for fiscal year 24/25. This was on the November 21<sup>st</sup> council agenda and council did not like the numbers presented. The agenda didn't even have the correct name it was called a commission and a motion was made for a commission. It is a district, a workshop. It was an option to get council and crime control together but did not happen. Crime control just reapproved it on Tuesday because they said the format was changed. That is not true. Line items were created no amendment was made for their 23/24 budget line items that were changed. That makes no sense. Changing the format shouldn't change the substance of the budget but items were changed. The public was not provided a copy of their budget at their meeting or at any of their meetings. The agenda wasn't even posted online as it should have been. This is not being transparent, again. Does this Council understand that every piece of paper and every email, every text message, or other form of communication or business transaction can be requested by the public because this is a tax supported entity and the people have the right to see how business is conducted. Hiding the resolutions by not posting the agenda packets is only part of the lack of transparency this government is guilty of and why is every actionable item now generating a resolution? Is it necessary? I don't recall that ever being needed when I was on council and we had the perfect city manager back then. Please have the courtesies to explain why and so in-incite local government code that requires it. Um, lastly, I also wanted to as-ask the council to reconsider the

idea of specifying who can participate on who can walk in. As many of you know from my time on council, I may not have been o-open availability to some-uh to some to be present at every meeting, even if I do have an opinion on the matter, however this council has changed that opportunity to speak remotely on matters concerning the city. I am a taxpaying resident that deserves an opportunity to speak that accommodate me and many others. Consider that who you're really hurting here are the elderly, those who cannot drive at night, those for whatever reason can't make a personal appeal. You're giving up the opportunity to listen to residents of this town and the uh, president of crime control, claim those that are scared to show up at meetings. There are-is a faction of Kirby residents that you purposely are leaving out to expedite meetings. To give the illusion people agree with you. I am one to state that this uh, that as many others do not agree with a lot of what you guys do. To commit me uh, to coming to City Hall to tell you uh, does it make for transparency? Some of you I am disappointed in and others I expect nothing less. However, spend tax money and avoid opinions is not a means to nobility. Hiding behind lawyers to see what you can get away with will only lead to a tainted legacy that no amount of time will wash. As the videos and the lawsuits and postings become more prevalent-

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you. Next, we have Jeff bass please step up to the podium,

**Jeff Bass:** Sad way to go into uh, Christmas. Um,-um, my-my name is Jeff Bass, I'm new here in uh, Kirby. My mom and I we moved here uh, February of this year. So, I just wanted to come and introduce myself uh, sounds like from what I'm hearing there seems to be some issues with uh, budgets and whatnot so I personally have volunteered my-my time and my talents um, to you guys as the um, planning and zoning commission. So, I put in res-of my resume to assist. Um, so, from what I'm hearing it sounds like we're kind of short staffed around here and maybe that's what's causing some of the delays and some of the information not being taken out. You guys can smile it's, almost Christmas, I'm not here to- I just wanted to introduce myself. I mean-I'm not-this is my first time in a city councilman. I was in the military for close to 25 years so I really never had my own home and never really got to be a part of the community. So, I'm feeling really positive about this and so- I mean I wish you guys would-would smile I mean it's- it's okay, it's Christmas. It's-it's-it's not -nobody's gonna-gonna fight or anything. So, I guess nobody's gonna smile I don't know; do you want me to sing a Christmas song? Can I-can I sing Christmas songs to everybody? I don't know, I don't even sing but nonetheless I just wanted to introduce myself and I really just wanted to say uh I'm really happy to be a part of Kirby. Um, I'm-I'm the owner of JL Bass Construction. I'm looking to bring my business to uh, Kirby. Um, so if you guys need anything uh, I'm a selfless person. Uh, I'm retired. Uh, I do construction as a hobby and they actually pay me to do that, so uh, I'm-I'm more than happy to pitch in and I'm sorry I didn't go to the Blue Santa. I didn't know about Blue Santa. I'm sorry but I would have came um, and so-so if you guys need anything from me please reach out. Uh, I'm right down from the uh-um, the um, Senior Citizen Center. So, I actually was going to go down one day and cut some trees but I figured you guys were paying somebody to do that; right? We got that in the budget? All right, thank you, I appreciate the opportunity to talk.

## **6. Consideration of and Action on Minutes**

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you okay moving on the six consideration of an action on minutes

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, mayor and council uh, the secretary is still working on the meeting minutes incorporating the changes that Mr. Molina asked to uh, add to the minutes. So, we will bring those back

to you for uh, each one of these October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Plus, our city secretary is out of town on training and she'll be back on Monday.

a. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2024

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b. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2024

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Council Member Molina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**POSTPONED**

c. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2024

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## **7. Updates**

a. Update on Ackerman Road Project

b. Update on Foxcross Street Project

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you. Moving on to 7A update on Ackerman Road Project. Director Farmer and you're gonna do Foxcross street project at the same time?

**Director Farmer:** I can do them both at the same time or take-or do one then wait and do the other it don't matter.

**Mayor Grider:** Do both at the same time.

**Director Farmer:** Okay.

**Mayor Grider:** So, yeah so, it be also- we're going to open up 7B update on Foxcross street project, both.

**Director Farmer:** Mayor, council members uh, Ackerman Road Project. They are back filling for top soil and uh sod that's a Binz Engleman U intersection with Ackerman um they've also been doing some concrete work between sparkling and peppermint along the west side of Ackerman have not seen any work being done over here on Gibbs Sprawl or witness through since the last meeting on Foxcross they've laid new sewer main down uh, from Crest toward Shamrock. Uh they're also installing laterals to the new- to the residents approximately 200 feet is what they lack from being at the manhole at Shamrock and Foxcross. And they have about 10 to 12 residencies-residences left to do on the laterals including within that 200 foot the main they have to put in. They are looking at trying to start doing concrete removal to be starting to prepare for doing the roadway here after the first of the year. Uh they're going to start doing that on the 26th of December uh sidewalks and um, entrance and the um, driveways; so that way they can make it to where people can still enter and exit out their driveway without any problem. That way they can get a head start on that and have it all ready to go and continue going without stopping.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay um, go ahead Councilman Molina.

**Councilman Molina:** Uh, Mr. Farmer I don't know if um, uh you-you know uh-the uh time schedule that they have uh, the reason I asked is-is that on my way here I went by there, by Foxc-cross; and they still had some equipment working, with uh their lights on-on their equipment, uh. Being that it's a residential neighborhood uh, I-I think there is a time frame, I don't know what it is, I know that projects that I've been before there has been, and being that uh, Friday or tomorrow will be the last day of school, kids will be out of school and you know they'll be out and about in the street; that's driving over here, also like I was saying uh, in one of the uh, other residential streets. I saw one of the kids running in the street there, and as-as you know most of them wear dark clothing so we need to make sure that we tell uh, the um, the engineer to relay that to the contractor.

**Mr. Farmer:** Okay.

**Councilman Molina:** All right that's it.

**Director Farmer:** We will-we will make sure they know to make it towards a little earlier in the evening right start shut down we start back building-before they have been so-

**Councilman Molina:** -Right, well I know that there usually is a uh, timeframe they work from such and such a time to a certain time.

**Director Farmer:** I believe it until 6 but I don't know if they-they been going a little longer at times because they' trying to get a little more done.

**Councilman Molina:** Yeah.

**Director Farmer:** But I think we have to start holding them more being done by six o'clock so that way-

**Councilman Molina:** -Right.

**Director Farmer:** When everybody be still out in the way.

**Councilman Molina:** Yeah, because it gets dark pretty early. And like I said kids are going to be out of school already and we need to make sure that uh, safety is number one uh, with everything so...

**Director Farmer:** Right

**Councilmember Molina:** Ok.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay. Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** The updates, yes so, I had a question on the um, Cinderella and Gaiety. There is a dip, I guess where the construction ended. I was wondering if they could just you know maybe fill it up with some type of gravel or-

**Director Farmer:** -Make it to where it's more of a slope instead of being such a rough spot there on between the two streets.

**Councilmember Molina:** Yes, thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Moving on the 8a; discussion and possible action on resolution 2024-800 authorizing the city manager to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Alex Gonzalez architect to provide a conceptual development planning design for the city of Kirby.

**City Manager Applewhite:** Okay, the purpose of this action to seek authorization to enter into an agreement with Alex Gonzalez architect LLC uh for conceptual development planning design for the city of Kirby. Uh, we met with Mr. Gonzalez previously uh, he did some research previously on the city to take into account how big the city was. He took some photos, looked at different streets looked at some of the congestion, looked at the present uh, construction that's occurring. Uh, also did some uh, photos of some of the tallest buildings that we have. Uh, uh just did a overall cursory review of the whole city. And so, Alex uh, is now taking into consideration some of our city parks uh, commercial business landscape and residential development; to provide recommendations for a citywide conceptual planning design. Uh, staff recommends utilizing these services to provide the city with the proposed design that promotes economic development opportunities for the community. Once we get that design in hand, it will show us a conceptual photo, if you will, uh, designed for the whole city, so we can see how it looks; how Kirby will look and present that to the citizens as well. Staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Grider:** And so, I just want to make so everybody understands because there was a comment made from citizens to be heard, that we have already discussed this, it was in the budget. The gentleman

came out. I don't know if y'all remember the presentation he came out and did the whole presentation and basically um, not to rehash my comments but basically- you know, um, this was already put in the budget, correct?

**Ms. Applewhite:** That is correct-correct. it was already put in the budget at the amount of 85,000 and we're only asking to spend uh, approximately 48,000 at this point.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilwoman Lozano

**Councilwoman Lozano:** Um, yes do we know if um, with the-the design if it will also include like any associated build- uh, associated cost or building cost um, as they go along with the design so whatever suggestion they make uh, let's say um, I don't know add a-add a gazebo if they'll include how much the gazebo cost will be, like a projected cost of how much that will cost?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Well, it's- it's a -it's a plan so it will give you a-a conceptual image, if you will, of what the city would look like. So, if you took your current city and just did an overlay on the city, you could see what it the potential would be.

**Councilwoman Lozano:** Okay.

**Ms. Applewhite:** So as far as how much each building would be is uh, because uh, there- he is also supposed to provide us with some zoning recommendations to meet that plan So, once we get all of that in in hand then we go out and get businesses to come in and fit that design.

**Councilwoman Lozano:** And did we get any other uh-um, I guess estimates or any other but any other proposals or anything like that uh, from other companies to see how much they would cost to do the exact same thing?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Uh, did- I did not but um, history from my previous experience has told me that for someone to come in and do the same plan it would cost a lot more. And so, I chose Alex Gonzalez because I know he can do the plan and he can do a small-scale plan for us that meets our budget.

**Councilwoman Lozano:** Okay.

**Mayor Grider:** And discussing this with other um, so when this initially when this first even happened um, because this is not new-you know-obviously. When this first discussion came about with this with um, Mr. Alex and the company and doing all of this um,-uh we did uh, talk to other cities.

**Ms. Applewhite:** That's correct.

**Mayor Grider:** And for example, just even to lay out their park wasn't even the same amount of this for entire city. So, for the same service like for another city for their park um, it was way more than \$80,000 and that was just to do a layout of their park only, not their entire city so, um,...

**Councilman Molina:** I have question.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilman Molina.

**Councilman Molina:** Uh, do we have some kind of schedule of like how much they have done or by when this is supposed to be completed uh, study supposed to be completed?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes, he should be finished with this component in a couple of months.



**Councilman Molina:** Okay.

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, he did come out initially to give us a cost when we were putting the budget together and he came-came in and did a presentation of other projects that he's done. The project that he's working on in New Braunfels for example and to show you what a city could look like and so that uh that was done to get the money in the budget. And then it would take him about two months two to three months to finish the overall conceptual plan.

**Councilman Molina:** So, by March we should be uh seeing something.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes.

**Councilman Molina:** Okay.

**Ms. Applewhite:** And I think uh, what we could do is have him come to council uh, midway and give you an update and do a presentation to give you uh, some insight on where he is.

## **8. Items for Individual Consideration**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-800 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Alex Gonzalez Architect to provide a Conceptual Development Planning Design for the City of Kirby.**

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**Motion Passes (5/2) – Motion passed to authorizing the city manager to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Alex Gonzalez Architect to provide a Conceptual Development Planning Design for the City of Kirby.**

**Mayor Grider:** Moving on to the discussion and possible action on resolution 2024-801. Ratifying an agreement with Gilbert Vargas to provide engineering review of engineered plans and specifications.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Um, the purpose of this action is to enter into an agreement with Gilbert Vargas Civil Engineer to review the civil engineers plans and specifications provided by Bane, Medina Bane engineering for the Ackerman road Culvert project. Uh, Bane Medina Bane, is our engineer. He's uh developing plans and drawings for uh, the designed for the repairs of the Ackerman road culvert. Uh, because Bane is submitting those drawings to the city to review and give comment at the fifty drawings ninety percent and ninety-five percent drawings. Uh, we need an engineer, that is a civil engineer, to review those plans. We do not have a staff engineer. So, we're hiring uh, Gilbert Vargas who is a civil

engineer has worked with Bane, Medina Bane before in prior projects and uh, we're recommending that we utilize his services to review those plans and provide those comments.

**Mayor Grider:** Um-uh, I think it was Councilmember Grant first.

**Councilmember Grant:** So, we're just contract with him, not hiring him as a civil-as our city engineer are we-

**Ms. Applewhite:** -Right. He's only reviewing the plans that are done by B-Medina Bane

**Councilmember Grant:** Okay so, we're like we have a retainer like you would have with an attorney so to speak

**Ms. Applewhite:** Uh, well yes, or keeping him but not hiring him we're not hiring him he's just one specific project.

**Councilmember Grant:** Gotcha, all right, thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilmember Molina.

**Councilmember Molina:** Uh the-uh the amount that he has here, is \$55,000 uh, not to exceed if I remember correctly or do you know how much Bane Medina Bane is uh charging for this project?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Uh, 69,000 but this amount is a not to exceed amount uh, I don't anticipate the work going more than 20,000. Uh, we put an extra amount in because we don't know how many conversations or how many meetings it's going to take for uh, the engineers to meet and go over the plans. Uh, but based on uh, review so far it just seems like it's a very simple project and so I don't anticipate it being more than 20,000.

**Councilman Molina:** Uh, even 20,000 to me seems a little excess because if we only-if we were to take even ten percent of-of the \$69,000 which I-if I remember correctly that includes taking it to construction also, through the construction phase. The design was less than that. Uh, you know, we're almost paying even at uh \$20,000 that would be-what would that be; probably 30% or so, 25 to 30% of-of their budget to actually do a set of plans. Uh, I tried looking him up uh, Mr. Vargas see if he had a company see how he's uh, perform and I-I couldn't find anything that that brings a concern to me. If-if we're having a consultant uh, being reviewed by uh, another firm I think we need to make sure that-that uh, firm is also-even though he's a licensed uh engineer that he has a company has been established as uh, doing this uh-uh on-on other projects.

**Mayor Grider:** Have you did research, so do you have the background on this gentleman?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes, Mr. Vargas is an independent consultant uh, he has done extensive engineering uh, with different companies; with Exxon uh, he's also worked for different uh, organizations and um, he has been an engineer for over 30 years and uh, he has worked with, Bane, Medina Bane Carl Bane as well on different projects. So, they have worked in the capacity of similar services and that's the reason why I uh, chose him because Carl already knows him. They have a working relationship and they can communicate very effectively.

**Mayor Grider:** All right, Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Um, yes so on here it says that uh, Bane, Medina Bane will uh, design necessary repairs for the culvert. Do we know-are they just like patching over or are they actually going to remove, you know, everything that's that needs to be uh redone and then replaced like from top to bottom rather than just uh patching something like you know the way we had it before?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Right, it will not be a patch, uh, that for sure. Uh, his fees are 69,000 so it will be a total repair where they're taking it out - taking that slope out and repairing it.

**Councilmember Lozano:** And do we know if he's done like the Geo testing uh, for the-the dirt, the grounds because we have that soil that moves, you know, a lot here in Kirby.

**Ms. Applewhite:** That's yet to come. This is just for the design.

**Councilmember Lozano:** For the design itself.

**Ms. Applewhite:** This is just designing it.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Okay

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, he's drawing the plans but he submits the plans to the city, for the city to review his 50% drawings, where they're 50% complete but we don't have a staff engineer to review that.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Okay.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilman Molina.

**Councilmember Molina:** Uh, just-just so uh-uh to clarify a little bit of what Ms. Lozano's asking what he's doing is taking out the covert installing a new box culvert in there and uh, putting head walls and repairing the street. So, to answer your question no, he is not just uh, putting a-a patch on top of the street he's actually done a set of plans that'll replace place the-the uh, drainage structure that's there. And uh, when you do that, you come up with a new material uh, around the box. Uh, which is gravel and uh, everything to be able to come up accordingly. Just so you'll know because he does have 50% pl - uh set of plans already complete. That uh, shows all that.

**Councilmember Lozano:** And-

**Mayor Grider:** -Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** So, can I ask um, so the 69,000 wouldn't even be it's just for him to design it doesn't even include like uh, all the materials everything that done.

**Councilmember Molina:** No, with that cor-correct I mean that's just a set of plans to be able to construct something. It's not the construction.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Okay, got it. Thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay do I have a motion, no motion okay, so just so-okay. So, I just want to say-so we not getting the culver- I mean it's not gonna be started or what there's no motion or...

**Councilmember Molina:** The design's already done uh, Mayor what -what I think I have-have a problem with is the amount that uh, we're looking at for somebody to review plans. I think we need to get somebody else that's going to be able to do this for a-um-uh

**Councilmember Grant:** It's a little heavy on that side.

**Councilmember Molina:** On that side.

**Councilmember Grant:** By forty percent at least.

**Councilmember Molina:** At least yes and-and to me that's uh, that's way out of-out-out of line uh. Like I said I uh, if we would have seen a little bit more, even on a resume. Because like I said I couldn't find anything on him uh if-if we have somebody else that's doing it and assisted, you know, this uh, firm and stuff and uh, they've done this kind of uh-uh work before. I know that Ms. Applewhite says that uh, he's worked with uh, Mr. Bane I don't know. I didn't-I didn't know that so, I didn't ask him about it or talk to them about it. So, that's why uh, I mean he's been waiting for comments on his 50% set of plans. Uh, Mr. Bane has uh, Bane-Medina Bane uh-you know-uh, we waited quite a while to try to get somebody or we decided we need-we needed somebody else. He's our engineer, you know, I think uh, I mean they-he got hired because we found out that-that firm or the firm got hired because uh, previous council was uh, liking the firm or liking what they saw-saw that they were going to do our engineering so...

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, I guess I just have a question. I'm-I'm a little confused: so, are you saying that, are you suggesting that we should just accept his plans without any review?

**Councilmember Molina:** No, I didn't say that. That's just-that's not what I said. What I said is that we need to-I would-I would have liked to have seen a resume of what kind of projects he's worked on. Because there are several engineers, you know. There's uh-uh engineers that are uh, working with like you said, I think, uh-uh he'd work with Exxon. Uh Exxon has a different type of engineering services than a civil engineer does. And uh, I don't know what kind of services he had been working with Mr. Bane. Civil is roads and-and bridges and uh-and drainage and I don't know how strong he is in drainage. Uh, if he's going to look at the calculations make sure that the box culvert is the right size. Uh, that takes a certain engineer to do that. Uh, so I-I don't know that with Exxon they were doing that same type of projects or not. Unless there's-unless there's a resume that I can see. And-and, you know, for this amount, you know, just having one person to-to look at uh, I-I would like to see more.

**Councilmember Grant:** Well, is this gentleman is if-if I'm what you're telling me or what I'm hearing is that he's a standalone independent consultant, doesn't belong to a firm or hasn't doesn't have a firm he just has himself would I be correct?

**Ms. Applewhite:** He's an independent consultant; he's worked as an engineer as a civil engineer for different companies and he is now independent.

**Councilmember Grant:** Did you have a- a conversation with our- our people now to see how they feel about him?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Who people?

**Councilmember Grant:** With Bane the-the people that are

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes.

**Councilmember Grant:** Did you have a conversation with them?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes, and Carl is well aware they've worked together.

Councilmember Grant: Well, I mean that's just-

**Ms. Applewhite:** -We can bring this back if you want. I can get Mr. Vargas to provide his resume so you can see what projects that he's worked on before and how extensive they are.

**Councilmember Grant:** That wouldn't hurt. It's no reflection on you or anything like that but uh, we've been caught before taking some situations where we took something at face value without-and I'm not doubting that you checked to a point. And we got burned pretty bad on Kirby Drive; was what I'm-a little back when I was with the council. And uh, didn't even know how to take core sample. So, my point being is I have no problem if he can uh, bring forth you know a little more background. I'm just being honest with you.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay. So, Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Um, yes or could we possibly look at maybe getting uh, other maybe two other, um, people to like give an estimate or to um-uh see if Mr. is it Vargas, maybe look at uh lowering his um, cost or lowering his fee is that something that uh, we could think about and bring it back as another option.

**Councilmember Grant:** Anything is possible. Negotiations are all open.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Okay.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay, so we're going to bring it back. Um, if you can contact, I guess some other consultants and, sure provide the numbers and then give Mr. Vargas's um-uh his resume his-and then- Now I will say, for the thing about Mr. Bane, um, so they work together yes, but I will say that, I mean even if Bane says "no I don't", you know or whatever, he's reviewing his plans. So, it's not like I mean you know, I-I think that's a whole different setup you know because he's actually reviewing his plan so I don't know what I mean not saying I mean the history obviously is fine because Mr. Bane has no problem with it you know he didn't say "this guy is horrible" you know, whatever so he didn't say that so obviously that's not an issue but I'm just saying like, remember that Vargas is reviewing the plans of Bane. It's not as if, you know, vice versa-. So, I just want to make sure everybody, okay we're tracking okay, all right. So, we'll bring that back and I think definitely by January that should be enough time to get all that information for the first meeting in January.

**b. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-801 Ratifying an agreement with Gilbert Vargas to provide engineering review of engineered plans and specifications.**

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**Mayor Grider:** Okay uh, right, where's my- moving on to 8C discussion and possible action on resolution 2024-802 authorizing the city manager to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Granicus to provide City Council and Committee meeting, agenda and related meeting minute software, audio/video camera equipment.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Mayor, Council, the purpose of this action is to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Granicus software company. This is a citizen experience platform for government uh to provide technology and audio vi-video services allowing citizens access to Municipal meetings agendas meeting minutes and related information. Uh, this action also allows the use of Public Education and Government television, P.E.G funds, to cover the cost of this software. The public education and governmental fund is used to account for 1% cable franchise fee; which is dedicated to capital assets associated with operation of public educational and governmental television channels; which provides the following develop informative content-content that is educational relevant. And creative establish communication channels to share consistent, timely information. Use modern techn-technologies and digital trends to reach our community, identify information gaps within the community, and proactively bridge gaps; build strong stronger communication. Community relations through community engagement efforts and increased civic engagement. The use of this- off this software, improves public access to meetings of the city of Kirby, city council, and city council appointed committees' commissions and boards. The software provides clear audiovisual audio video meetings, recordings of public meetings in accordance with the Texas government code chapter 551. The software addresses the citizen needs for closed caption, transcripts of meetings, and improves overall efficiency and providing the public with requested documentation. It's anticipated to cost approximately \$4,000 per year for one and with a one-time programming cost of \$8,000, the installation of the management, of related camera and speaker equipment, is estimated to cost approximately \$85,000 to \$110,000 contingent upon the review by Granicus of the city of Kirby City Hall facility and the determination of actual number of cameras and speakers needed to maintain optimal performance. Uh, the installation proc-process will include a two-to-four-month implementation schedule with immediate access to the systems capabilities. Staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Grider:** Um, the-I will just say, I'm glad to finally hear someone else finally say about the P.E.G Funds is-everybody up here has heard me-I've been mentioning this forever. When the mics go out and everything-for the past year and a half-the P.E.G Funds, the P.E.G Funds, the P.E.G Funds um, that's what we could do and the reason why is because of, we hold court and everything else in here so anyways that's why the P.E.G Funds. That's why we can actually upgrade our equipment um, so I just want to throw that out there it's glad we actually have a number it's like \$179,000 right we have in our P.E.G Funds yes so there's no point to have that go out when we have \$179,000 in the P.E.G Funds just saying but um, anybody have any questions on this Councilmember Molina?

**Councilmember Molina:** Yeah uh, yes may the question I have is uh, I-I looked at them and I have no problem with this uh-uh software or this company or anything uh, the question I-I just have is uh, we only have one uh, company giving us an estimate and telling us about there-there should be several more for this dollar amount I think we ought to have at least three of them you know a couple of more people uh giving us uh, their uh, estimates on how much it costs and then on top of that after this equipment is put in and we decide we don't go with-with this particular company after a year or two uh, can somebody else come in and pick up and be able to utilize the same thing because uh, initially to start

off with, you know, we're looking at \$8,000 uh, to-to-to start, you know, the-the process and then it'll be another \$4,000 per year that we'll do for the program and I don't have a problem with that uh, or even the cost of it because I know equipment costs money and stuff; but is there anybody else that can give us a price on this-uh, same type of setup? And see if we can get competitive bids on this uh, you know, I asked this question last time; if anybody else was doing it here in-in uh-uh in the area and I don't think we have anybody. Which uh, this would be something that would be good for us to come up with something that-that's feasible to have for our documentation of all our meetings. Don't get me wrong, the question that I have, is just there-there has to be some other uh, companies out there that do the same thing and see how they compare.

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, there are not that many companies that are allowed to handle this type of um, information that are approved by the state. So, uh, there-Granicus does multiple-multiple cities within the state of Texas and it's because they're the main expert that handles this type of uh, software. So um, we can try to find a company but they have to be approved by the state. I'm sure there are other software companies out there that can come up with something similar but they have to be able to comply with chapter 551 and meet all the requirements that are associated with the Open Meetings Act; with the uh, agenda processes and so forth. And televising them and they're not-there are just not that many companies out there that meet that criteria.

**Councilmember Molina:** Okay, but uh, I just want to make sure if there's any others; you know, I-I can see that. Because I didn't find very many. I think I found another one uh, what is it, In-Intelligent Video Solutions but I don't know if they were actually uh, you know, have all the requirements that-that called out in this chapter. Now that's all I want to know, is that-make sure that, you know, we don't just go with one and that's all we ever looked at.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilmember Grant.

**Councilmember Grant:** Well, as far as the-uh the broadcasting the uh-the equipment that anyone that has the same expertise can come in-and it's just a matter-you would be, of changing uh-the-uh-the-the programming, go to their programming. But you're right, there's one here in the area. Besides I don't know if it complies to that because they don't put that there. I looked at the same thing and they don't show that. I don't know, if they can go there or not. I don't believe they can but is there a contract, a yearly contract, like two years, three years, that we enter into if we take them?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes.

**Councilmember Grant:** How long is it?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Well, we don't have the contract yet. We're getting authorization to do that and then we would negotiate uh, through our attorneys for the contract.

**Councilmember Grant:** So, what we're going to do is allow you to go in enter in negotiations and come back to us with a program with all the nuts and bolts with it.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Okay uh, we could get them to do um-uh demonstration, so you can see how it operates. And come back at that time with all the details so you can see it.

**Councilmember Grant:** That would be advis- yeah that would be a good -I think the main thing that we're going to catch, or try to catch flack on, I'm quite sure, the word transparency leaps to the mind I don't know why, but it seems to-is to make sure that any citizen, no matter what their restrictions are on getting to something or doing something; can get a transcript print it out or on disc from the city. And so, that when they come in there's no problems with that because that's obviously what we're going to catch flack on. That's, you know, we apparently have half this city is disabled I'm beginning to believe and uh, we can't seem to drive down the street at night with headlights on or different things like that. But we're only open in the daytime anyway but still uh, all I want to do is if we do this which I think is an excellent thing actually uh. is to make sure that everybody is happy as we can make them. Okay nothing is perfect we know that. Uh, this is a large investment, it's an excellent idea. It maintains things forever not just seven years and boxes out the truck. So, yeah I-I agree with it but just like uh, Councilman said uh, this company I don't know about them they have a-a decent page but it doesn't look like their technology is quite the same in my opinion. And when I was in the radio business two-way radio business uh everything is transferable and modifiable but uh some people just don't really have all the expertise. And this company from what I can find you're right it's probably it's well over 900 cities somewhere around that it's vast amount.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Right.

**Councilmember Grant:** So, I-I believe in it thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** So, so can you bring back to us a different company um, if-find it-with whoever it is like if just if there's another one. No- that's what I'm just saying if there's another company just bring it back and I we've had this convers-I know, I've had this conversation we before, because I know the council-I know how they are-So just you know anything always have a second option um, because they're gonna ask so I would just say bring that back um, I will say that I know that there was-was before and this is back when um, Roberts and Martinez was here um, we had dealt with uh call I remember I had called some companies around to get quotes for like the equipment and stuff and I know at the time our City Secretary um, Caitlyn Eckert, had did the same thing. And um-uh, it was-it was like over \$100,000. I know that for a fact um, it was-it was insane and then we weren't talking about and it was just- because he was telling us, that so this building-everybody know this building is about to fall apart, um, and so with the wiring the gentleman was basically saying-one of the companies who came in here, and he was just like -we would have to wire he-he would have to go like-to the back, to the front and he was just like, he was like y'all just need a new building. Like he even said he was like this is just insane, like that's why the price was so high just with the wiring that would have to be involved. You know, with the equipment. I remember having that discussion but then that was back when City Secretary Eckhart was here. So, um, there is other companies um, but if you can just bring that back that would be appreciative council member Lozano.



**Councilmember Lozano:** Um, yes so, this cost would be completely covered by the P.E.G Funds?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes, the whole thing.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Okay um, in that case I'm with uh, Councilmember Molina, in that if we could get just one more at least uh, bid come in and then we can just compare and there and decide from there I'm with that.

**Mayor Grider:** Okay thank you man-and can you get um, maybe-Granicus I'm pretty sure they have a demo-that's uh, just can you get that sent to-that can be sent to their email ahead of time.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes.

**Mayor Grider:** You know, so they can go ahead and they can review it on their own time. Okay we have about what three weeks to the next meeting. Three or four weeks that's plenty of time for everybody to review. So, even if like the other company or something if they have a demo send it to their email and they can have some homework over the holidays.

**b. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-802 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize an agreement with Granicus to provide City Council and Committee meeting agenda and related Meeting Minute software, audio/video camera equipment.**

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**Mayor Grider:** Okay, okay, all right, okay, all right moving on to dis-8D-8D discussion and possible action on resolution 2024-the the city manager negotiate and finalize a MOU between the city of Kirby and Justin Independent School District Handle With Care. Um, I am very happy that this is on here. I was approached about this um, from Judson ISD. There was a meeting facilitated that was set up um, Chief Cardona, um, Lieutenant Brown was there um, the City Manager um, along with the-um, the operators of Handle With Care um, and this is when you hear it- I mean I don't see why we would say no but I'll give it to Lieutenant Brown.

**Lt. Brown:** Uh yes, how are you guys doing tonight. Um, the Handle-Handle With Care Program is uh, what Judson ISD had um, has been doing for about a year now. Um, what that program entails is that; say for instance when the police are called to a disturbance um, between uh, family members and there's kid-kids involved that are in um, that go to any school within the Judson Independent School District um, what we would do is um, mark that kid's names down, find out what school they go to and we have contacts at Judson ISD that we will let them know; that hey um, we would call it a handle this-this student, had a Handle With Care incident and what that does is; when um, they would notify the counselor of that student and notify the teachers of that student. That, hey if this kid seems a little tired um, because he had a late night with his parents fighting, or whatever to-to um, pull that kid aside; not ask them-not ask them exactly what happened or anything like that but just give that kid some leniency-leniency um, as far as um, not yelling at them; oh, you need to wake up and do your work. Just-they'll be um, notified of an incident that occurred with that child and be able to um, handle that child appropriately throughout the school day. So um, it's a good program they've been doing it for about a year now um, with the elementary school and the middle school. Um, with incidents that are happening in Kirby. Um, the officer on scene will um, make a notation, his report that a kid was uh, involved in an incident and it's a program that'll be put on our computers that we can reach out to um, those certain contacts at Judson ISD um, administrative building; which they would reach out to the school, the counselors and then the counselors notify the teachers of that child and incident happened at that residence that night. Um, and they'll be able to, you know, take- It's just- this just more of a- um, more layers of uh, protection for that-that kid um, to be able to not have a bad school day that day and get them the services that they need, whether it's board counseling for them or anything like that. Any questions?

**Mayor Grider:** And there is other school-so there's other ISDS that have the sim-similar program. It's um, I don't know if it's called actually Handle with Care um, because some of, you know, I work with schools that aren't within Judson ISD. Um, and we were discussing um, this actually... yeah earlier this week so- Monday, we were having a discussion about this. Um, so I mean in from - like he said- it's from the you know, uh, I don't want to say a light situation. But, you know, from a scale to 1- 10 like it could be the possible worst. So, I know for example um, in the school I was in on Monday there was a child that um- uh, father had passed away um, and, you know, they needed some extra, you know, care; right, you know, some um-some grace. So, basically that's what it is-it's just basically like a pipeline to let them know-the school know, that hey this situation um-uh, the police- to let the school know this is h-happening. Um, to that child because, you know, they might be upset that day. I mean like - said the father just passed away. Now if the-the administration didn't know that-that they might just think, you know, he was acting up that day just to be acting up but he had a reason, you know, why he was down and acting the way he was, you know, because he was upset-right um, so I think it's a-a wonderful program is there any cost to this?

**Lt. Brown:** No, it's going to be free. And then all officers will be um, trained on it. Um, by uh Officer Green, he's gonna come out and train all the officers on it. It's a very simple program um, that can be put on our MBT's inside our vehicles. And mind you when the school is notified, they have no access to our reports and everything like that. So, none of that sense of information will get out to the school district or people who don't have the need to know. All they would be notified that a child that goes to one of their schools, there was an incident involved at their residence that night and it would be provided-that information would be provided to the school to be able to give that kid some grace throughout that school day or however long it's going to take.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Yes, um, and that would be just like our schools here; uh Middle School Hopkins our local schools.

**Lt. Brown:** Our local schools, yes but Judson ISD is doing it. They're going around to all their schools, all the different communities that they're involved in, but for us it would be Hopkins school.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Okay, so like Converse has theirs and they cover those schools over there?

**Lt. Brown:** Yes, ma'am.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Oh okay. Thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you okay. Councilmember Molina.

**Councilmember Molina:** It's just the uh-uh middle-middle school and the elementary or does it go up to the-to Wagner to the high school as well.

**Lt. Brown:** uh it goes to Wagner to high school as well any school that's covered by Judson ISD it's that-it's their program.

**Councilmember Molina:** Okay, but I mean okay and it's only for the kids within our uh area like uh for the city of Kirby you won't be outside or anything that you make a report on anything make report.

**Lt. Brown:** We would notify Judson ISD administration and then they would notify the school.

**b. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-803 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and finalize an MOU between the City of Kirby and Judson Independent School District Handle with Care Program.**

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**Motion Passes (7/0) – Motion to authorize the city manager to negotiate and finalize an MOU between the City of Kirby and Judson Independent School District Handle with Care Program.**

**Mayor Grider:** Moving on to item C discussion and possible action of Resolution 2024-804 accepting the Quarterly Investment Reports for Fiscal Year 2024 and the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

**Ms. Applewhite:** In front of you, so um, the investments include the Tex Investments, which include the General Fund, Water Capital Outlay, Water Meter and Water System. Capital projects this-with the Tex

fol-Investments and uh the 2018 capital projects is, a general obligation for Ackerman rd. Um, the interest in these account goes in accounts and they stay there. Uh, but it's a liquid type of investment where you can take out and take the money out and move it wherever you want. So, it operates similar to a savings account. Okay so if you see on the first page of December um, 31<sup>st</sup> 2023; you see that you have a beginning balances, of 10,323. You see that we did a purchase where we put money into the account and we have interest earned and you see the interest uh accruing and growing in the ending balances. And you see the different funds for the general fund. Under the Tex Pool, you have the Water Fund Capital Outlay. Under the Tex Pool investment fund and you have the water fund under the Tex Pool and The Water System Fund and Capital Projects. So, it's the same for each quarter. It's the same report for each quarter. Same-so, our investment funds include the Demand Deposits at Schertz Bank, Certificates of Deposits, also in Schertz Bank, and then Tex Pool Investments. So, Schertz has uh, CDs that include two funds representing four different accounts. You have two general fund accounts and you have two water fund accounts. So, you'll have the Schertz Water Meter, Schertz General Fund CDs, and Schertz General Fund CD and Schertz Water Ops. The goes in the General fund and utility fund. You also have the Demand Deposits which is basically our bank account that has all of our accounts. You have the General Fund Checking, Payroll Checking, the Pay Fee Revenue Checking, Debt Service Checking, Capital Project Fund Series 2018 for Ackerman rd., and you also have a Water System Checking, Water Meter Checking and General Fund Checking which is for Foxcross. The interest in these accounts is minimal; it goes into the bank account. It operates similar to a checking account. So, the page that you see, the second page shows invest funds by type. As 12/31/23 the demand deposits for Schertz Bank which has the eight accounts that I mentioned. You have the Certificate of Deposits which has two water funds and two general funds. You see the balances and then you see the Tex Pool Investments 4 million 3 and then you have a total investment at the end of 13 million.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilmember Grant.

**Councilmember Grant:** So, the CDs are topped, they topped Out?

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, on the CDs uh they have matured most of them as of this quarter.

**Councilmember Grant:** That's what I thought. Okay. So, are we going to roll them or what are we going to do?

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, we have some renewals you'll see on the next page. You see the market value of investments and I'm looking at 12/31/2023. You see the first one shows it matured 12/27/23 and it had an interest rate of 3.25 then was replaced 12/08/2024 a new interest rate of 5.25.

**Councilmember Grant:** Gotcha.

**Ms. Applewhite:** Okay so at the bottom you can see the mature dates and the uh, days of maturity that are have waited average for a total of 20.01. So, the interest from these accounts from these CDs is going into the banking accounts, the checking accounts. So that's why you see the rate of the interest but you just see the CD amount but the interest is always transferring. And the next page will show you the interest earnings or the quarter so you'll see how much the interest is for the different accounts deposits the Tex Pool Investment fund and then the certificate of deposits.

**Mayor Grider:** Any questions?

**Ms. Applewhite:** So, this report is the same, dollar amounts grow let me just clarify that, but the format of report is the same for each so you see repetitive information but the but the um, dollar amounts grow with the interest and then the interest is transferred to the account.

**Councilmember Grant:** You did quarterly, correct?

**Ms. Applewhite:** Yes.

**Councilmember Grant:** Okay,

**Mayor Grider:** All right any questions? All right Okay guess not.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action of Resolution 2024-804 accepting the Quarterly Investment Reports for Fiscal Year 2024 and the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

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Motion Passes (7/0) – Motion passes to accept the Quarterly Investment Reports for Fiscal Year 2024 and the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025.

- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-805 Approving the Crime Control District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Motion Passes (4/3) – Motion passes to approve Crime Control District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Mayor Grider enters into closed session.

**9. Closed Session 8:14pm**

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(B) (Consultation with City Attorney): the city of Kirby City Council will convene in executive session on the following items:

- i. Under 551.071(1)(B) - Attorney Consultation on a settlement offer regarding delinquent utility account.

	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Motion Passes (7/0) – Motion passes to allow Attorney Consultation on a settlement offer regarding delinquent utility account.

**Mayor Grider:** I'm going to recall item 8 B discussion and possible action on resolution 2024-801 ratifying an agreement with Gilbert Vargas to provide engineering review of engineer plans specifications. We'll go on a close session pursuant to Texas government code section under 551.071 attorney consult-oh no that's not right-oh it is the 551.071 attorney consultation? Okay. All right and regular session closes at 8:50 p.m.

**10. Entered into closed session 8:50pm.**

- b. **10. Open Session 10:07pm:** The City Council Will Reconvene into Regular Session Upon Conclusion of The Closed Session and May Recall Any Item Posted for Closed Session for Action, As Necessary.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2024-801 Ratifying an agreement with Gilbert Vargas to provide engineering review of engineered plans and specifications.**

	<u>1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Motion Passes (7/0)- Motion passes to ratify an agreement with Gilbert Vargas to provide engineering review of engineered plans and specifications.

**11. Request and Announcements**

- a. Requests by Mayor and Council Members for Items to be placed on future City Council Agendas and Announcements on City Events/Community Interest.

**Mayor Grider:** Councilmember Lozano.

**Councilmember Lozano:** Um, so for uh, the agenda I well, not really the agenda I really like to see the uh, meeting minutes and the agenda packets uh, posted on the city website for our uh, residents to be able to see uh, what's uh, the backup for it like for any um, meetings that we're having um, I do want to thank everyone uh, that was here tonight all citizens and uh all the Well everybody's gone but the, Kirby Fire department, uh police department, our City Secretary, our Senior Center um, Kathy Gomez, uh City Attorney, City Manager, and um, also I'd like to thank all the volunteers that were here this morning. Our Kirby, uh Police Department, uh the whole crew was here wrapping up gifts and we had a lot of volunteers, uh residents that were here um, I think in two hours uh, we completed all the wrapping and we're able to get all those gifts out to uh for them to distribute to our families so that was really nice to see to get to see you know our uh police department uh working together with our residents so I'm very thankful for that um, I'd also like to um, thank every council member that sits up here on the dias. Um, I know that um, every contribution and every decision that we make no matter how big or how small it uh, is important and it is valued and it makes an impact to our city and we might not all agree, we might have um, all have differences of opinions uh, but in the end it's what's making our city better and so with that uh, again like to thank everybody that sits up here. Um, I know it's the um,- place to be uh, but yet still have that dedication and that determination and that uh, ability to make that difference so thank you and have a Happy New Year and uh, Merry Christmas and we'll see you next year. Thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you Councilmember Grant.

**Councilmember Grant:** Yes, uh thanks everybody for staying late uh here. Janek in FM78, I think a car dealer has bought that house and he's uh, storing uh, extra vehicles there; that changes quite often. Also, that house is in horrible repair. I'd like to get Code Compliance to uh go by there it's the uh, it's right there, Janek and FM78, it's that single dwelling there and uh the-the fence is in disrepair the building itself is in disrepair. I know it's not occupied because I personally got out and checked uh, I don't think the electricity is running that didn't look like the meter was moving at all. So, uh I think if we could please address that because that's right on one of our main-our main there and it just really unsightly. Also, uh and I again I don't uh the house there at uh-uh Binz Engleman and Charles Conrad uh, I'm trying to figure out- looked up the codes again-. I know the electricity is on, I know the water's on, but there's a four-foot hole now in the middle of the roof and some of the windows have boarded up and some aren't and I'm wondering, again, if we not- if we cannot get that house secured again. I have knocked on the door I have seen the mail stack up. Somebody's been, now started picking it up again. I asked the mailman about it and he told me, yes, but it's still not occupied and it's obviously nobody can live in it. I

would think that it should be secured, all the windows and everything, just like any other house because we'd have another house on Binz Engleman in the 4700 block. I think it is that-is like that and they were told that they had to secure it and they did. They secured all the windows and one other thing if-if the situation where this person is coming in and giving us an idea of a lot of things to do with our city to make it attractive, uh again the old little shopping center there on Old Seguin Road, where Dollar Store used to be, can we please again get Code Compliance to go up there; because I know at one time the water was running down on the fuse-outside fuse box, and it caused a lot of problems. I can't remember if there's even-is there still a business located in there? I forgot to look at-you-to be honest about it but that place is horrible. You can look in the windows and see the ceilings falling down and things again of that nature. Uh again I don't know how far we can push a situation but at what point in time does it become a nuisance, and if we're going to spend money to look at a situation, to make our city more attractive uh that pretty much was going to have to go or something's going to have to be done. Uh the people that own it unfortunately - I happen to know the people that own it because when I was with pre- Ford-they own a lot of properties out here and uh they evict everybody on the second day they're eligible to be evicted, but uh if we could just- those pay attention to those three things and see if we can- I don't know - I know there's certain ordinances about having things painted and things of that peeling paint. Well, that little shopping center falls into that category for sure and if we could just kind of, you know-just check things out and see what can be done to improve situations and I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. You be safe, Officer out there, and thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you. Councilmember Molina.

**Councilmember Molina:** Uh, yes for the agenda items again let's not forget Ackerman road construction. Uh, Fox-uh-Foxcross construction. Also, I'd like to see what uh, is going to happen on Boatman Road there at the drain that, uh they did a repair for the water; the street needs to be repaired. That see, if we've got a uh, or give us an update of when the pavement's going to be done. And also, uh, see we can put uh, Planning and Zoning on the agenda. They want to come and uh-uh talk about uh, their um-what they're doing and uh, get some direction from us- or I have some questions for us. So, we can put that if they and give a presentation to us. Um, also thank you to everybody that came out tonight. Everybody that uh, was here with us. Uh all the residents all of our uh-uh workers, city workers you know Public Works uh, Fire Department and the Police Department. That's-that does a good job. The city staff uh, you know, thank you for everything that you all do as well. Uh, last our Northeast partnering uh, session and there was an organization that uh, was there called Angel Helper-Helpers Ministry. And uh, you know, they said that right now, you know, of course they're helping out on trying to get gifts for everybody. Also-and everything but what really caught my eye, or my ear, was that uh, they also help out throughout the year. They said to anybody that needs help. Any families and what was interesting to me after uh, the meeting I talked to them a little bit. Uh, because it sounded like uh-uh these uh, ladies that were there uh, representing this uh, were-were really uh-uh into what they're doing you know. Really about it. And they talked about how they even helped out some residents uh, from here from Kirby that that's somebody that uh, helps uh, that they help out as well. So, if uh, you get a chance look them up and-and try to find out something; see if you can help them monetarily or-or whatever you can, help them with. Uh, so once again uh, thanks uh, for everybody coming out. I want to wish everybody a-a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And remember schools fixing to be out for the next couple of weeks so be careful out there in the neighborhoods. Thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca.



**Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca:** Um, okay, so here are the results for the Kirby 2024 holiday decorated contest. Um, under the business category, um, Puppy Power um, we want to thank Ms. Jodie for participating. Um, she of course won. And then um, under the uh residences. The first place is uh the Ramsey family at 3715 Diadem, second place is the Garcia family at 5131 Tom Stafford third place is the Antonio family at 803 Hickory Hill and honorable mention is the Vogal family at 253 Corey and Glenn. And um, just so you'll know what um, it consists of the-the signs were placed on the winner's yards. The um, H.E.B gift certificates were presented um, by the committee and um, all who entered received a call thanking them for their participation. So, I want to thank the committee for, um, having this uh, contest um, we look forward to it in the city and I hope that next year we have even more participants and um, second of all thank you to all the volunteers at the Kirby Senior Center today for the food drive we appreciate you donating your time and next I have um, The CARE program schedule um, that that next event is going to be on December 30th here at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 300 p.m. um, this program is geared at um, parents with children under uh 36 months of age but if you have someone that's not in that age group um, let's just um, say um, an adult with disabilities that does use um, diapers and-and those kinds of things they will help you locate um, some help obtaining those items so um, really good program and it is here -here at City Hall and then don't forget about the Christmas parade it is Sunday December 22nd this Sunday the parade starts at 5 5: PM um, I'm sure that that's something that everybody is looking forward to and I just want to thank everyone um, everybody that's helped um, that has volunteered this Christmas season um, I really like all the different events here in Kirby um, there's a lot there's a lot more going on um, this year than we've had in the past so I just want to thank everybody that's done anything um, lots of volunteers and um, you-you see the-the joy that um, you see the joy in the children the seniors everybody's just enjoying this Christmas season um, the area around the senior center it looks great I've -I've driven by there several nights and you know I've see kids running around and um, strollers and that kind of thing so it's really nice to see the community coming together so thank you everyone that has put effort into making this happen and Merry Christmas everyone.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you, Councilmember Hitt.

**Councilmember Hitt:** Yes, I like to thank everybody that's been here with us tonight staying with us just to remind you that there's a Cookies with Santa uh, this weekend on the John Sterling building that's the pool and um, it's going to be from uh 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and I guess right after that it'll be the parade so you can to bring the kids over that there Cookies Santa and have some cookies with him thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** Thank you. Councilmember Sanchez.

**Councilmember Sanchez:** Okay so I wanted to address something that an ex-council member said or asked; you wanted to know where the rest of the city council was; I'll tell you where I was, where I'm at every Wednesday and Thursday, on my days off, at the Senior Center, that's where I was. I was working commodities, getting stuff prepared for a Christmas party, that's where I was. I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and thank you to everybody. Thank you to our police officers for being here and watching over us and thank you to all city council you guys have been awesome, um, helping-um, our little Senior Center out. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart because they are so happy um, that they're going to have this party thank you mayor for that getting putting all that together thank you Maria everybody on here for the gifts and the time that you guys have taken it is appreciated more than you guys know so thank you and thank you to all our residents thank you to-to gosh a lot of my friends um, from other cities that donated um, for-for our seniors so I know that they're

going to have a wonderful Christmas so and it's due to a lot of people thank you very much and Merry Christmas once again thank you.

**Mayor Grider:** So, first I would like to say um, possibly with that Planning and Zoning, I think that they probably need to send whatever information they to have over to the city manager and first have a discussion before they present it to see what exactly they want to present because I don't even think there's been that many meetings this year so I'm-I'm really curious of what they have to present um, but I think that before we put that on the agenda get a little more concrete information um, the other thing is same thing with Blue Santa um, uh y'all know I'm in everybody's business with everything. So um, with Blue Santa there wouldn't even been a Blue Santa if I didn't do a timeline so I don't even want to get into that but we all have different hands and different things behind the scenes that people aren't aware of. So um, uh, thank you for Councilmember Lozano for going today um-for-um, going today. But believe me there's a lot of moving parts that happens um, and I don't have a clone so I got to pick and choose um. The other thing is please take a look at City Hall um, the Christmas Tree um, we have the Kirby Senior Center and the Kirby youth pro-program. So, the seniors and the kids, they have ornaments that were crafted and they're putting-they're put on the Christmas tree here at City Hall. So, if you want to come by and take a look um, I'll will be posting something to be put on social media um uh uh soon with all the Christmas activities. But I just want to say that make sure you come and take a look at the Christmas tree um, at the ornaments, the reindeers they made, the-the painted ornaments. Um, it was a nice time so thank you, also, to um, uh Program Manager, Gomez, for uh helping with that. Um, the other thing is-so there's been a lot of chatter-well know let me just say-that's not a lot of chatter it's normally, like I said, every time something happens it's this same five people or, you know, whatever, same people. But with the Christmas lighting um, uh event. So, there has been some questions about that have been brought up and I just want to make sure that they understand that what's factual. If you go on to a website, Christmas designers or any Christmas decorations and, I know there's even a comment up here by a councilmember; um, if you go on to those websites Christmas trees like a-a real tree of lights. I'm not talking about the one we have out there. A real tree of lights, it starts at \$8,000 a real tree of lights and that's not even one that looks like a fake tree - like the one we have in City Hall-that's 20-foot tall. Now if you want 25/20 foot tall. Those are almost like \$20,000. So, I just want to say when we talk about cost let's put it in perspective. Um, uh so we had our sponsor Schertz Banking Trust, CPS, Linebarger, Baine Medina Baine, we had 2500 in donations and also right now we're still waiting on Republic Services, because they they're even still backtracking and they're supposed to be deciding what they're going to give money for that-um, and then we had the other sponsors; the H.E.B, Love Travels, Frontline Heroes and Women's Unlimited, they provided the treat bags with all the candy for that um. So, then we go down. The lights install 7-7,44.20. The Tree of Lights um, the two trees, cuz we had to top them together \$1,599, Snow Machine \$238.90. Uh, fluid for the snow machine \$36.97, the Human Snow Globe \$1379, um, the snacks and the cocoa and all that one \$198.10, the Christmas tree flag pole \$93, DJ \$300, um, the sausage \$288, Santa Suit and Elf costume -which will be reused believe me for years until it falls apart um, that one is \$144.96, additional lights we had for Amazon \$314.56 um, we even had some other additional lights was \$1,140 um, \$145.12 banner and poster um, \$205.98 because remember when you get sponsorships they want to make sure their name is on a banner and it's seen. So, that's what you have to do. That's the-that's the game you have to play. Additional lights timer extension cords aluminum, pans um, \$279.07 um, we have the Dollar General \$92.55 for some extension cords last minute because we want to make sure you know the stuff was connected obviously. Um, flames for the chaffer dishes to keep the sausage and all that stuff warm uh, \$21.52. We have the net lights \$97.49,

bows for the topper \$59.96. Um, tortillas \$109, cookies \$168, poinsettias \$875.89. Um, and then we had uh, a couple item that we are returning um, because we did not use and that was \$671.91 that it's actually going back to be returned. Um, and then also too we have the heaters four heaters \$910.96 those propane heaters those are our heaters so for the events to come we ever have anything that's outside or whatever when it's cold we will be using those heaters so that's not just a one-time use. Um, so that's a good thing now that we have those. Um, what else was on here; oh yes overtime um, uh for the police \$1,220.21 Public Works \$689.55 um, and that was for two days. That was for mainly for the police. That the police was for Friday. Public Works was actually for Thursday and Friday. So, this whole notion of like-which I -it was kind of strange hearing the comments um, um, from a certain group saying that "taking them from their work", every City Public Works does the Christmas lights. I mean like what do you I mean; I don't understand like who else is supposed to do it? Um, and I know I didn't get paid I put seven- I did Seven Trees myself so um, stuff like that happens. I mean it just is what it is but um, the total was overall with everything and deducted for-deducted um, from the sponsorships was \$14,720.93 c-and. Now if you take out the overtime for the Police and the Public Works that was \$11,000 um- no I'm sorry-yeah you take out the heaters because-which are going to be used over again, and the overtime for the Police and Public Works for those two days \$1,921 was the final and it might even drop more if Republic Services come through like they said. So, I just want to say that to have that event there was a lot of moving parts. A lot of moving parts um, that went through that event and so um, I have not came across anybody, anybody who said "why' you give those kids hot cocoa" like-you know-like, I mean, nobody's doing that. Like nobody is saying anything like that. As everybody who's drove-driven by they've seen it. I've actually had since I announced stuff at the Northeast partnership and other places - matter of fact when I was with the-the social the Tobin Center the other day um, uh even-like I had some people I'm not g-to say the names but you know some of the leaderships in the-the military setting we-were they actually said, they're like we're going to drive by, you know, or whatever because that's the thing I guess they do. So, they were like they're going to drive by to different cities and look at stuff. So, anyways there's people actually that come out of town to look at it um. So, I just want to say that it was a wonderful event we had craft-two craft days um, for the kids. We have another thing coming with cookies with Santa. We have the Santa Parade. So, there's a lot of things that are going on and to be honest people have said, like again, they have lived here for over 30 s-something years and they're not talking about just the Gazebo, they're saying that they have never seen the entire park lit up like that and they feel like that is a ma-massive deal. Um, and so everybody who had a hand in that I appreciate it. Everybody had did any work with anything; it doesn't matter- I don't care if you just plugged in the light, you know, I don't care whatever you did. I want to say I appreciate you and thank you and five people do not determine what 9,000 other people do or-they say their point of view. So, you can say, you know, the "voice of the people". The same five or twenty people are not-we have 9,000 plus people in this city and so, I'm looking directly in the camera. We have 9,000 plus people in the city. So, the whole notion- I wanted to make sure I put this out, so before it goes back, of mean-the words being twisted because we actually don't have another way besides social media to really put things out instead besides council meetings. Um, and since we know social media is such a um, a way for- everybody goes there for information um, I just want to make sure I put this out. So, nobody's hiding anything. It was a wonderful event um, next year will even be bigger and better and we're going to continue to do that for the citizens um, who enjoyed it, for our children, for our adults, for everybody, for all of our community members. I would like to see um, uh speaking of the Christmas-I want to see on the agenda and I know it's going to take some research involved but about drones? We need to make sure we put that stuff in our ordinance um. Again, when you want to talk worry about everything else, you know, maybe you should worry

about your friends; who are allegedly doing all this stuff with kids and all this other crap going on um, because the drones are flying around. It's funny that every time it's the pool, at the pool, or when we have an event where there's children around-at Christmas again there was drone spotted up top at the Christmas time. Every time. People don't want. They don't want to go somewhere and they know; they don't want to feel uncomfortable. You know, we have the pool session there in the pool, the drones hovering over. Um, Halloween; the drones hovering over the Halloween Bash; the drones there. We have the Christmas thing, the drones there. No other time except it's when somebody's in bathing suits or children around the drone is around. It's weird and it's creepy and so we need to do something about that um. And so that's why I'm saying, you know, put the efforts in other things that really do matter um, because uh, and I know some people-you know-you want to have friends with- you know-people who do all types of stuff or whatever but that's disgusting and it's sickening. Um, moving on to a lighter note. So um, I will say that I hope everyone has a happy holiday. Um, I think moving into the new year I do believe and this is going to be my main motto step up or step aside. So, I'm gonna let, you know, when it comes in next year- you-you think you got a lot of me now, you're gonna see a lot next year. I got it under my belt this year. I'm not playing any games next year. For anybody-anybody up here on the dias. You don't want to co-operate; you don't want to do, whatever, you will be called out. Period. I'm not playing any games anymore. I'm not protecting anybody or anything like that. Everybody that's on equal playing field. Everybody up here is an adult. And that goes for anything. When I get emails from citizens that tell me staff did something and this or that or whatever; I forward the information like normal and everybody's held accountable. I don't just go to the Senior Center, I don't just look at the Fire Department. I look at the Police Department. I look at everybody, everybody. City Hall, everybody. I ask questions about everybody. Nobody is protected in this city. You do what you're supposed to do or you need to go. Point blank, period. I'm tired of the nonsense. So, coming into the new year, you already think I'm direct. I'll be even more direct. So, hope everybody have a happy holiday and remember the motto step up or step aside.

**12. Adjournment 10:36 PM**



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**Christine Wilson**  
**City Secretary**

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