



City of Hutto

Minutes

**City Council Special Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM
City Council Chambers
Hutto City Hall
500 W. Live Oak Street**

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER 9:00 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Members of City Council present: Mayor Mike Snyder, Mayor Pro Tem Peter Gordon, Councilmember Brian Thompson (arrived at 9:09 AM), Councilmember Dan Thornton, Councilmember Amberley Kolar, Councilmember Evan Porterfield, Councilmember Randal Clark

Members of staff present: James Earp, City Manager; Matt Wojnowski, Assistant City Manager; Ashley Bailey, Executive Director of Development Services; Kate Moriarty, Management Analyst; Ethan Sims, Management Specialist; William Kelly, Budget Analyst; Matt Rector, City Engineer; Cheney Gamboa, Director of Economic Development; Laura Hallmark, City Secretary; Barrett, Finance Director; Christina Bishop, Controller; Gabriel Kihiro, Senior Financial Analyst; Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director; Rick Coronado, Public Works Director; Jeffrey Yarbrough, Chief of Police

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1. Discussion and possible action on the 5-year Capital Improvement Project Program (James Earp, Matt Rector, Alberta Barrett)

Matt Rector, City Engineer, reviewed the packet documents and what will be discussed. James Earp, City Manager, reviewed methodology behind estimations for costs and taxable and exemption valuations along with the sources for projects listed in the 5-year CIP. Council was provided with paper copies to facilitate the discussion.

Council discussion regarding historical and estimated growth and resulting valuations; relying on potential revenue from development for operations; delayed cost projections should projects be pushed further out and secondary projects affected; details of spreadsheet – O&M costs, non-debt, etc.; methodology of project costs; and impact fees.

Alberta Barrett, Finance Director, reviewed impact fee information. Council discussion regarding the effect of water/wastewater rates on the impact fee balance.

Matt Rector reviewed the list of wastewater projects. Council discussion regarding the timing of projects and the necessity to issue debt; reprioritization of projects and associated funding; and clarification of developer reimbursement process.

Matt Rector reviewed the list of water projects. Council discussion regarding water availability each day from various sources.

Matt Rector reviewed the list of buildings and facilities projects. Council discussion regarding public facility land acquisition; possible regional partnership for recreation/aquatic center; investigating options for private entity gym locating in City and possible expansion of the current YMCA location; Mayor Snyder and Mayor Pro Tem Gordon to contact counterparts in the City of Taylor to discuss possible regional partnership; resident survey for facility prioritization and amenities needs.

Motion by Mayor Snyder, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to remove the O&M funds allocated for recreation and aquatic centers. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Thornton, second by Councilmember Kolar, to direct staff to work with EDC to investigate 30-40 acres for the Public Works facility at the Megasite location. Motion passed 7:0.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gordon, to direct staff to work with the EDC to investigate potential sites for a Justice Center and a Library. Motion passed 7:0.

Matt Rector reviewed the list of roads projects.

Councilmember Kolar left the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Break at 1:00 PM. Reconvene at 1:12 PM.

Council discussion regarding reallocation of funds to future years while keeping funds in 2025 for milling and overlay, intersection construction and remainder of design for various projects; methodology behind reallocation of funds in an attempt to have any associated tax increases be roughly leveled out over the five years to facilitating budgeting for residents and help avoid inconsistent spikes.

Councilmember Thompson left the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Matt Rector reviewed the list of Parks projects. Jeff White, Parks and Recreation Director, provided additional information. Council discussion regarding sponsorships and brand naming rights for facilities; investigate all sources of possible funding prior to borrowing or spending on the projects.

Matt Rector resumed review of the roads projects. Council discussion regarding outside funding sources (i.e. County, State, etc.).

5. **ADJOURNMENT – 3:22 PM**

ATTEST:


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary


Mike Snyder, Mayor



