

**City of Trenton**  
**Council Work Session Minutes**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order at 6:32pm. All members of Council and necessary members of administration were present. The Mayor then asked for City Manager Marcos Nichols to begin reports. City Manager Marcos Nichols asked that Finance Director, Mike Engel to begin.

Finance Director Mike Engel discussed the correspondence on this evening's agenda. Mr. Engel explained that all fund balances looked good, some have been reimbursed by the sale of property, while others were just funded by the first half of tax settlements. He then explained the then and now motions on the agenda and stated that these were invoices received before a P.O. could be obtained, this is the proper way to stay in compliance. Next he reviewed the legislation on the agenda, stating that it would be the final reading and a vote would be taken on items 1 – 3. He then stated the refuse rate legislation was up for a second reading. Councilman Agee asked if Mr. Engel could give him the dollar amount for the difference of what Rumpke's rates are and what the City charges its residents. Mr. Engel stated he would try to have that answer during the regular Council meeting. He finished by stating Moody's have given their annual comments rating our general debt system. They reported a slightly weak tax base and weak assessment of real property. He then asked when those on the admin committee were available to meet before the tax budget was due. The meeting was scheduled for 5:30pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup> before Council work session. Councilman Nichol then stated if we are planning an admin meeting we should also schedule a safety committee meeting. That was scheduled for 5:30pm on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Next City Manager Marcos Nichols discussed the ordinance up for a first reading amending various Planning and Zoning ordinances. After review explaining most of these changes are directly related to items needing addressed in the Industrial Park, he asked if there were any questions, he then stated that after the first reading this ordinance will need to be recommended to the planning commission.

City Manager Nichols then asked for Service Director Rob Leichman to begin his presentation of the three quotes he and Brad Baker had done in regards to replacing the playground equipment at the community park. Mr. Leichman began a presentation with multiple choices in what is available for us in playground equipment. After a lengthy discussion, and concern for the timeline, Council determined to have this presented to the parks board at a special meeting and receive their input. Vice Mayor Perry will reach out to the parks board members and get a meeting scheduled.

City Manager Nichols then requested an executive session. Vice Mayor Perry made a motion to go into executive session at 7:22pm to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal

financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

A motion to come out of executive session and adjourn the Council work session by Vice Mayor Perry, followed by a second by Councilman Agee. Roll call was taken; 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The regular work session was adjourned at 7:51pm.