

**MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 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, Clyde D. Loll, Mari Montgomery

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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**WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.]** – The Council heard presentations on Health Insurance and Bond Proposition 2 updates.

**MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Brauning called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Clyde Loll gave the invocation and Mayor Brauning led the pledges.

**PROCLAMATION** – Mayor Brauning presented a proclamation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment.

**PRESENTATION** – Finance Director Steve Ritter provided an update on the Budget Process.

**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 August 4, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. Consider adopting Resolution 2020-26 naming the Designated Authorized Signatories, Civil Rights Officer, Labor Standards Officer, and Section 3 Coordinator for the 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) project under Contract Award #20-065-128-C439, from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). [Kristie Hadnot, Grants Manager]
- c. Consider adopting Resolution 2020-27 to update and reaffirm various required Civil Rights Policies, as required for program compliance to administer the 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) under Contract Award #20-065-128-C439, from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). [Kristie Hadnot, Grants Manager]
- d. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-40 to amend the budget for FY 19-20 and/or CIP Project budgets. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]

Councilmember Beebe made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Loll. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

**2. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- a. Consider adopting Ordinance 2020-38 authorizing the issuance of City of Huntsville, Texas general obligation bonds, Series 2020; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the bonds; approving an official statement, a paying agent/registrars agreement and other related

**documents; awarding the sale of the bonds and authorizing other matters relating to the bonds.  
[Steve Ritter, Finance Director]**

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-38 authorizing the issuance of City of Huntsville, Texas general obligation bonds, Series 2020; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the bonds; approving an official statement, a paying agent/registrars agreement and other related documents; awarding the sale of the bonds and authorizing other matters relating to the bonds; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. Hilltop Securities Managing Director Boyd London and Associate Bat Taniguchi presented the Council with a pricing book from sales made Tuesday morning. Boyd introduced McCall Parkhurst & Horton Clayton Chandler from the Bond Council. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

- b. Consider adopting Ordinance 2020-39 authorizing the issuance of City of Huntsville, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the Certificates; approving an official statement, a paying agent/registrars agreement and other related documents; awarding the sale of the Certificates and authorizing other matters relating to the Certificates. [Steve Ritter, Finance Director]**

Councilmember Montgomery made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-39 an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Huntsville, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax in support of the Certificates; approving an official statement, a paying agent/registrars agreement and other related documents; awarding the sale of the Certificates and authorizing other matters relating to the Certificates; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lyle. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

### **3. 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.**

Mayor Brauning allowed Carol Barrett to address the Council regarding a scheduled executive session item regarding the sale of property owned by St. Thomas Catholic Church.

### **4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **5. 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 reminded the public the November 3, 2020 election is right around the corner. Early voting begins October 13th for the four at-large positions on City Council. If you have not registered to vote, please do so by October 5th. For more information, log on to [www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Elections](http://www.HuntsvilleTX.gov/Elections).

Councilmember Humphrey announced the Huntsville Public Library will resume curbside service on Wednesday, August 19. Patrons may reserve library materials online through our catalog or may call the library at 936-291-5472 to request a specific title. Once items are ready for pickup, patrons will be contacted. Patrons may pick up their items by ringing the library doorbell between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. The doorbell is located next to the library's main entrance. Please have your library card number with you when you come to pick up your items. For more information, please contact the library at 936-291-5472.

Councilmember Beebe recognized that Huntsville Independent School District will begin school tomorrow, August 19th. The Huntsville City Council wants to wish all students, staff and teachers a wonderful school

year. Sting 'em Hornets.

Councilmember Montgomery announced the City of Huntsville, Walker County, Huntsville Memorial Hospital & the Walker County Hospital District have joined together to offer residents FREE drive-thru COVID testing MON-FRI 4-8pm & SAT-SUN 8am-noon at 125 Medical Park Drive. Registration required at 936-293-4619.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters regarding Raven’s Nest Golf Course.
- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property on Martin Luther King Drive.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the City Attorney and or the Mayor to execute a lease buyout agreement for Raven Nest Golf Course with Sam Houston State University in the amount of \$2,705,000; Councilmember Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 9-0.

**7. RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

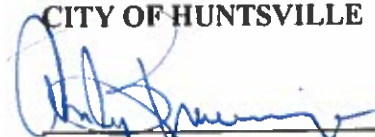
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:46 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Poe, City Secretary

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Andy Brauninger, Mayor