

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**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, Mari Montgomery

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Clyde D. Loll

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

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**WORKSHOP [4:30 P.M.]** – The City Council will hear a presentation on Bond Proposition 2 excess funding and code enforcement practices.

**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.*

Mayor Brauning gave the invocation and led the pledges.

**PROCLAMATION**

- Juneteenth

**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 June 2, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. Consider adopting “Guidelines for Filming in Huntsville, Texas”. [Tammy Gann, Director of Economic Development/Special Projects]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Howard Mullins. The motion was adopted. 8-0.

**2. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Infrastructure Management Services to perform a Street Condition Assessment. [Brent Sherrod, P.E., Director of Public Works]

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Infrastructure Management Services (IMS) to perform a Street Condition Assessment in the amount of \$95,114.00; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted. 8-0.

- b. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2020-23 authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, City Staff and the City’s Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel to proceed with all necessary processes and documents in connection with the sale of Certificates of Obligation for constructing, acquiring, improving, renovating, expanding and equipping City park and recreational facilities including the City’s existing MLK Community Center; and constructing, acquiring, improving,

**renovating, expanding and equipping an animal shelter including the purchase of any necessary land. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director, and Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

Councilmember Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-23 authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director, City Staff and the City's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel to proceed with all necessary processes and documents in connection with the sale of Certificates of Obligation for constructing, acquiring, improving, renovating, expanding and equipping City park and recreational facilities including the City's existing MLK Community Center; and constructing, acquiring, improving, renovating, expanding and equipping an animal shelter including the purchase of any necessary land; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyle. The motion was adopted. 8-0.

**3. 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. 6-2, with Councilmember Howard and Irving voting against. Councilmember Montgomery said she was thankful for the glimpse into the appointment. Councilmember Howard made a statement about diverse representation on advisory boards and commissions.

**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.)**

The Mayor announced the City of Huntsville celebrated the Premier of Bond Proposition 3 on Friday with a ribbon cutting in conjunction with the Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce. The event marked the completion of Water and Wastewater improvements approved by voters in 2016. We had several former City Councilmembers join us. While there are some small items to be completed, we mark the first proposition as a success. We also held a drive through lunch for staff in honor of Public Works Week.

Councilmember Beebe reported on the inaugural Stop Distracted Driving Fun Run benefiting the Peyton Irwin Memorial Scholarship Fund was held on June 6 with over 350 participants. Billy and Deanna Irwin are members of the City of Huntsville family, with many community supporters. Staff and I showed support by attending the event. Stop distracted driving, for the sake of others. Find out more about the scholarship fund on Facebook.

Councilmember Irving invited the public to the Juneteenth CommUNITY Walk will be held Saturday, June 20, starting with a march from Sam Houston Cultural Center to MLK along the parade route. There will be shuttle buses from Emancipation Park to the Center and rest stops along the parade route. A program will start at 11 at the park. The community from all walks of life are invited to come join us as together we can make a difference.

Councilmember Howard Mullins spoke about the Ministry of Light Baptist Church, with the support of the City of Huntsville Council, held a Ministry of Light Annual Community Clean-Up on Saturday June 13. It

was a productive day for the Church and City with volunteers working hard to clean up their neighborhoods. A special thank you to Huntsville Community Policing Officer David Warner for joining us. Rev. Tommy Manual spoke about the success of the partnership.

City Secretary Brenda Poe showed a video about the 2020 Census and a new Economic Development campaign name Huntsville First explained by Economic Development Director Tamara Gann.

**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 6:39 p.m.

**8. RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened 6:59 p.m.

**9. 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 Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to approve the settle agreements of Over & Under Properties LLC and FM 1791 LLC in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville; the motion was seconded by Councilmembers Beebe and Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brauningger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:01 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Poe, City Secretary

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Andy Brauningger, Mayor