

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2017 – 6:30 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 Norman Funderburk
Council Member Ray Calfee
Council Member Andy Curry
Council Member David Pierce
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Jason Stuebe

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aimee Phillips
Human Resource Manager Kathy Babineaux
Public Works Director Barry Brock
Fire Chief Gary Outlaw
Fire Marshal James Nykaza
Asst. Chief Ken Theis
Asst. Fire Chief Mike Legoudes
Firefighter John Gosselin
Fire Captain Wyatt Watkins
Sgt. Greg Martin
Sgt. Kris Battenfield

VISITORS PRESENT:	Linda Aaron	Juanita Steagall
	Karen Boeske	Jenna Armstrong
	Erica Johnston	Ben Allsop
	Scott Thompson	Arliss Bentley
	Kathy Davidson	Bruce Davidson
	Sharon Mittag	Howard Mittag
	Paula Odell	Grant Pearson

Mayor Aaron called the regular meeting of the Humble City Council to order with a quorum present at 6:30 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

Mayor Aaron made a point of personal privilege to acknowledge City Manager Boeske as this would be his final City Council Meeting. Mayor Aaron went on to state how much Mr. Boeske has meant to the City and commended him for a job well done.

Mr. Boeske said it had been a blessing to work for the City of Humble and thanked the Council for allowing him to work for the City. Mayor Aaron then recognized Mr. Boeske's wife Karen thanking her as well.

2. 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 – Regular Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2017
- b. Financial Statement – October and November
- c. Current Invoices
- d. Monthly Department Reports
- e. Correspondence

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Consent Agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 17-813 PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING, ABANDONMENT, AND CLOSING OF A PORTION OF THE FISHER ROAD PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING SOUTH OF TRACT 3G OUT OF THE W.B. ADAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 95, CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the abandonment stating that when the Right-of-Way was established many years ago it created several issues for the adjacent property owners. He continued that this abandonment will help clear up an issue for the property located at the corner of Ave. C and Fisher Rd.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 17-813 abandoning a portion of the Fisher Road Public Right-of-Way.

4. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-790 REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE AND THE LAKE HOUSTON AREA FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE HARVEY AND TO IMPLEMENT PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE FUTURE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the resolution, specifically noting the three requests being made to the State of Texas: full funding of dredging both the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston as well as stricter controls and enforcement of legal and illegal sand mining along the San Jacinto River by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; the appointment of three interim members to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors that would represent the interests of the communities downstream of the Lake Conroe Dam; and an immediate reduction in the pool level of

Lake Conroe from 201 feet above sea level to 198 feet above sea level so as to build capacity in the reservoir.

Mayor Aaron stated that the River Authority is governed by a board of five individuals – none of whom live or represent the interests below the Lake Conroe Dam and he felt that was something that ought to be changed. Mayor Aaron continued that the City and the Lake Houston area has worked tirelessly and has exhausted itself both physically and financially to recover from the devastation and that it was time for the State to do its part.

Mayor Aaron recognized that the Chamber of Commerce has been a big part of our recovery efforts and has been a driving force behind the campaign to get the State to recognize our community's concerns noting that it will take us years to get out from under this burden.

Upon a motion by Mayor Aaron, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution 17-790 requesting immediate action by the State of Texas to assist the area in the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

- 5. APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST MADE BY POWERS BROWN ARCHITECTURE ON BEHALF OF JACKSON SHAW PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 500, SUBSECTION F ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF CONCRETE TILT UP PANELS WITH TEXTURED TWO-TONE PAINT; MASONRY ACCENTS; RECESSED PANELS, FORM LINED PANELS, GLASS, HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL REVEALS IN LIEU OF MASONRY AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 500, SUBSECTION C, ET. SEQ.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the variance stating that he had reviewed it and that it looks very nice.

Mayor Aaron invited Scott Thompson to say a few words. Mr. Thompson stated he was excited about the project and has enjoyed working with the City of Humble on this project and looks forward to bringing new business to Humble.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the variance request by Powers Brown Architecture.

- 6. APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAT FOR ASPEN MANUFACTURING, A SUBDIVISION OF 19.956 ACRES OF LAND BEING ALL OF UNRESTRICTED RESERVE "A" OF ASPEN MANUFACTURING, AS RECORDED IN FILM CODE NO. 478138 HARRIS COUNTY MAP RECORDS AND LOCATED IN THE J. KOHLMAN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 497, CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 1 UNRESTRICTED RESERVE, 1 BLOCK.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the Development Plat.

Mayor Aaron noted that this would double the size of their current facility.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Development Plat of Aspen Manufacturing.

7. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND KLOTZ ASSOCIATES, INC., DBA RPS FOR THE 1 MILLION GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AND MISCELLANEOUS WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, REDUCING THE CONTRACT BY AN AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve Amendment Number 3 to the Contract with Klotz Associates, Inc., reducing the contract amount by \$10,000.00 for the 1 million gallon elevated storage tank and miscellaneous water systems improvements project.

8. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HARRIS COUNTY TO DETERMINE THE TERMS OF A POTENTIAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO LOCATE AND CONSTRUCT A FIRST RESPONDERS HONOR PLAZA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HUMBLE.

City Manager Boeske stated that several months prior, Congressman Ted Poe had approached the City stating that it would be nice to have an honor plaza for all first responders. Mr. Boeske's wife Karen sketched out some ideas and then met with Congressman Poe and architect Scott Brady to formalize a general concept that would be located between the Senior Activity Center and the Octavia Fields Library.

Mr. Boeske stated he was seeking approval to approach the County as well as the Constables office in addition to other organizations and agencies to discuss sharing the cost of construction. He further stated that final approval would be by the City Council – he was simply wanting to start the process.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to authorize the City Manager to begin negotiations with Harris County and other law enforcement and fire agencies to construct a first responders' plaza.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Aaron announced at 6:46 P.M. that the City Council would convene in Executive Session in the Council Conference room pursuant to §551.074 of the Local Government Code and that any action or vote would be taken in public.

Prior to the Council adjourning to the Conference Room, Council Member Pierce asked for a point of personal privilege to also recognize Mr. Boeske. Mr. Pierce stated that back in 1992 when he was previously on Council, the citizens approved the bond issue to construct the Civic Center but the City didn't really know what it wanted to do. However, the City was fortunate enough to hire Mr. Boeske who was able to get it up and running and help make it the success it is today. Mr. Pierce continued noting that it was Mr. Boeske who helped modernize the city with computers and technology. Mr. Pierce thanked Mr. Boeske for everything he had done.

Mayor Aaron reconvened the open session of the City Council at 7:12 P.M. and moved to appoint Jason Stuebe as Interim City Manager effective immediately. Mayor Aaron also noted that Mr. Boeske would be staying on-board in an advisory capacity for the next month or so and would still play an important role for the city with several projects.

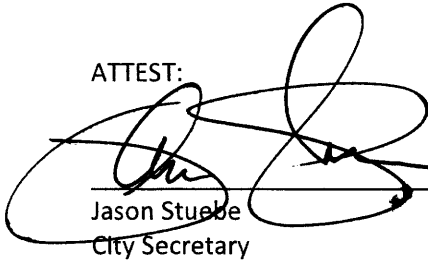
Upon a motion by Mayor Aaron, the City Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Jason Stuebe as Interim City Manager.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:13 P.M. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.



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ATTEST:



Jason Stuebe
City Secretary

