



CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2020

A Special City Council Work Session of the City Council of the City of Hutto, Texas was held on May 7, 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 5:02 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.

Councilmember Tanner Rose arrived at 5:30 PM.

Absent: MPT Tom Hines

City Staff: Charles W. Daniels, Interim City Manager, Stacy Schmitt, Assistant to the City Manager, Dottie Palumbo, City Attorney

3. **WORK SESSION:**

Update from the Community Development Corporation (CDC) on staff, current projects, processes and activities.

Steven Harris, Chair of CDC spoke about the 5 key directives that City Council gave when the Type B Board was established.

- Implement small business loan program- now disaster relief program.
- Business Retention & Expansion Program- partnered with Hutto Chamber. Survey of business community to see needs.
- Entertainment opportunities (participated in funding for city amphitheater, Chamber events downtown Hutto).
- Gap financing projects- utilizing sales tax revenue when available.
- Development and redevelop parks- utilizing sales tax revenue when available. Some projects identified on hold due to developers not being ready.

Mr. Harris discussed a proposed partnership with City, Chamber & CDC.

The proposed partnership was to be:

- a new organization
- 501(c)(3)-focuses on Economic Development allows companies to donate and get tax write off. Helps funds projects that wouldn't be possible with just sales tax revenue.
- The partnership ran into snags delaying startup. 501(c)(3) process was held up, they were asked to add that 501(c)(3) lessening the burdens of government to its mandate. The lessening of burdens of government adds a lot of extra steps and red tape to set up. This process held up the formation of the partnership. CDC and Chamber board has decided to move forward with original plan.
- hold up on establishing temporary board to work through processes to create 501(c)(3)
- CDC, and Chamber Board appointed their reps. City hasn't appointed anyone yet.
- the partnership can move forward with or without the city.

Discussion ensued regarding a proposed representative from the city.

- 3 reps needed- Councilmembers and/or staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the 5 key directives, staffing and projects with Economic Development. Mr. Harris would like to see the Economic Development team more involved in projects.

Discussion ensued regarding applying for various EDC loans and processes. Information regarding the COVID EDC Loan program is on social media, city website, email, press release. To date 6 loans have been given out under this program.

Discussion ensued regarding the roles and responsibilities of the EDC and the City.

Quarterly CDC agenda item or work session. Discussion ensued regarding city staff and EDC staff communications.

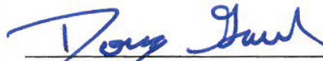
Discussion ensued regarding recipients of CDC loan funds. Discussion ensued regarding revisiting Chapter 505.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:33 PM

PASSED and APPROVED this the 4th day of June, 2020

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Secretary


Doug Gaul, Mayor

