

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Joe P. Rodriguez

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Brauning, Clyde D. Loll, Mari Montgomery

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Brenda Poe, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] The workshop was cancelled prior to the meeting.

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES - U.S. Flag and Texas Flag: *Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.*

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez gave the invocation and led the pledges.

PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION

- Young local artists from Huntsville ISD were recognized
- Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez read a proclamation for Texas Week – March 1-7, 2020
- Kerrick Henny Texas gave a presentation on Texas Back In Business, offered through the Texas General Land Office.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comments will be called for by the presiding officer before action is taken on these items. (Approval of Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendations. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion by request of a member of Council.)

- a. Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 4, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. **SECOND READING -** Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for Architectural Services for the design of Bond Prop 2 projects including City Hall and the Service Center, second reading. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager, and Y.S. “Ram” Ramachandra, City Engineer]
- c. **SECOND READING –** Consider Ordinance 2020-16 amending Article 4: Use Regulations; Article 5: Lot and Setback Regulations; Article 8: Signs; Article 10: Infrastructure and Public Improvements; Article 12: Development Review and Approval Procedures; and Article 15: Terminology and Definitions in the Development Code of the City of Huntsville, second reading. [Planning]
- d. Consider the purchase of new playground equipment to replace the existing playground equipment at Kate Barr Ross Park. [Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure]
- e. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve a supply agreement with Badger Meter for water meters, software and associated supply items. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]
- f. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the FY 2021 Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Criminal Justice Grant Program for \$84,268.10 and adopting Resolution 2020-16 in support of same. [Kristie R. Hadnot, Grants Manager]
- g. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the 2020 Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) State Homeland Security Program Grant for \$31,500 and adopting Resolution 2020-17 in support of same. [Kristie R. Hadnot, Grants Manager]

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to approve the consent agenda with approval to correction of the date on the minutes presented; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 6-0. Councilmember Howard Mullins asked the minutes to reflect a statement asking staff to consider contractors selected for future projects reflect the core values of city.

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **Consider Resolution 2020-15 in support of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Housing Tax Credits for Fish Pond Living at Huntsville, LP, a senior rental housing development proposed to be located in the 100 block of FM 247. [Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services / Building Official]**

Councilmember Howard Mullins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15 in support of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Housing Tax Credits for Fish Pond Living at Huntsville, LP, a senior rental housing development proposed to be located in the 100 block of FM 247; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 6-0.

- b. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for a feasibility study on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Community Center. [Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the architectural firm Burditt Consultants, LLC to proceed with the feasibility study of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Community Center; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 6-0.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. **Consider Resolution 2020-14 in support of the passage of Congressional Bill HR 759, the Ysleta De Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-14 in support of in support of the passage of Congressional Bill HR 759, the Ysleta De Sur Pueblo and Alabama Coushatta tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Howard Mullins. The motion was adopted, 6-0.

4. REQUESTS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for citizens to be heard on any topic and for the City Council to participate in the discussion. No action will be taken.

- a. **Patricia Freeman would like to discuss blocking off the street during the MLK Parade and June 19 Parade.**

Patricia Freeman was not in attendance.

- b. **Judith Ziegler would like to discuss accessibility of City Council chambers for hearing impaired, etc.**

Judith Ziegler was not in attendance.

- c. **Ethel Hawkins would like to discuss Strong Women Stand Together in Prayer and Fasting Against Homelessness in Huntsville, Texas.**

Ethel Hawkins spoke about her efforts to stand as a strong woman in her community.

5. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

6. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez announced the City of Huntsville Main Street Program is excited to host the Huntsville Main Street Music Series at the Old Town Theatre. The public is invited to celebrate some of the finest music and musicians Texas has to offer, featuring Kenny Jackson Jr., Austin English, Kenny Martin Band, and Marcus Lindsey Band. The free music series will take place on four of the five Thursdays in the month of April, including the 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with music starting at 6:30 p.m. Find more information at HuntsvilleTX.gov.

Councilmember Humphrey invited the public to the Walker County Genealogical Society on Sunday, February 16 from 12:30 to 6 for a Winter Genealogy Lock-in! Research help will be available to attendees and lunch will be served. For more information or to register at MyHuntsvilleLibrary.com.

Councilmember Beebe spoke about the upcoming Prison City Film Festival which is back for more in 2020! The four-day international Independent Film Festival will take place at the Old Town Theatre on 12th Street, starting Wednesday, Feb. 26 through Saturday, Feb. 29th. For more information, visit PrisonCityFilmFestival.com.

Councilmember Irving reminded city residents that the City of Huntsville Solid Waste Division will be hosting the quarterly FREE residential community-wide cleanup from March 2-7. Large roll off dumpsters will be available in all four wards from 7 a.m. Monday to 4 p.m. Saturday. No electronics, commercial dumping, tires, liquid waste or flammable liquids are allowed. The dumpsters will be: Ward 1 - Jury overflow parking at the corner of Avenue M and 12th Street; Ward 2 - Josey Park; Ward 3 - Emancipation Park; and Ward 4 - Broadmoor cul-de-sac by Brookhollow. For more information, call 294-5712.

Councilmember Howard Mullins reiterated that the Census Bureau will begin mailing out information for four ways to respond. They include online, by phone, by mail and in person. There are multiple levels of languages to accommodate an easier completion of the survey online or by phone. Each completed survey is a building block to a better America and #HomeSweetHuntsville. Learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and how to participate at 2020census.gov.

Councilmember Davidhizar asked the public to join Councilmembers and staff for the Pancake Supper Fundraiser by the Huntsville Kiwanis Club annual from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, February 21. \$5 gets you all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and breakfast beverages! Cash only. All funds will go to support the library's literacy efforts.

City Manager Aron Kulhavy introduced the new City Librarian Rachel McPhail to the council.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on the annexation of Area E and the annexation of areas "A" thru "G" and lawsuits filed in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville, regarding said annexation. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**
- b. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, concerning City Secretary Brenda Poe.**

- c. **City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on claims filed by Jason January with the TWC and EEOC against the City. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriquez announced that item 7b was postponed until March 3, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriquez adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:14 p.m.

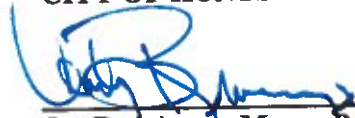
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ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Joe Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

Andy Brauning, Mayor