



**CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hutto, Texas was held on March 5, 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, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Mike Snyder, Councilmember Patti Martinez, and Councilmember Tanner Rose. It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hines and Councilmember Peter Gordon were 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 Dorothy Palumbo, City Attorney.

3. INVOCATION. The invocation was given by Pastor Patrick McKeever, Cross Walk Church.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Mayor Gaul opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gaul requested that Stacy Schmitt provide an update on any announcements concerning the coronavirus. Ms. Schmitt stated that she is in contact with Williamson and Travis counties Public Information Officers on a regular basis and are monitoring conditions daily.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Scott Rose to move item 10.B to after 7.A on the agenda. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nay.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS.** There were none at this time.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Comments were received from the following:

Ida Weaver on the senior property tax exemptions.
James Weaver on the senior property tax exemptions.
David Barnett on the senior property tax exemptions.
Michael Senn on the senior property tax exemptions.
Mary Catherine Bailey on the senior property tax exemptions; water & sewer rates.
Debbie Holland on the senior property tax exemptions.
D. J. McPherson on the senior property tax exemptions.
Nancy Woodcock on the senior property tax exemptions.
Robin Sutton commented on tax rates, water rates, RSI contract for compliance with TCEQ.
Paul Martin commented on the success of the Senior Watch Group and various investigations ongoing in the City.

8. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.** There were none at this time.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

9.A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the Lowe Family Subdivision Final Plat, 8.097 acres, more or less, of land, three residential lots, located within Hutto's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) on Valley Creek Drive. (Ashley Lumpkin)

Motion: Councilmember Tanner Rose made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-20-03-05-9A as presented. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nay.

10. **ORDINANCES**

10.A. Consideration and possible action on the second 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 A2.000 Public Safety , Article A4.000 Public Facility Rentals, Article AS.000 Utilities, A7.000 Library and AS.000 Miscellaneous Fees (Michel Sorrell)

Motion: Councilmember Martinez made a motion to table this item to the March 19, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nay.

10.B. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance for tax exemptions citizens age 65 and over. (Michel Sorrell)

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance providing for exemptions up to \$60,000 for citizens age 65 and over. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nay.

11. **RESOLUTIONS.** There were none at this time.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

There was discussion regarding the positions still open for the Task Force Committee. No action was taken.

12.B. Discussion regarding the "forensic" type audit services and related Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (Michel Sorrell)

Comments from Robin Sutton concerned with the length of time it has taken to start the audit.

Michel Sorrell briefed the Council that currently the year end audit is finishing up. Once it is complete, the forensic audit will begin. Mr. Charles Daniels, Interim City Manager, explained that it is the best practice to not conduct 2 audits at the same time. Bids are due on March 12, 2020. There was discussion with no action taken.

12.C. Police Department Racial Profiling Report (Chief Paul Hall)

Chief Hall briefed the Council on the specifics of the report. There was discussion with no action taken.

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**. There being no further business heard, Mayor Gaul adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

/s/

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

Stacy Schmitt, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on _____ May 7, 2020.

