

ORDINANCE NO. 22-306

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A PLATINUM PANEL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, The City of Woodcreek has in existence boards, commissions, and committees. These entities are advisory bodies to the City Council. The boards, commissions, and committees are accountable to the City Council, and, thereby, to the electorate.

WHEREAS, The City of Woodcreek seeks to be inclusive and transparent regarding its business.

WHEREAS, The City of Woodcreek values its citizens' talents, input, and ideas in helping shape our city.

WHEREAS, The City of Woodcreek seeks to involve its citizens in their local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS:

I. FINDING OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

II. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

III. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to record and publish the language of this Ordinance, and any changes thereto, in the City's Code of Ordinances.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and the publication of caption of this ordinance.

V. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was attended by a quorum of the City Council, was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 9th day of March 2022, by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays to 0 Abstentions of the City Council of Woodcreek, Texas.

CITY OF WOODCREEK:

ATTEST:


Jeff Rasch, Mayor


Brenton B. Lewis, Interim City Secretary

PLATINUM PANEL

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This subchapter shall be commonly cited as the "Platinum Panel."

§ 30.81 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to create a Platinum Panel which shall: (1) advise the City Council on roads, traffic, drainage, and funding sources related to all transportation, including alternative forms; (2) secure public input in this process; and (3) promote transparency in the process of creating a Master Transportation Plan and assist in advising on decisions to secure funding for road improvements. The Platinum Panel shall be viewed as an independent body.

§ 30.82 Creation & Composition

The Platinum Panel is hereby created. The Platinum Panel may consist of seven (7) members: five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members. Each of Woodcreek's five (5) Councilmembers shall make one (1) regular member appointment to the Platinum Panel. The Mayor will make two (2) alternate member appointments to the Platinum Panel, specifically a first and second alternate. All appointments shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council. In the event any Councilmembers or the Mayor refuses or is unable to make an appointment, the vacancy may be filled by the majority vote of the remaining members of the City Council. No member of the Platinum Panel may be a present member of the City Council.

§ 30.83 Terms, Resignation, Vacancy, & Removal

- (a) The terms of each member (regular and alternate) of the Platinum Panel shall be concurrent with the Councilmember who appointed each member and will expire upon the appointing Councilmember's term in office ending, either by expiration or resignation, but may be reconsidered for a seat on the Platinum Panel.

- (b) Any member of the Platinum Panel may resign by submitting written notice to the Chairperson of the Platinum Panel. Resignation will be effective when sent. Upon receipt of written notice of resignation, the Chairperson of the Platinum Panel shall promptly send such resignation to the Mayor.
- (c) If a vacancy occurs on the Platinum Panel, the vacancy shall be filled by the Councilmember who appointed the resigning member.
- (d) Members of the Platinum Panel may be removed from the Platinum Panel by a simple majority vote of the Councilmembers, and at a meeting of the Woodcreek City Council for which such a vote has been properly noticed.

§ 30.84 Duties & Meetings

- (a) The Platinum Panel shall meet to consider roads, traffic, drainage, and funding sources related to all transportation, including alternative forms with the goal of creating a Master Transportation Plan for the Comprehensive Plan and to establish a timeline and funding choice for road improvements. To accomplish these tasks, the Platinum Panel shall study, investigate, and develop a recommendation or plan to present to Council for approval. This may occur in stages and shall be completed in accordance with any deadlines established by the City Council. The Platinum Panel should be prepared to provide monthly reports at regular meetings of the City Council.
- (b) The Platinum Panel shall meet at least once a month until completion of the Master Transportation Plan and establish a Council approved plan for road improvements and the funding of said improvements. Upon completion of these tasks and their subsequent approval by Council, the Platinum Panel may be discharged of their duties and disbanded until such time they, a Platinum Panel, may be needed again in the future for a review and update of the Master Plan or for planning additional road or mobility improvements.
- (c) Any recommendation of the Platinum Panel regarding roads, traffic, drainage, and funding sources related to all transportation, including alternative forms and the Master Transportation Plan shall result from a majority vote of the regular members of the Platinum Panel. However, any recommendation of the Platinum Panel regarding roads, traffic, drainage, and funding sources related to all transportation, including alternative forms and the Master Transportation Plan is merely a recommendation and is not binding on the City Council. Any final decision on roads, traffic, drainage, and funding sources related to all transportation, including alternative forms and the Master Transportation Plan rests with the City Council.

§ 30.85 Officers

- (a) The Platinum Panel shall choose its own officers from among its members. Officers shall be elected for terms of one (1) year by majority vote of its membership present, including alternates. Officers shall include Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

(b) The Chairperson's sole duty shall be to preside over at all meetings in accordance with any rules the Platinum Panel may establish. The Chairperson may vote. If the Chairperson fails or refuses to act, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. If the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, any committee member may be appointed by the committee to preside over the meeting. The committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 30.86 Open Meetings Act

The Platinum Panel shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, commonly referred to as the Open Meetings Act, including posting notices and agendas. The Platinum Panel agenda shall have a Public Comments section allowing the public the right to speak.

City Staff shall post a notice of quorum for all meetings of the Platinum Panel so that all members of the governing body may attend all meetings of the Platinum Panel.