

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Brauninger, Daiquiri Beebe, Blake Irving, Russell Humphrey, Clyde D. Loll, Dee Howard Mullins, Paul Davidhizar, Joe P. Rodriquez, Mari Montgomery

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Brenda Poe, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

WORKSHOP [5:00 P.M.] City Council made final recommendations on City Council's 2020 Strategic Plan with City Manager Aron Kulhavy.

MAIN SESSION [6:00 P.M.]

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. ✓

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES

U.S. Flag and Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.

Councilmember Davidhizar gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Public hearing to hear comments on the Conditional Use Permit Application for a “Purpose-Built Shared Housing, Attached” project to be developed on property located in the 2700 Block of Montgomery Rd.**

The public hearing opened at 6:01 p.m. Planner Leigha Larkins made a statement on behalf of the City. David Kulkarni, the project developer with Montgomery SH Land Acquisition, LLC. Councilmember Beebe made a comment on the need for more multifamily residents. Kulkarni said the company chose to target students, mentioning growth at Sam Houston State University. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriquez spoke about the downturn in the future for the number of students enrolling in 2025. The hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

- **Public hearing to hear comments on Ordinance 2020-16 amending Article 4: Use Regulations; Article 5: Lot and Setback Regulations; Article 8: Signs; Article 10: Infrastructure and Public Improvements; Article 12: Development Review and Approval Procedures; and Article 15: Terminology and Definitions in the Development Code of the City of Huntsville.**

The public hearing opened at 6:10 p.m. City Planner Janet Ridley made a statement on behalf of the City explaining the updated needed to the Development Code which was last adopted and updated in 2015. The hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

- **Public hearing to hear comments on Resolution 2020-13 affirming the adoption the updated 2019 Transportation Master Plan for the City of Huntsville and Extra-territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City**

The public hearing opened at 6:12 p.m. City Planner Janet Ridley made a statement on behalf of the City reviewing the adoption of the plan. A block grant was received, and a public hearing was required to move forward with the plan. The hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comments will be called for by the presiding officer before action is taken on these items. *(Approval of Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendations. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion by request of a member of Council.)*

- a. Approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 21, 2020. [Brenda Poe, City Secretary]
- b. Consider Resolution 2020-13 affirming the adoption the updated 2019 Transportation Master Plan for the City of Huntsville and Extra-territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City. [Janet Ridley, City Planner]
- c. **SECOND READING** - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-15 authorizing annual participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc, at the Public Utility Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2020, second reading. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Davidhizar. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. **FIRST READING** - Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for Architectural Services for the design of Bond Prop 2 projects including City Hall and the Service Center, first reading. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager, and Y.S. "Ram" Ramachandra, City Engineer]

First reading. No action taken. Randall Scott architects will serve as the City representative to do design and oversee construction, according to City Manager Aron Kulhavy. Mr. Randall Scott said he is excited about the project as his company specializes in City Halls.

- b. Consider the Conditional Use Permit Application for a "Purpose-Built Shared Housing, Attached" project to be developed on property located in the 2700 Block of Montgomery Rd. [Planning]

Councilmember Loll made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application #04-2019, allowing a "Purpose-Built Shared Housing, Attached" project to be developed on property located in the 2700 Block of Montgomery Road with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Humphrey. Humphrey made a statement regarding regulations of the type of housing being built stating his support of the developer's investment. The motion was adopted, 7-2, with Councilmember Beebe and Irving against.

- c. **FIRST READING** – Consider adoption of Ordinance 2020-16 amending Article 4: Use Regulations; Article 5: Lot and Setback Regulations; Article 8: Signs; Article 10: Infrastructure and Public Improvements; Article 12: Development Review and Approval Procedures; and Article 15: Terminology and Definitions in the Development Code of the City of Huntsville, first reading. [Planning]

First reading. No action taken.

3. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY

- a. Consider approving nominees for City boards, committees, and commissions. [Andy Brauning, Mayor]

The Mayor moved his nominations. The motion was approved, 9-0.

- b. **Consider adopting the City Council’s 2020 Strategic Plan. [Aron Kulhavy, City Manager]**

Councilmember Davidhizar made a motion to adopt the City Council’s 2020 Strategic Plan; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. The motion was adopted, 9-0.

4. REQUESTS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for citizens to be heard on any topic and for the City Council to participate in the discussion. No action will be taken.

- a. **Patricia Freeman would like to discuss blocking off the street during the MLK Parade and June 19 Parade.**

Patricia Freeman was not in attendance.

- b. **Ethel Hawkins would like to discuss Strong Women Stand Together – “Taking a Stance Against Homelessness in Huntsville, Texas”.**

Ethel Hawkins was not in attendance.

5. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Larry Crippen asked when the 2020 Strategic Plan would be available on the website.

6. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

Mayor Brauninger invited the public to join in the celebration Texas Independence Day and Sam Houston's birthday with us in Huntsville on Monday, March 2nd! The Walker County Historical Commission, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, and the City of Huntsville’s Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center cordially invite you to Huntsville’s 39th Annual Texas Independence Day and General Sam Houston Birthday Celebration. Please note that the Baptize Texan Ceremony and the Luncheon require an RSVP by February 20, and the form can be found at samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com. For more information on reservations and payment, contact Kimm Thomas, City of Huntsville Tourism Department at 936-291-5932.

Councilmember Beebe encouraged citizens to sign up early for the National Night Out set for Tuesday, October 6th, 2020. Plan a front yard party for your neighborhood! Knowing your neighbors is a great way to keep your neighborhood Safe. Log on to <https://natw.org/registration> to register today.

Councilmember Loll announced the Junk-a-Palooza is back and is a community-wide garage sale happening in downtown Huntsville from 7 am to noon on Saturday, March 21. Individuals can reserve a booth for the event at www.HuntsvilleMainStreet.com. Craft and retail vendors will not be permitted. For more information, call 291-5920.

Councilmember Howard advised the public that the Census Bureau is still accepting applications for census takers. Apply today at 2020census.gov/jobs. The Census is important to Home Sweet Huntsville when the count affects the allocation of funding for our community’s public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and how to participate at 2020census.gov.

Councilmember Davidhizar spoke about the Wynne Home hosting the 2020 Empty Bowls Fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the 1428 11th Street. The bowls are being created by citizens at the Wynne Home, and for a small donation for each bowl, you can enjoy delicious soups and help fight against hunger. All proceeds benefit the Walker County Meals on Wheels program.

Mayor Brauninger also commended the local efforts to show up for veterans at the annual Wounded Warrior Banquet.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on the annexation of Area E and the annexation of areas "A" thru "G" and lawsuits filed in Cause No. 1929442, Billingsley, et al v City of Huntsville, regarding said annexation. [Leonard Schneider, City Attorney]
- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, concerning City Secretary Brenda Poe.
- c. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, 551.071 to receive legal advice on the City Secretary contract.

The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

8. RECONVENE

The Council reconvened 8:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:26 p.m.

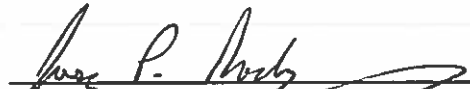
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Brenda Poe, City Secretary

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Joe Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem