



City of Hutto

Minutes

City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Snyder at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members of City Council present were Mayor Mike Snyder, Councilmember Robin Sutton, Councilmember Dan Thornton, Councilmember Randal Clark, Mayor Pro Tem Peter Gordon, Councilmember Krystal Kinsey, and Councilmember Amberley Kolar.

Members of staff that were present were Isaac Turner Interim City Manager, Matt Wojnowski, Assistant City Manager, Angie Rios, CFO, Wade Benton, Consultant, Cristian Rosas-Grillet, Legal Counsel, George Hyde, Legal Counsel, Ashley Bailey, Executive Director of Development Services, Bob Farley, Executive Director, Economic and Development, Angela Walton, City Secretary; Gracie Perez, Assistant City Secretary

3. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Peter Gordon.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Isaac Turner:

Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, and Members of the Public; first of all want to thank everyone who has been adhering to our water restrictions. It certainly has taken the edge off of some of our water uses which is exactly what we've needed during this time. Also, a number of you should have been made aware by now that the Brazos River Authority in east Williamson County has had a leak at their plant and they're asking some severe restrictions for the City of Taylor. We get some water from Taylor, so, we, here in Hutto, are reminding our citizens about our existing restrictions and asking for adherence to that so that we can help our neighbors out during this time.

And, in addition to that, we have an exciting event coming up this weekend; the Kokefest Country Music Festival at the Adam Orgain Park. It will be the 5th and the 6th. Gates open at 4:00 on Friday the 5th and at 3:00 on Saturday the 6th. You all know even better than I do that there are going to be a lot of people out there, so, we ask that you come out, be prepared to enjoy it and just have a nice time. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

6.1 General Comments from City Council

None.

6.2 City Council Liaison Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon:

Mayor, I've got one. So, I met with the Historic Preservation Commission this past week. We met at the Williamson Museum in Georgetown. They have a project going on right now where they are attempting to write a new history of Hutto, a comprehensive history of Hutto. And, so, we met there to get some ideas of how we can compile information, do some research. I've mentioned to the City Manager about the possibility of doing some grants and getting some assistance from grant writing, and so hopefully in this next budget, we're going to be able to fund some of that through a third-party company who might be able to do that, so, they are excited to get started. They've already got some things going. They've got a couple chapters written already and excited to see the progress on it. Thank you.

Councilmember Kolar:

Yes, I have one on the Parks Advisory Board. The meeting was yesterday and they re-elected Perry Savard as the Chair of the Parks Advisory Board and then Katie Weiss was also re-elected to Vice Chair. They discussed some parks bond that was voter approved from 2018. They asked our CFO Angie some questions regarding that money. Then, also, just a reminder that there are two vacancies on the Parks Advisory Board still, so, if you'd like to apply to that, please do so. And then they also talked about updating the fee schedule at the Adam Orgain Park, particularly the deposit portion of it. So, that's the update from the Parks Advisory Board. Thank you.

Councilmember Thornton:

The Library Advisory Board met last week. They covered several items. One item they were concerned with was handicap parking. There's handicap parking on east side of City Hall but when, especially like on a weekend, on Saturday when the library is the only place open, that is quite a distance for somebody to have to park and make their way over to the doors. And, so, they want to look into that. I suggested that something we may want to ask the ADA Accessibility Task Force to put on their plate. So, it's something to pursue. I did just discuss this with City Manager Turner yesterday, so, that's just something I'd like to see us look into and figure out what we can do about that.

The other item that came up is numerous people I guess see the address for the library, come, they see City Hall and they're looking for a library they don't see a sign that says there's a library here and so they're looking for better signage. They looked into moving

the old library sign from the old library site and that's not really feasible for a number of different reasons. It's not as cheap as I thought it would be and it doesn't fit the same look and feel the Co-op very well, and so they're asking what can be done. Is there is there a way to put a sign on the building to indicate where the library is so another thing they would like the city to look into. And, then also there's a sign I believe out on 79 that points people down West Street so go to the library and so that sign should be moved or replaced. So, that's another thing I'd like to look at. And then they looked at the budget they asked a lot of questions about what was requested in the budget and what was going forward to Council. There was a difference of I believe \$47,000; that money was for a change of a position from a Library Assistant to a full-time Librarian and it was raises for staff. And, so, the Board was very much in favor of giving the Library all the funding they asked for. I wanted to pass that on to the Council. I told him that I would pass that onto the Council, so, that's what I'm doing right now and discuss it with City Manager Turner. Obviously, we have discussed having a compensation and benefits study and so things like raises would be appropriate to go into that and changing positions. But, we need to make sure that we just consider that input when we go through those discussions and when we go through those discussions we can talk about some of the reasoning they had. I don't want to get into all of it at the moment, when we have an agenda item that covers it and cover it. I think that's about it.

Mayor Snyder:

I've got a quick one for Emergency Preparedness Taskforce. They wanted to invite the City Councilmembers to August 2nd for a demo of the Cluster Duck System. They're having someone coming from New York to kind of show real world how this system works. So, if it works as well as they think it will be, they want to present it to City Council formally. But, if you're wanting to go if you can give it the City Secretary. That way if there's enough people she can put out a possible quorum notice.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1. Consideration and possible action on approving the April 7, 2022, June 2, 2022, June 9, 2022, June 16, 2022, and June 30, 2022 City Council meeting minutes.
- 8.2. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2022-063 approving the Repayment of Outstanding Amounts Agreement between the City of Hutto and Texas State Technical College to clarify payment obligations and responsibilities. (Legal, Kristi Robich)
- 8.3. Discussion and possible action related to award of a construction contract to Chasco Constructors, Ltd, LLP in the amount of \$344,779.00 for the construction of drainage improvements associated with the Legends of Hutto Herrera Trail Channel Stabilization Project. (Wade Benton)

- 8.4. Consideration and possible action on approving a contract for wireless internet services at Brushy Creek Amphitheatre with Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Spectrum) (David Reeves)
- 8.5. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2022-066 dissolving the Communications/Technology Task Force. (Mayor Pro Term Peter Gordon)
- 8.6. Consideration and possible action on Resolution No. R-2022-064 accepting the infrastructure improvements for the subdivision known as Durango Farms Phase 2. (Wayne Watts)
- 8.7. Consideration and possible action on Resolution R-2022-065 of the City Council of the City of Hutto, Texas, authorizing the creation of an Employee Benefits Trust; designating trustees of said trust; and authorizing the trust to purchase various forms of insurance for the benefit of City officers, employees, qualified retirees, and their dependents. (Angie Rios)

Councilmember Randal Clark moved to approve all consent agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Gordon amended the motion requesting corrections on the meeting minutes for April 7th, item 10.6. to reflect a 6:1 vote with Mayor Snyder dissenting and an update to the June 16th minutes, specifically, item 10.3. to reflect a 5:1 vote with Mayor Snyder dissenting. All other items approved as presented. The vote passed 7,0.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Consideration and possible action regarding possible appointments, re-appointments and/or removals to City Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, Economic Development Corporations, Local Government Corporations and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Boards, City Council Liaisons, and Area Government appointments.

Mayor Pro Tern Gordon advised that Alex Ramirez was appointed to serve on the Parks Advisory Board. He will be filling place 6, formerly occupied by Board Member McMillan. Councilmember Thornton seconded the vote. The vote passed 7,0.

- 9.2. Hutto Economic Development Corporation ICSC Conference Presentation (Cheney Gamboa)

A presentation was given by HEDC Secretary, Cheney Gamboa. HEDC Treasurer, Shawn Lucas was also present.

- 9.3. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget (Angie Rios)
 - a. Budget update
 - b. 5-Year Capital Improvement Projects Presentation

Angie Rios, CFO, Wade Benton, Consultant, Stephanie Neises of Freese and Nichols Engineering, and Ian Toohey of Garver all presented on this agenda item.

At this time, Mayor Snyder made a motion for Executive Session Items 10.4 and 10.5 to be heard in open session, and Councilmember Thornton seconded. Motion failed 3,4 (Gordon, Kolar, Sutton, Kinsey opposed). It was decided that 10.4 would be heard, and 10.5 will remain in Executive Session to be recalled later in the meeting if necessary.

- 10.4 Deliberate pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 regarding a complaint or charge against the Mayor under the City Council Protocols, Section 2(n), Violations of Protocols.

A discussion ensued, no action was taken.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to discuss Item 10.5 in open session, but later rescinded his motion.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – *Entered at 11:07 PM*

- 10.1 Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 related to Pending Litigation, Pending, Legal Requests, Potential Claims and City Council Legal Requests.
- 10.2 Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and deliberate pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.087 and 551.072 regarding economic development negotiations in and around the Megasite and consideration and conveyance of assignment and assumption agreements conveying Option to Purchase Real Property Agreements to promote economic development.
- 10.3 Executive Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Manager, Interim City Manager.
- 10.5 Deliberate pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 relating to Council Communications pursuant to City Council Protocols, Section 2(m), Use of Digital Media During the Meeting.
- 10.6 Receive legal advice pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 related to construction defects in Brooklands Subdivision; including potential litigation for repair of construction defects.

11. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - *Reconvened at 1:06 AM.*

Mayor Snyder recalled Item 10.5, explained to purpose of having the item on the agenda and clarified the language.

- 11.1. Consideration and possible action related to legal advice received pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 related to Pending Litigation, Pending Legal Requests, Potential Claims and City Council Legal Requests. *No action was taken.*

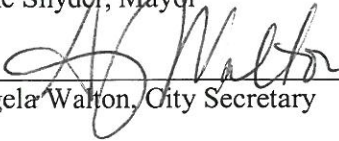
- 11.2. Consideration and possible action on Executive Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: Closed Meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - City Manager, Interim City Manager. *No action was taken.*
- 11.3. Consideration and possible action related to legal advice received pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 related to construction defects in Brooklands Subdivision; including potential litigation for repair of construction defects. *No action was taken.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 AM.



Mike Snyder, Mayor



Angela Walton, City Secretary

