

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF JUNE 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, Bert Lyle, Joe P. Rodriguez, Andy Brauning, Clyde D. Loll, Mari Montgomery

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauning 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 Blake Irving gave the invocation and Mayor Brauning led the pledges.

1. PROCLAMATION

- **Men's Health Month.**

2. 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 May 19, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. **SECOND READING - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the construction for FY 2018-2019 Miscellaneous Waterline Replacement Project (No. 19-10-06), second reading. [Y. S. "Ram" Ramachandra, City Engineer]**
- c. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and adopt Resolution 2020-22. [Kristie Hadnot, Grants Manager]
- d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase surplus equipment from ESD #2 related to the annexation of Area "E". [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]
- e. Consider approval of the purchase of eight MSA air packs and associated items. [Greg Mathis, Fire Chief]

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent 2a, b, d, e; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Howard Mullins. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

Councilmember Montgomery pulled item 2c for discussion. Councilmember Rodriguez made the motion to authorize the City Manager to apply for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and adopt Resolution 2020-22; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 9-0

3. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Consider adopting the Economic Development 2020 - 2023 Strategic Plan. [Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development/Special Projects]

Councilmember Loll made a motion to adopt the Economic Development 2020 - 2023 Strategic Plan; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Beebe. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. **FIRST READING - Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2020-28 making required EPA Streamlining Rule required modifications to the existing Industrial Wastewater Ordinance, Section 46 of the City of Huntsville Code of Ordinances which provides the legal authority for the Industrial Pretreatment Program, first reading. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Public Works Director]**

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-28 approving the required EPA Streamlining Rule modifications to the existing Industrial Wastewater Ordinance, Section 46 of the City of Huntsville Code of Ordinances which provides the legal authority for the Industrial Pretreatment Program; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. **Consider approving nominee for City boards, committees, and commissions. [Andy Brauning, Mayor]**

The Mayor moved his nominations. The motion was adopted, 9-0. Councilmember Howard Mullins requested a brief biography on future board appointments.

5. 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.

Travis Thomas would like to discuss amendments to Vehicle for Hire ordinance that includes Independent drivers.

Mr Thomas was not in attendance.

6. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

7. 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.)

The Mayor announced the City of Huntsville and Huntsville Independent School District joined forces today to support the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and Workforce Solutions, to place 16 to 24 years old individuals in summer jobs and internships. Qualifying individuals will be placed in an internship with a salary of \$10 per hour paid by Workforce Solutions or a job with a local business or organization who will pay the salary. We are asking Huntsville and Walker County businesses and service organizations to support this effort by providing safe work and learning environments. We are committed to place as many individuals from our community as possible. For further information, contact Nikita Bridges at 281-500-0356 or at nikita.bridges@wrksolutions.com.

Councilmember Howard Mullins spoke about the Ministry of Light Church will be hosting a Cleanup from 11th Street to Thomason at Emancipation Park and from Martin Luther King Dr over to Elm Street in front of Greater Zion from 8 am to noon Saturday June 13. The Ministry of Light Church is the kickoff location at 215 Highway 30 East. Also, I will be attending a Peaceful Protest in the City of Willis at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, beginning at Lagways Bail Bonds. I encourage citizens to join me with Councilmember from Willis.

Councilmember Humphrey reminded citizens the Cleaner, Greener Huntsville kicks off on Monday, June 8 and runs through June 13th at 4 p.m. The several of the rolloffs will be in new locations. Please check out Facebook for more information or call 936-294-5712.

Councilmember Beebe mentioned there are several locations hosting food distributions for families in need. The Good Shepherd Mission has confirmed the Houston Food Bank truck will be arriving this Thursday, June 4 as scheduled. The Covenant with Christ Walker County will continue to host a Distribution Super Site Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m. at Sam Houston State University's Bowers Stadium parking lot. The Huntsville Junior Service League will also be hosting a Mobile Food Truck on Saturday, June 13.

Councilmember Montgomery read a statement regarding the death of George Floyd and Amaud Arbery. Councilmember Howard Mullins then invited members of the public to attend a protest Saturday, June 6, at 9:30 am to noon at the Walker County Courthouse. She also mentioned a Juneteenth Unity Rally on Saturday, June 20, beginning with a march. More information will be forthcoming. She also read a statement about the remodeling of the MLK Center.

Mayor Pro Tem made a statement about the video of the death of George Floyd. Councilmember Irving also made a statement of marches and rallies that have already occurred in the City and applauded the police response and the individuals that participated. He encouraged community partnerships. Councilmember Howard Mullins reported on a Transportation meeting held with HGAC discussing a study for needs in the City. The Mayor then read a statement published on Monday on the City of Huntsville website.

8. 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 7:04 p.m.

9. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened 7:17 p.m.

10. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY continued

- a. Consideration, discussion and possible action to approve settlement agreement with Plaintiffs Danny L Billingsley, Ragna Lynn Billingsley, GOAB Investments, LP, Champe W. Miller, Champe W. Miller Corporation, Perry and Eloise Little Living Trust, J.L. Gaut, Over & Under Properties, LLC, FM 1791, LLC and Thomas R. Cole, Jr. in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville.

Mayor Brauninger asked staff to move item 10a to the June 16, 2020 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:18 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Andy Brauninger, Mayor