



**CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Hutto, Texas was held on the 16th day of January 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 W. Live Oak, Hutto, TX 78634, for which proper notice was given.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

With a quorum of the members present, Mayor Gaul called the session to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Mike Snyder, Councilmember Peter Gordon, Councilmember Patti Martinez and Councilmember Tanner Rose.

Members of staff that were present were Charles W. Daniels, Interim City Manager; Byron Frankland, Assistant City Manager; Paul Hall, Chief of Police; Ashley Lumpkin, Executive Director Infrastructure & Development Services; Jessica Bullock, Director of Economic Development; Ashby Grundman, Development Services Director; Allison Hosgood, Executive Director of Organizational Development and Human Resources; Michel Sorrell, Assistant City Manager and CFO; Stacy Schmitt, Assistant to the City Manager and Appointed City Secretary; Donna Simmons, Director of Communications; Jennifer Atkinson, Communications Specialist; Tony Host, Executive Director of Community Services; Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director; and Bill Bingham, City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Byron Frankland, Assistant City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Charles Daniels, Interim City Manager recommended that items 10B, 10C, 10D, 11B, and 12A be tabled to the January 23, 2020 meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hines to table these items to the January 23rd meeting. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder

Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously by 7 Ayes to 0 Nay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from the following:

Lauren McAndrews, with Opportunities for WBC, extended an invite to the Community Forum/Focus Group Meeting on February 4th from 10 am to 12 noon, lunch to be provided. The group will discuss the needs within the community.

Ed Pride, 101 Cottonwood Dr., regarding a cap on senior citizens property tax rates at the current rate. Seniors are affected by increasing property appraisals, rate increases. Suggested that this be placed on the May ballot and allow the citizens to vote.

Paul Martin, 115 Beuscher Cove, regarding tax breaks, and citizens should show respect for the mayor and council.

Robin Sutton, 505 East, regarding investigations in the City Manager's office and accountability in leadership and management of the City.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of Hutto reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 *Litigation/Consultation with Attorney*, 551.072 *Deliberations regarding real property*, 551.073 *Deliberations regarding gifts and donations*, 551.074 *Deliberations regarding personnel matters*, 551.076 *Deliberations regarding deployment/implementation of security personnel or devices* and 551.087 *Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations*.

Comments from Robin Sutton: Most of the citizens know what is going on even though there is confidentiality in Executive Sessions. There should be accountability to the citizens.

7.A Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.017, Consultation with Attorney and Texas Government Code Section 551.074, regarding personnel matters, including but not limited to former City Manager, and potential litigation as well as deliberations regarding personnel matters.

The Open Meeting was recessed at 7:18 p.m. to convene an Executive Session in accordance with authority contained in Texas Government Code Sections 551.017 and 551.074. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The Open Meeting was reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

8. **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 8.A. Consideration and possible action concerning the final report of the Third Party independent investigation in to the City Manager's office.

Comments from Robin Sutton: Requests to know what is in the report and make the report public.

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve finalizing the Third Party independent investigation final report. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

 Nays Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines

Action: The motion carried by 6 ayes, 1 nay.

9. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

- 9.A. Presentation of City Financials for the Months of November 2019 and December 2019 as required by the fiscal and budgetary policy. (Michel Sorrell)

A presentation of the financial reports was given by Michel Sorrell. There was discussion with no action taken.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 10.A. Consideration and possible recommendation on the proposed Highlands North Section 1 Final Plat, 90.378 acres, more or less, of land, 120 residential lots, located on CR 133 at CR 132. (Ashley Lumpkin)

- 10.B. Consideration and possible action to approve the December 16, 2019 and December 18, 2019 City Council Work Session. (Lacie Hale)

Item tabled to the January 23, 2020 meeting.

- 10.C. Consideration and possible action to approve the December 30, 2019 Regular City Council minutes. (Lacie Hale)

Item tabled to the January 23, 2020 meeting.

- 10.D. Consideration and possible action to approve the January 2, 2020 Regular City Council minutes. (Lacie Hale)

Item tabled to the January 23, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion to approve item 10.A on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

11. **ORDINANCES**

- 11.A. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance approving the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 411, 421, 431, 441 Ed Schmidt Boulevard, 4.30 acres, more or less, of land, located on Ed Schmidt Boulevard. (Ashley Lumpkin)

A briefing was provided by Ashley Lumpkin, Executive Director Infrastructure and Development Services.

Mayor Gaul opened the Public Hearing at 10:15 p.m. for comments. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:15 p.m.

Original Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to amend the previous motion to include that there cannot be any windows of rooms with living spaces on the end facing residential areas. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

- 11.B. Consideration and possible action on amending the ordinance for the City of Hutto fee schedule concerning Article 4.000 Public Facility Rentals. (Tony Host)

This item was tabled.

- 11.C. Consideration and possible action on the second reading of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget to reflect organizational changes, revision and addition of Capital Improvement Projects, amendments to the Public Improvement District Funds, and other miscellaneous adjustments. (Michel Sorrell)

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-20-01-16-11C as presented. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

- 11.D. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition) Section 802 regarding Alarm Permits. (Bill Bingham)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines

Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

12.A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution ordering the May 2, 2020 General Election for the purpose of electing City Council, Place 1, and City Council, Place 4. (Lacie Hale)

This item was tabled.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13.A. Consideration of and possible removal and appointments to City Boards, Commissions and Local Government Corporations. (Lacie Hale)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to appoint John Klein to the Planning & Zoning Commission provided that an application has been received by the City Secretary's office. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

13.B. Presentation on the Athletic Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Hutto and Hutto Youth Baseball and Softball Association. (Tony Host)

There was discussion with no action taken.

13.C. Consideration and possible action on the proposed scope of the Communications Technology Task Force and the ADA Task Force. (Stacy Schmitt, Donna Simmons, and Jennifer Atkinson)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve the proposed scope as written with revisions to include 7 members (residents of City and ETJ) with a 1 year term, deadline for submitting applications to be February 5th. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

13.D. Discussion and possible action on Senior Tax and Homestead Exemption (Michel Sorrell)

Comments from Paul Martin regarding the homestead exemptions and senior tax exemptions that the City needs to take care of the elderly and help seniors over 65 with a cap on property taxes.

Original Motion: Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion for staff to prepare an ordinance for the freeze or ceiling at age 65 and to include data for revenue impact on this option. Mayor Pro Tem Hines seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

Amended Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hines made a motion to amend the previous motion to include data for all 3 options. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

13.E. Consideration and possible action regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for City Manager search firm. (Allison Hosgood)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve the Request for Proposal from search firms for recruiting a new City Manager. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

Comments from Robin Sutton regarding getting to see the information in an unredacted form.

13.F. Consideration and possible action concerning the public information request and subsequent release of 1,200+/- pages of legal invoices between McGinnis Lochridge and the City of Hutto from 2017-2020. (Councilmember Mike Snyder)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve the release of 1200 pages in an unredacted form. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion. After discussion, Councilmember Snyder withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Councilmember Martinez to table any action at this time. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose
 Councilmember Mike Snyder
 Councilmember Peter Gordon
 Councilmember Patti Martinez
 Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

13.G. Consideration and possible action on appointments to the WCCHD – Williamson County and Cities Health District. (Mayor Doug Gaul)

Motion: Councilmember Gordon made a motion to table any action to the next meeting or first available meeting. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
 Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
 Councilmember Scott Rose

Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Martinez
Councilmember Tanner Rose

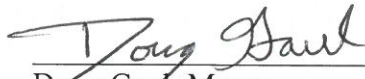
Action: The motion carried unanimously by 7 ayes, 0 nay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

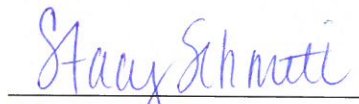
Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF HUTTO



Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary



These minutes were approved on February 27, 2020.