

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merle Aaron, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Allan Steagall
Council Member Andy Curry
Council Member Norman Funderburk
Council Member David Pierce
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Jason Stuebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Ray Calfee

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aimee Phillips
Public Works Director Barry Brock
Fire Chief Gary Outlaw
Human Resource Manager Kathy Babineaux
Asst. Chief Ken Theis
Civic Center Manager Jennifer Wooden
Fire Marshal James Nykaza
Kris Battenfield
John Gosselin
Mark Ganyo
Matt Watters

VISITORS PRESENT: Linda Brock
Arliss Bentley
Bruce Olson
Jana Hoglund
Kent Klingerman
Chris Shelton

Mayor Aaron called the regular meeting of the Humble City Council to order with a quorum present at 6:00 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council Member Funderburk offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS. A TAX RATE OF \$0.225471 PER \$100 VALUATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS. THIS RATE EXCEEDS THE LOWER OF THE EFFECTIVE OR ROLLBACK TAX RATE, AND STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD BY THE GOVERNING BODY BEFORE ADOPTING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE. ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Mayor Aaron opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate at 6:03 P.M.

Mr. Bruce Olson noted that the tax rate exceeded the lower of the effective or roll back tax rate and inquired as to what the previous year's tax rate was. Mayor Aaron stated that the current tax rate is \$0.21, and that it was an increase of approximately one-and-one-half cents. Mr. Olson thanked the Mayor for the information. Mayor Aaron added that even with the increase, Humble remained the lowest tax rate in Harris County.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Aaron closed the public hearing at 6:06 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET. THIS BUDGET IS ESTIMATED TO RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$380,421, WHICH IS A 9.1 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$114,384.

Mayor Aaron opened the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget at 6:07 P.M.

City Manager Boeske stated that the City was going to hold on filling vacancies for at least the next six months and that new vacancies would be looked at on a case-by-case basis as the need arises. He further stated that capital project or other major expenditures will undergo a vetting process to determine what is absolutely necessary. He continued by saying the city was looking into a FEMA Community Disaster Loan to help the city through the recovery process.

Council Member Pierce stated that he appreciated Darrell's input with reference to vacancies and expenditures noting that just because items are budgeted does not mean the city needs to proceed with spending the money.

Mr. Boeske noted that the city was down over \$350,000 in sales tax revenues for the current year -- but that the City did come under budget overall.

Ms. Arliss Bentley appealed to the Council that they should consider, when the budget allows, to fund a second code enforcement officer. She stated that the City has added new ordinances with tighter standards and that the City needs to follow up on those standards and ensure compliance. Mayor Aaron responded that it is always the intent of the City to enforce the ordinances adopted.

Ms. Bentley continued by stating that when the budget allows, the City consider hiring someone to promote business within the city – especially with the rumors that several businesses may not return due to flooding.

City Manager Boeske stated that he and the mayor had visited most if not all the businesses affected by flooding and that none had indicated that they were leaving and in fact had committed to reopening as soon as possible. He further stated that the only business that he knew was considering closing was Sears but that was a result of their national reorganization and not flood related.

Ms. Bentley asked if Macy's refused to let Northshire residents park in the Macy's parking lot during the storm. Mr. Boeske stated that that was a rumor started by an individual who attempted to park a motorcycle within the glass enclosure at Macy's and that Macy's actually opened and encouraged residents to move their cars to the Macy's lot. Ms. Bentley thanked Mr. Boeske for clarifying all of the rumors.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Aaron closed the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget at 6:27 P.M.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WHICH CONSIST OF MINISTERIAL OR "HOUSEKEEPING" ITEMS AS REQUIRED BY LAW. ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DISCUSSED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.**
 - a. **Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2017; Regular Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2017; Emergency Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2017**
 - b. **Current Invoices**
 - c. **Monthly Department Reports**
 - d. **Correspondence**

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 17-809 ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATE THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the proposed budget.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 17-809 establishing the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

6. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 17-810 EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON AUGUST 27, 2017 AND CONTINUED BY ORDINANCE 17-808 ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HARVEY.**

Mayor Aaron stated that the reason this was necessary was because it helps with FEMA's involvement and funding.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 17-810 extending the Disaster Declaration.

- 7. APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAT OF TRAY TEC, A SUBDIVISION OF 2.5468 ACRES OF LAND, BEING ALL OF UNRESTRICTED RESERVE "A" OF TRAY TEC, A SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN F.C. NO. 681598 OF THE H.C.M.R., LOCATED IN THE JOHN M. WILSON SURVEY, A-940; CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 1 BLOCK, 1 RESERVE.**

City Manager Boeske stated that the Council had previously approved this Development Plat but that it had not yet been recorded and had "timed-out" and required approval once more, but that nothing had changed on the plat and that it met all of the City's specifications.

Council Member Pierce asked what Tray Tec did? Council Member Funderburk stated that they performed turn around work for the oil and gas industry and refining.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Development Plat of Tray Tec.

- 8. APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT OF TPG WILL CLAYTON REPLAT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF 5.077 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE WHERRY B. ADAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 95; CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 1 BLOCK 2 RESERVES.**

Council Member Pierce asked what was going to be placed on the tract. City Secretary Stuebe stated that the applicant was carving out a postage stamp lot to locate a cell tower. Mr. Pierce asked if that would impact the adjoining neighborhood. Mr. Stuebe stated that the proposed tower was within the guidelines of the tower ordinance.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Subdivision Plat of TPG Will Clayton Replat No. 4.

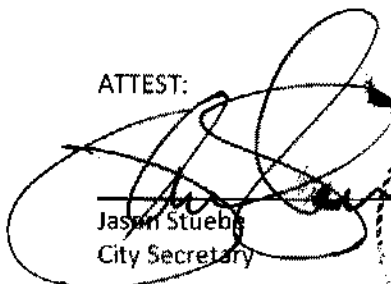
Prior to adjourning the meeting, Council Member Pierce noted that it was his granddaughter, Hayden Presley Pierce's 6th birthday.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:33 P.M. on Thursday, September 14, 2017.



Merle Aaron
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jason Stuebe
City Secretary

