City of Hutto

Agenda

Special Called Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Executive Conference Room

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act this meeting agenda is posted for public information, continuously, for at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 500 West Live Oak, Hutto, Texas. This meeting agenda is also accessible via the Internet at huttotx.gov

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

2.1 Brian Thompson, Chairman
Anna Gonzales, Commissioner
Kandice Walker, Commissioner
Tara Spoons, Commissioner
Gina Chen, Commissioner
Lacey Ranson-Hudson, Commissioner

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any citizen wishing to speak during public comment may do so after completing the required registration form. The purpose of this item is to allow the residents of Hutto and other interested persons an opportunity to address the Diversity and Inclusion Commission on agenda issues and on non-agenda issues that are a matter of the jurisdiction of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. Non-agenda issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should be first dealt with at the administrative level by calling City Hall at (512) 759-4839 during business hours. Each person providing public comment will be limited to 3 minutes.

Any citizen wishing to speak during public comment may do so after completing the required registration form. Written comments for this meeting may also be sent to comments@huttotx.gov PRIOR to 4:00 pm on September 27, 2022. The email must include name, address, phone #, agenda item and email to be recognized properly.

(Note: The Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, prohibits the City Council from fully discussing, debating, or considering subjects for which public notice has not been given on the agenda. Issues that cannot be referred to the City Staff for action may be placed on the agenda of a future Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting.)

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1. Discussion and possible action on Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation (Gonzales)

5. ADJOURNMENT

6. CERTIFICATION

I certify that this notice of the Hutto Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on September 22, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

ANGELA LEWIS

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Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year. This observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week by President L. B. Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, to cover the month at which it is celebrated today. Understanding that September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates their independence day on September 16th and Chile celebrates their independence day on September 18th; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hutto looks forward to honoring "Hispanic Heritage Month ", and celebrates the rich heritage, arts, histories, food, music and traditions of all 26+ Latin-American nations. While recognizing that these nations are not monogamous and this month celebrates, honors and pays tribute to all for their contributions to Hutto,to Texas and to our society.

WHEREAS Latinos are individuals that are descendants from Latin American countries and may speak a variety of different languages. Hispanics are individuals that speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish speaking countries, including Spain. Latinx is a gender neutral or non binary term for people of Latin American descent, and we recognize the Latinx identity also encompasses people in Black/African, Asian, Indigenous, and Queer communities; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that Hispanics amount to an estimated 11.9million residents totaling 40.2% of the State of Texas population of which those residents speak English and/or Spanish. Understanding that Hispanics are extremely entrepreneurial and play a vital role in our economy and workforce and have also contributed in making Texas proud; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hutto recognizes the significant contributions of all Hispanic city employees and community members. The Diversity and Inclusion Commision of Hutto recognizes that help is needed to increase cultural awareness, education, enrichment and community engagement with our residents. It is through their

support and community involvement that our city will continue to become more culturally diverse and a Welcoming city for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hutto is committed to recognizing Hispanic/Latino and Latinx culture and heritage as an important part of the city and its strong, inclusive community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I ,Mike Snyder, City of Hutto Mayor do hereby proclaim September 15th – October 15th, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and call its observance to all residents.