

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF MARCH 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 (*arrived at 6:01 p.m.*), Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Joe P. Rodriguez, Mari Montgomery, Clyde D. Loll

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Brauning

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

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.*

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez read a proclamation in support of the 2020 Census.

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 March 3, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve an annual purchase order of various road and drainage materials from Vulcan Materials for a one-year term with option to renew for one year. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]
- c. **SECOND READING - Consider approval of Ordinance 2020-17 denying CenterPoint Energy rate increase application, second reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation (H-GALDC) Community Enhancement Grant, designating the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative, and adopting Resolution 2020-19 in support of same. [Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development/Special Projects; Tracy Chappell, Main Street Manager; Kristie Hadnot, Grants Manager]

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to authorize the City Manager to apply for a Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation (H-GALDC) Community Enhancement Grant for \$12,025, plus \$12,025 in matching funds, designate the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative, and adopt Resolution 2020-19 in support of same; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

- b. **FIRST READING - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-18 to approve regulating the operation of Personal Mobility Devices, first reading. [Darryle Slaven, Asst. Chief of Police]**

First reading, no action taken.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Consider proposal by Entergy Texas Inc. to adopt a mark-to-market tax position on existing purchase power agreements and receive an accounting order from the Public Utility Commission. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]

No action was taken.

- b. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to authorize the Mayor to extend any Declaration of Disaster past the original 7 days for a period to be determined by City Council by adoption of Ordinance 2020-19. [Andy Brauning, Mayor]

Councilmember Montgomery made a motion to approve the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntsville Texas extending the disaster declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on March 13, 2020, in response to the novel Coronavirus now designated as COVID-19 and authorizing public expenditures and other findings; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Howard Mullins. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

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.

None.

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 said the City of Huntsville is encouraging all citizens to use online services to pay bills, fines or tickets, to request permits and follow all major announcements at HuntsvilleTX.gov. While several locations are closed to the public, staff is still available to assist via email and phone. Reach out today to get help with City business.

Councilmember Howard Mullins said citizens should have received their 2020 Census in the mail by now. She encouraged citizens to complete the application online, by phone or by mail. There are return envelopes included that can be left for mail carriers to send off from your mailbox. Everyone counts, so count everyone!

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]

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:54 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Jose Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem