



**CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2020**

A Special Called Meeting of the City Council of Hutto, Texas was held on February 27, 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 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Mike Snyder, Councilmember Peter Gordon, Councilmember Patti Martinez, and Councilmember Tanner Rose. It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines 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.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. WORK SESSION

A work session is conducted for information and education purposes. No action is taken by Council on items listed.

- 4.A. Work Session regarding current tax revenues, exemptions, and potential legislative impact to the definition of a digital tax. Speakers include Larry Gaddes, Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector; Michel Sorrell, City of

Hutto CFO/ACM; Jennifer Burrington, City of Hutto Economic Development Specialist; Larry Gonzales, Consultant and former State Representative.

There was discussion with no action being taken.

5. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

5.A. General Comments from City Council. Councilmember Gordon requested that on a future meeting date to discuss setting a policy on consulting agreements.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no Proclamations presented.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were received from:

Robin Sutton spoke in support of property tax relief for seniors 65 and over.

David Roark spoke in support of property tax relief for seniors 65 and over and exemptions for veterans with disabilities.

James Weaver spoke in support of tax relief for seniors.

Catherine Breley commented on transparency of council and the role of the executive sessions.

Jean Little spoke that many have limited finances and ask that the council vote to give property tax relief to seniors.

Louise Howell stated she is in favor of tax relief from increasing property rates for seniors.

Paul Martin thanked Council for the job that they do, pointed to the seniors in attendance and encouraged them to support this Council.

8. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the City Manager's office.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

9.A. Consideration and possible action to approve the January 16 and January 23, 2020 Regular City Council minutes. (Stacy Schmitt)

Motion: Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion to approve item 9.A. on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the 2019 Co-Op District Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Annual Project and Financing Report (Michel Sorrell).

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-02-27-10A as presented. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nay.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.A. Update, discussion and possible action on City Legal Services and City Attorney (Charles Daniels, Stacy Schmitt)

Original Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to phase out the agreement with McGinnis and Lochridge and authorize the Interim City Manager to begin working with the Bojorquez Law Firm. 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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Gordon made a motion to amend the previous motion to appoint the Bojorquez Law Firm as City Attorney effective immediately. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

11.B. Consideration and possible appointments to City Boards and Commissions, City Council Liaisons, and Wilco Health District. (Stacy Schmitt)

Motion: Councilmember Gordon made a motion to appoint Laurie Pruser Stockman to the Communications Task Force. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

Motion: Mayor Gaul made a motion to appoint Brian Thompson to the Library Advisory Board. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

Motion: Mayor Gaul made a motion to appoint Terrence Owens to the Wilco Health District. Councilmember Gordon seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

There was discussion of the Council liaisons for the various boards and commissions. The following assignments were made by agreement:

Mayor Doug Gaul – Zoning Board of Adjustment
Councilmember Scott Rose – Library Advisory Board
Councilmember Mike Snyder – Economic Development/CDC
Councilmember Peter Gordon – Planning & Zoning and Communications/IT Task Force
Councilmember Patti Martinez – Parks Advisory Board
Councilmember Tanner Rose – Historic Preservation Commission

11.C. Interviews for City Manager search firms and selection of a firm to engage in conducting the search. (Allison Hosgood)

Motion: Councilmember Gordon made a motion to engage SGR to conduct the search for a City Manager. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nay.

12. 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].

12.A. Consideration and Possible Action from Executive Session.

There was no Executive Session held.

13. ADJOURNMENT. Mayor Gaul adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

/s/

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

Stacy Schmitt, Interim City Secretary

These minutes were approved on _____ April 2, 2020.

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