



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2019**

The Hutto City Council met in a special session on Thursday, July 11, 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 Scott Rose, Councilmember Mike Snyder, Councilmember Peter Gordon, Councilmember Patti Turner 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; Emily Parks, Assistant to the City Manager; Tony Host, Executive Director of Community Services; and Lacie Hale, City Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gaul led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Holland of 104 Hutto Street brought two topics before Council regarding personal responsibility. Citizens of Hutto will be looking to Councilmembers for answers and urged Council to demand documents from the City Manager. At the end of the day, Council is responsible because you are at the top of the organization chart. Her second concern is personnel with the City. Requested Council to look at the turnaround rate when the City Manager started. It is Council's responsibility to question the high turnaround rate, the past two years.

Paul Martin of 115 Bukscher Cove expressed his concerns about scheduling and reserving rooms at city hall. He asked Council if there is an HOA meeting reserved, can it be bumped at the last minute by City Council. The chamber belongs to the city, and meetings are schedule in a timely manner, he asked Council to do the same thing.

Timothy Martin of 216 Quail Circle is interested in agenda item 8A. He shared his experience applying for a position with the City of Hutto, asked why he was denied, and would like an explanation for what an overqualified candidate means.

Mike Fowler requested Council include the Holmstrom House in the budget and shared that he supports paying higher taxes as long as there is a return on services.

Havala Merit of 709 Luna Vista Drive, representative from Hutto Youth Baseball Softball Association, expressed her support for the facilities at Perfect Game and opportunities for the kids in Hutto.

Kevin Grimm of 227 Tolcarue Drive stated that transparency should not be a focus, but respect should be. It makes citizens question what Council is going to accomplish.

Terri Grimm of 227 Tolcarue Drive is beside herself with what has happened with Council within the past week, especially on Facebook. History is important and shows why things are the way they are and encouraged Council to research. She suggested if Council goes on Facebook to be transparent about all of it and not to just what suites with argument or supporters. This is an embarrassment.

Paul Mohtares, Attorney for Wolverine Investments, was asked to review the last Council meeting. Offered the Wolverine Team to be transparent and available if Council had any questions.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

5A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase needed equipment for public safety, such as flood lights, generators, signal signs, and barricades at an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00. (Mark Nunez)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve 5A, consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase needed equipment for public safety, such as flood lights, generators, signal signs, and barricades at an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00. 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 Turner
	Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

5B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution amending City Council Protocols. (Emily Parks)

No Council action was taken.

ORDINANCES

6A. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the Highlands North (Decker Tract), 75.812 acres, more or less, of land located on CR 132. (Ashley Lumpkin)

A public hearing was opened and closed at 9:31 p.m. No one spoke.

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose motioned to approve the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the Highlands North (Decker Tract), 75.812 acres, more or less, of land located on CR 132. 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 Turner
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

6B. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance approving a specific use permit for the property located on Ed Schmidt Boulevard, Emory Farms Commercial Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, 4.299 acres, more or less, of land, allowing a lodging establishment in the 8-1 (Local Business) zoning district. (Ashley Lumpkin)

A public hearing was opened at 9:37 pm and closed at 9:42 p.m.

Scott Carter of 2005 of S. Ash Cove shared that his entire neighborhood should have been notified, not just the residents on his street, because of the impact of the hotel. Second, it seems like unusual addition backed up to a neighborhood. Third, building commercial properties at the entrance of any neighborhood should be a benefit to the neighborhood. He just doesn't see how a hotel will benefit.

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hines made a motion to accept the first reading of an ordinance approving a specific use permit for the property located on Ed Schmidt Boulevard, Emory Farms Commercial Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, 4.299 acres, more or less, of land, allowing a lodging establishment in the 8-1 (Local Business) zoning district. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Turner
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

6C. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of Riverwalk South, 118.971 acres, more or less, of land located on CR 138. (Ashley Lumpkin)

A public hearing was opened at 10:01 pm and closed at 10:05 p.m.

Terrence Owens of 228 Little Lake Road shared his concerns about the entrance points, exit points, and how the traffic patterns would impact his subdivision.

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to approve 6C as presented. 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 Turner
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

OTHER BUSINESS

7A. Consideration of and possible appointments to City Boards and Commissions. (Lacie Hale)

Motion: Councilmember Snyder made a motion to nominate William Kohl to the Ethics Review Commission. 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 Turner

Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

8A. Budget review and discussion. (Michel Sorrell)

No Council action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9A. Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.087, deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations, regarding Project Expansion including a discussion regarding documents, terms and deal points.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10A. Consideration and possible action to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Hutto and Cottonwood Creek Development Corporation and authorize City Manager to execute.

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to pull agenda item 10A.
Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Mike Snyder
Councilmember Peter Gordon
Councilmember Patti Turner
Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 7 ayes, 0 nays

10B. Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution reaffirming the City Manager authority on behalf of the City to create Cottonwood Development Corporation, and authorizing Cottonwood Development Corporation to do business subject to the Hutto City Council's review and approval of the bylaws of Cottonwood Development Corporation.

Motion: Councilmember Scott Rose made a motion to pull agenda item 10B from the 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 Turner

 Nay Councilmember Tanner Rose

Action: The motion passed with 6 ayes, 1 nays

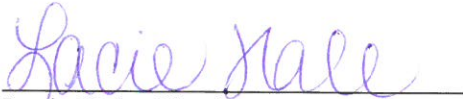
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 a.m.

CITY OF HUTTO


Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Lacie Hale, City Secretary