



**CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2020
AMENDED**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Hutto, Texas was held on February 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 W. Live Oak, Hutto, Texas 78634, for which proper notice was given.

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER

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

2. 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; 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.

3. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Pastor David McLain, Bridge Church, Hutto, Texas.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments from Councilmembers.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

There were none presented.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments were received from the following:

Debbie Holland announced a newly formed group called “Senior Watch” and those attending wearing red are members. They are here in support of senior citizens.

Robin Sutton thanked Council for recent positive changes on Council and commented on the former City Manager.

Terrence Owens commented that there is an open seat on Williamson County Health District and that Hutto needs to be represented on the Board.

James Weaver commented in support of a cap on property taxes for seniors.

Katherine Senn commented in support of a cap on property taxes for seniors and a change in legal counsel.

Ed Pride commented in support of a cap for seniors on property taxes, the city attorney, and installing sidewalks along FM 1660.

Rudy Perez commented on rising utilities costs and making Hutto affordable to live here.

D. J. McPherson spoke in support of senior property tax relief.

8. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

- 8.A. Presentation of the City Financials for the Month of January as well as the monthly investment report as required by the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy. (Michel Sorrell)

Michele Sorrell discussed the monthly financials with Council. There was no action taken.

- 8.B. Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ending 2018. (Michel Sorrell)

Michele Sorrell announced the receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report for 2018.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 9.A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement for renewal with Abescape Landscaping, LLC. (Mark Nunez) *[for right-of-way maintenance]*

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to remove item 9.A from the Consent Agenda and handle it separately. 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 a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nay.

Motion: Councilmember Martinez made a motion to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a renewal contract for professional services with Abescape Landscaping for right-of-way maintenance and to approve Resolution No. R-20-02-20-9A. Mayor Pro Tem Hines seconded the motion.

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

Nays Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion carried by a vote of 5 ayes to 2 nays.

- 9.B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution (Resolution No. R-20-02-20-9B) for the acceptance of street and drainage improvements for the Hutto Square Section 5B subdivision. (Samuel Ray)
- 9.C. Consideration and possible action on a resolution (Resolution No. 20-02-20-9C) for the acceptance of street, drainage, water and wastewater improvements for the Mager Meadows Phase 3 subdivision. (Samuel Ray)
- 9.D. Consideration and possible action on a resolution (Resolution No. R-20-02-20-9D) authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a termination of Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). (Samuel Ray)

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve items 9.B, 9.C, and 9.D on the Consent Agenda. 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 a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nay.

10. ORDINANCES

- 10.A. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition), Article 1.05, Municipal Court. (Lea Ness) *[for creating new local consolidation fees]*

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-20-02-20-10A 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 a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nay.

- 10.B. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition), Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel, Article 2.06 Finances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, A1.000 Development Services, Engineering and Construction, Article A4.000 Public Facility Rentals, Article A5.000 Utilities, A7.000 Library and A8.000 Miscellaneous Fees (Michel Sorrell)

Original Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the exception of Brushy Creek pavilion at the current rate of \$25.00. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

Amendment to motion: Councilmember Snyder made an amendment to the motion to bring all the park rental fees for pavilions down to zero for residents only with the exclusion of the splash pad and keep deposit fees at the proposed rate. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes	Mayor Doug Gaul
	Councilmember Mike Snyder
	Councilmember Peter Gordon

Nays	Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
	Councilmember Scott Rose
	Councilmember Tanner Rose
	Councilmember Patti Martinez

Action: The amendment to the motion failed by a vote of 3 ayes to 4 nays.

Amendment to Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to amend the motion to keep park pavilions at the current fee structure. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The amended motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes to 3 nays.

Proceeded to vote on the original motion to include the 2nd amendment to the motion:

Second motion with amendment: Mayor Pro Tem Hines made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the amendment by Councilmember Snyder *to keep all pavilion fees at the current fee structure and increase deposits at the proposed rate.* Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Nays Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The amended motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes to 3 nays.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- 11.A. A Resolution of Support by the City of Hutto, Texas for the Proposed Low-income Housing Tax Credit Project Carver Ridge Apartments, LP. (Jennifer Burrington. Sandy Watson of Zimmerman Properties).

Comments were received from:

Perry Savard stated concerns that this area floods, increase in traffic, effect on property values, and Brushy Creek.

Veronica Johnson concerned that the area is already saturated with residences, traffic congestion, additional residences, and asked if the project could be moved to a different area.

Nicole Calderone concerned with increased traffic congestion, tax relief for middle class. Duane Bochers concerned the project would attract crime, effect property values, what defines low income.

Motion: Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-02-20-11A 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 a vote of 7 ayes to 0 nays.

Councilmember Patti Martinez was excused at 10:35 p.m.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.A. Consideration and possible appointments to City Boards and Commissions.(Stacy Schmitt)

There was a discussion with no action taken.

- 12.B. Presentation of General Obligation Bond issuance timeline and bond refunding. (Michel Sorrell and City Financial Advisor)

There was a discussion with no action taken.

- 12.C. Presentation, consideration and possible action on City Manager search firm proposals and Council recommendations on top 3 firms for interviews and selection at the special called Council Meeting on February 27, 2020. (Allison Hosgood)

Allison Hosgood advised that proposals were received from SGR, BakerTilly, Affion Public, and Slavin. Council made recommendations for the top 3 firms make presentations at the February 27 meeting. The 3 firms recommended were SGR, BakerTilly, and Affion Public.

- 12.D. Consideration and possible action relating to recommendations for aesthetic elements of the design of the proposed CR 132 overpass project. (Samuel Ray)

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to table the item to the February 27, 2020 meeting. 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 by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

13. 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]*.

There was no Executive Session held.

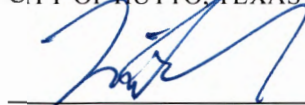
14. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT. Mayor Gaul adjourned the meeting at 11:46 p.m.

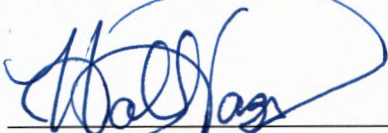
Passed and Approved on December 3, 2020.

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Mike Snyder, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Holly Nagy, City Secretary

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