



**CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2020**

A Special Session of the City Council of Hutto, Texas was held on the 23rd day of January 2020, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 W. Live Oak, Hutto, TX 78634, for which proper notice was given.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

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, and Councilmember Tanner Rose. It was noted that Councilmember Patti Martinez was not in attendance.

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; Michel Sorrell, Assistant City Manager and CFO; Allison Hosgood, Executive Director of Organizational Development and Human Resources; 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 Michael Shaunessy, City Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gaul opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion to table everything listed on the agenda with exception of 9.C. due to failure to receive the backup material in a timely manner. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes	Councilmember Tanner Rose
Nays	Mayor Doug Gaul Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines Councilmember Scott Rose

Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon

Action: The motion failed by a vote of 1 Aye and 5 Nays.

Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Nays Mayor Doug Gaul
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon

Action: The motion failed by a vote of 2 Ayes and 4 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received from the following:

Paul Martin comments were regarding respecting Roberts Rules of Order.

Nicole Calderone commented on elections, pending litigations, and accountability to the citizens.

Robin Sutton commented on the investigation of the City Manager's office, conflict of interest, legal services invoices.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Charles Daniels, Interim City Manager, recommended that Item 8.B. be tabled. Councilmember Gordon made a motion to move 12.A (Work session with the Parks Advisory Board) up on the agenda after 7.A to allow for further discussion. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 6 ayes and 0 nays.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7A. Consideration and possible action to approve the December 30, 2019 Regular City Council minutes. (Stacy Schmitt)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A as presented. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously by 6 ayes and 0 nays.

12. **WORK SESSION**

12.A. Work Session with Parks Advisory Board. (Mayor Doug Gaul)

Parks Board Members Rose McMillin, Katie Weiss, Dan Thornton, and Perry Savard participated in the discussion of (1) a parks foundation; (2) Glenwood Splash Pad; and (3) Board members roles and responsibilities.

There was discussion with no action being taken.

RESOLUTIONS

- 8A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the plat version for the Final Subdivision Plat of Meadows at Cottonwood Creek Phase One, recorded as Document No. 2009-067576, in the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas. (Ashley Lumpkin)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-01-23-8A as presented. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 5 ayes and 0 nay.

Councilmember Mike Snyder recused himself due to a potential conflict.

- 8B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution considering the adoption of the City of Hutto Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. (Jeff White)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-01-23-8B adopting the Open Space Master Plan as presented. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon

Nay Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay.

- 8C. 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. (Stacy Schmitt)

Comments from Nicole Calderone announcing her candidacy for Councilmember Place 4.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-01-23-8C ordering the May 2, 2020 General Election. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

- 8D. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the city manage to purchase waterline, valves, fire hydrants and appurtenances for the Live Oak Waterline Relocation relating to the Live Oak Street Reconstruction Project as part of the 2018 Proposition A Street and Drainage Bond Program in an amount not to exceed \$79,664.18. (Samuel Ray)

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-01-23-8D as presented. 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

Nay Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9A. Presentation of information requested by Councilman Tanner Rose regarding compensation, including potential merit raises, for employees hired in 2019. (*Allison Hosgood and Misti Hancock*)

Motion: Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion to table the item to a meeting in February. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

- 9B. Consideration of and possible removal and appointments to City Boards, Commissions and Local Government Corporations. (*Stacy Schmitt*)

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to appoint Wendel Teltow to the Parks Advisory Board, pending receipt of his application 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

- 9C. Consideration and potential action regarding approving a settlement between City of Hutto and Emily Parks. (*Michael Shaunessy*)

Comments were received from Nicole Calderone and Robin Sutton regarding the information from the settlement be made public.

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve the separation agreement and to put the agreement on the City's website. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

- 9D. Consideration and possible action regarding establishing a council protocol regarding cancelling City Council Meetings. (*Michael Shaunessy*)

Motion: Councilmember Gordon made a motion that once a meeting has been scheduled and posted, the meeting will continue with Council members available appear ready for the meeting. If there is no quorum available, the meeting is cancelled. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

10. 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] or 551.076 [Deliberations regarding deployment/implementation of security personnel or devices] and 551.087 [Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations].

- 10A. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, for consultation with counsel regarding pending litigation, City of Hutto v. Wolverine.
- 10B. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations and 551.071, for consultation with counsel regarding pending litigation, regarding Project Expansion development.

The Open Meeting was recessed at 9:52 p.m. to convene an Executive Session in accordance with the authority granted by the Texas Government Code. The Executive Session convened at 9:52 p.m. and adjourned at 12:54 a.m. on January 24, 2020. The Open Meeting was reconvened at 12:54 a.m.

11. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11A. Consideration and potential action regarding settlement of City of Hutto v. Wolverine lawsuit.

Original Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve the settlement agreement with payment made from general fund. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to amend the previous motion to wait to make the payment from the proceeds from Preston Hollow. 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 Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

11B. Consideration and potential action regarding Project Expansion development.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to authorize the Cottonwood Development Corporation on the behalf of the City to consider a financing commitment for Project Expansion in the Sports and Entertainment District and proceed with the development of the project; any other parties involved should communicate with the City Manager who will report to the City Council. 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 Tanner Rose

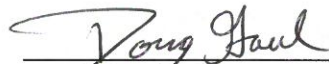
Action: The motion carried unanimously with 6 ayes and 0 nay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 a.m. on January 24, 2020.

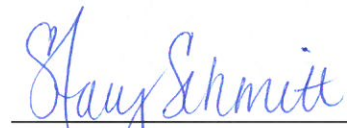
Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS



Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Schmitt, Appointed City Secretary

These minutes were approved on February 27, 2020.

