



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

The Hutto City Council met in a special called session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Gaul called the session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Tim Jordan, Councilmember Patti Turner. Councilmember Terri Grimm was absent.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager; Helen Ramirez, Assistant City Manager; Edena Atmore, Assistant City Manager; Byron Frankland, Chief of Police; Eliska Padilla, Executive Director of Communications; Shane Mize, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Lisa Brown, City Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

- 5A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the November 6, 2018 Special Election official.

Lisa Brown, City Secretary, provided the returns for the Special Election.

PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$70,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT FM 1660 NORTH AND LIMMER LOOP, FM 1660 AT U.S. 79, FM 1660 SOUTH AND FRONT STREET, OTHER STREETS, DRAINAGE AND RELATED COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

	<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>	
FOR:	3,536	1,112	4,648	70.69%
AGAINST:	1,425	502	1,927	29.31%

PROPOSITION B

THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

	<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>	
FOR:	3,457	1,114	4,571	70.00%
AGAINST:	1,473	486	1,959	30.00%

PROPOSITION C

THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000,000 TAX BONDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT OR INTEGRATED INTO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

	<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>	
FOR:	3,309	1,068	4,107	62.63%
AGAINST:	1,909	542	2,451	37.37%

Motion: Mayor Pro-tem Hines made a motion to accept the election returns. Councilmember Killough seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Council Member Nate Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan

Councilmember Patti Turner
Absent Councilmember Terri Grimm

Action: The motion passed 6 ayes, and 0 nays

WORK SESSION

6A. Work session to discuss potential bond projects.

Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines opened the discussion by asking how does the City plan to move forward with regard to Proposition C. If the City was going to develop the sports complex itself or is it going to partner with a developer and make it a money making venture?

Tim Jordan remarked if we have a developer come in to build and run the project the City could step in with bond money to help with the development.

Tom Hines – a portion of the bond money could go to a developer for a sports complex and the remainder of the bond money would be earmarked for improvements at the other parks. He believes the Council needs to be upfront and clear on the direction it wants to go with regard to Proposition C.

Patti Turner stated that if we partner with a developer there wouldn't be a need to put all the bond money towards a sports complex.

Mayor Doug Gaul remarked that the Council and Staff needs to study what does Hutto need in the way of fields for soccer, baseball, football, etc.

Nate Killough stated there needs to be a survey done of what we can put on the proposed property and the drainage issue needs to be dealt with as part of the project.

Odis Jones, City Manager stated that FEMA has adjusted the flood plain map in that area. He also stated that the City Staff can prepare a scope of work and get a couple of bids from engineering firms.

Tim Jordan remarked if the City does a development agreement with a developer we can defray some of the cost of a drainage project.

Odis Jones – Meritage Homes is a good example of the developer shouldering the cost for the infrastructure.

Scott Rose is in favor of using a developer, mainly because it helps out in the long-term. He does want to be sure that a portion of the bond money is used for improvements in all of the City's parks. Ballfields are a big part of it but not every kid is into sports.

Mayor Gaul wanted to know how the City will get input from all the citizens who voted in favor of the bond.

Helen Ramirez, Assistant City Manager, informed the Council that Staff already has a list of individuals and alternates for the committee to present to the Council at the next meeting. She stated that Staff already has the information from the consultant on what the citizens want and has asked for an executive summary of those items. She commented that she would recommend to the City Manager that the Park's Master Plan needs to be updated before we move forward.

Odis Jones advised the Council that he has a developer that is ready to come talk to the Council about a development at the next meeting. At the same time the committee is meeting there are some smaller projects that the Parks Department can get started on immediately.

Shane Mize, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated to re-fence the Mager fields would be \$10,000 and to do the bleachers and dugout at the t-ball field would be another \$7,500.

Nate Killough asked if we are going to start with smaller projects he would like to see the fields at Creekside be first.

Mayor Gaul stated that we have a matching grant that could be used for that. He referenced an article in the current TCC magazine where Kerrville did something similar and it took them three years to complete the project. Believes we should look at long-term goals but more immediate projects.

Odis Jones believes some construction can be started as early as April.

Tom Hines wants the Council and City Staff to make smart decisions with regard to any potential projects.

Odis Jones stated City Staff will have engineers begin to prepare some concept plans for approval before completing a design. He further stated that he will start bringing items to the Council for consideration in December and have a final plan approved by the end of January.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

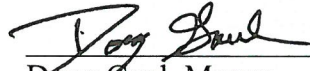
12A. Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.087, Economic Development, regarding Project Evolution.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

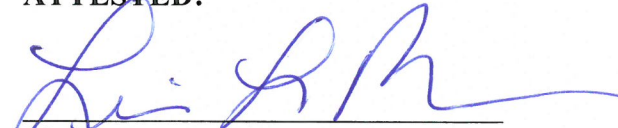
There being no further business to be heard, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO



Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Lisa L. Brown, City Secretary