



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2019**

The Hutto City Council met in a special session on Thursday, December 12, 2019, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 W. Live Oak, Hutto, TX 78634.

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 Peter Gordon, Councilmember Patti Martinez and Councilmember Tanner Rose.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager; Michel Sorrell, Assistant City Manager; Byron Frankland, Assistant City Manager; Paul Hall, Chief of Police; Michel Sorrell, Chief Financial Officer; Ashley Lumpkin, Executive Director Infrastructure & Development Services; Jessica Bullock, Director of Economic Development; Stacy Schmitt, Assistant to the City Manager; and Lacie Hale, City Secretary.

Motion: Mayor Gaul motioned to table 6A, and 6C then move items 6B, 6D and 6E to open session. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes	Mayor Doug Gaul
	Councilmember Snyder
	Councilmember Peter Gordon
	Councilmember Tanner Rose

Nays	Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Hines
	Councilmember Patti Martinez

Action: The motion passed with 4 ayes, 2 nays

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments by Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Calderone thanked Council for moving the items from executive to the open sessions. She asked why residents are not receiving responses for their concerns. The pamphlet in the hallway doesn't define what the correct channel is for sharing concerns. Ms. Calderone hopes to see the EDC investigation back on the agenda and a 3.16 investigation be done on Councilmembers too.

Robin Sutton thanked Council for their service. She will continue to fight for Hutto and is grateful that they will have an open session. Ms. Sutton shared that Mayor Gaul needs to resign and wants an update on the EDC investigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 6.A. Executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074, Consultation with Attorney, regarding Threatened Litigation as well as personnel matters.

Item was tabled.

- 6.B. Executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, sections 551.071 and 551.074, Consultation with Attorney, regarding Pending Litigation, namely City of Hutto *v. Wolverine Interests*

Item was discussed in open session.

Robin Sutton asked how many lawsuits the City has to endure. There are so many people talking and not getting answers. At some point we have to say no and people need to take responsibility for their votes and actions.

No Council action was taken.

- 6.C. Executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, deliberations regarding Personnel Matters, regarding interim City Manager.

Item was tabled.

- 6.D. Executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, section 551.074, deliberations regarding general personnel matters within the City.

Item was discussed in open session.

Nicole Calderone brought it to Council's attention that they could suspend the City Manager.

No action was taken.

- 6.E. Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Section 551.072 Real Estate acquisition; and Section 551.087 Economic Development negotiations regarding status of Perfect Game Project and real estate acquisition in connection therewith.

Item was discussed in open session. No action was taken.

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.A. Consideration and possible action regarding threat of litigation.

Robin Sutton expressed that there are small town rumors and put two in two together about what the litigation is about. There are so many secrets and they are going to come out eventually. She looks forward to knowing what this is about.

Motion: Councilmember Martinez motion to move item 7A into Executive Session. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays

Executive Session was held from 7:51 pm to 8:12 pm as authorized by Texas Government Code, sections 551.071 and 551.074.

7.B. Consideration and possible action on appointment of interim City Manager.

Paul Martin shared that it is going to cost a lot of money to find someone. There are good people here. This city is going to go through some hard time, and it will be difficult to find someone who will come work here.

Motion: Councilmember Gordon motioned to engage with SGR and help hire an interim city manager. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays

7.C. Consideration and potential action regarding direction to the City Staff regarding Perfect Game project and real property acquisition.

Motion: Councilmember Snyder motioned to direct city staff to waive contingencies on that parcel tomorrow and proceed with the purchase of the contract and move forward with that project. Councilmember Tanner Rose seconded the motion.

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

Action: The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

These minutes were approved on December 19, 2019.