

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Bill Conner
Councilmember Merle Aaron
Councilmember Andy Curry
Councilmember Allen Lee
Councilmember Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes
Chief Gary Outlaw
Chief Gary Warman
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Betty Hogan, HPD
Officer T. Jolly
Officer Graham

VISITORS PRESENT: Linda Aaron
Corey Turner
Suzanne West
Kathy Parks
Arless Bentley
Jacob Niles
William Palmer
Terry Niles
Christy Palmer

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and area Boy Scouts, Jacob Niles and William Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CURRENT INVOICES

Invoices were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval of payment.

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 139,042.30
W/S Operating Fund	51,743.92
Special Revenue Fund	4,542.30
C.O., Series 2005A	134,391.24
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>57,390.00</u>
Total	\$ 387,109.76

Councilmember Allen Lee moved to pay the invoices.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 09-674 ENCUMBERING FUNDS BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, BUILDING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM UPGRADES TO BE PERFORMED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-674 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

CITY OF HUMBLE

ORDINANCE NO. 09-674

AN ORDINANCE ENCUMBERING FUNDS BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, BUILDING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION AND COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM UPGRADES TO BE PERFORMED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Humble, Texas deems it a public necessity to encumber the following funds from the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget for specific equipment, training, building/property maintenance, sanitary sewer rehabilitation and compute network system upgrades proposed during fiscal year 2009-2010:

GENERAL FUND:

<u>Administration Department:</u>	
Fiber Optic Installation and Purchase of Equipment for Fiber Network	\$ 50,000.00
Building Maintenance for City Hall	\$ 20,000.00

Street Department:
Improvements to Townsen W., Bower, Ken & Kathy \$ 600,000.00
Dennis Street Storage Facility \$ 200,000.00

Fire Department:
Building Maintenance and Dishwasher at Station 1 \$ 15,000.00
Tables and Chairs in Training Room - Station 1 \$ 4,000.00

Fire Department EMS Division:
Training for employees and Purchase of Laptop \$ 3,000.00

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Sewer Department:
Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines \$ 650,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS that this ordinance shall be effective immediately, upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2009.

Councilmember Merle Aaron moved to pass Ordinance No. 09-674.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

- 4. ORDINANCE NO. 09-675 AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 08-659, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008 AND BEING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009", BY ADDING TO THE BUDGET ADOPTED HEREBY AN ADDENDUM NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO SUCH BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT**

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-675 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

CITY OF HUMBLE

ORDINANCE NO. 09-675

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 08-659, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008 AND BEING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009", BY ADDING TO THE BUDGET ADOPTED HEREBY AN ADDENDUM NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO SUCH BUDGET; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, following proper notice and public hearing, the City Council adopted the "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009"; and

WHEREAS, due to water damage at the Senior Activity Center and the risk to the seniors' health due to the warping and unevenness of the floor during stated fiscal period an amendment to said budget is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Humble, Texas hereby finds and determines that public necessities require the adoption of such amendment; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

- Section 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.
- Section 2. City of Humble Ordinance No. 08-659 passed and approved the 11th day of September, 2008 is hereby amended by adding to the "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009" adopted thereby, Addendum No. 1, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.
- Section 3. That the City Secretary be authorized and directed to cause a true and correct copy of Addendum No. 1 to be attached to "City of Humble Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009" on file in the Office of the City Secretary.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2009.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

ADDENDUM TO CITY OF HUMBLE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2008-2009

GENERAL FUND:

Civic Center Department
Senior Activity Center:

Repair water damage and install new floor \$ 63,050.00

He stated the amendment was for the flooring for the Senior Building. Councilmember Allan Steagall moved to approve Ordinance No. 09-675.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 09-676 SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE FOR THE YEAR 2009 AT A RATE OF \$0.20 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CIT OF HUMBLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009;SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2009; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 09-676 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended a tax rate of \$ 0.20 which is less than the effective rate.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-676

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE FOR THE YEAR 2009 AT A RATE OF \$0.20 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009; SETTING TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2009; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the appraisal roll of the City of Humble, Texas for 2009 has been prepared and certified by the Harris County Appraisal District and submitted to the City of Humble's Tax Assessor/Collector - Leo Vasquez; and

WHEREAS, the City's Tax Assessor/Collector has submitted the appraisal roll for the City showing \$1,235,001825 to be the total appraised, assessed and taxable value of all property and the total taxable value of new property to the City; and

WHEREAS, based upon said appraisal roll, the City Council has determined a tax rate to be levied for 2009 sufficient to provide the tax revenue required by the City;

WHEREAS, THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S RATE.

WHEREAS, THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$ 100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That an ad valorem tax rate of \$ 0.20 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation is hereby adopted for the 2009 calendar year, such rate consisting of the following specified component: for maintenance and operations, \$0.20 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation.

Section 2. That an ad valorem tax for the 2009 calendar year in the amount established by the rate hereinabove provided is hereby levied and assessed on all taxable property, real,

personal and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Humble, Texas, and not otherwise exempt under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

Section 3. That the City of Humble's Tax Assessor/Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the City of Humble, Texas, employing the above tax rate.

Section 4. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately of and from the date of adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2009.

Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve agenda item #5.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

6. APPROVAL OF PRE-EVENT DISASTER DEBRIS CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICES CONTRACTS -ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARK MARTIN

City Manager Boeske presented a proposal from Assistant City Manager Mark Martin for the approval of pre-event disaster debris clearance and removal services contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). H-GAC put out for bid these services and developed a pool of qualified contractors and then got cost bids from the vendors. For the City of Humble the low bid would be DRC Emergency Services, LLC, first alternate would be D & J Enterprises and the second alternate would be CERES Environmental. Mr. Martin recommended that the bid be awarded to DRC Emergency Services, LLC and alternate contracts to D & J Enterprises and CERES Environmental. Councilmember Andy Curry moved to approve the debris clearance and removal services contracts as recommended.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

7. REQUEST TO WRITE OFF DELINQUENT/UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PRIOR TO 2002 - ASSISTANT CHIEF MIKE LEGOUDES

City Manager Boeske presented a request from Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes to write off delinquent/uncollectible accounts for ambulance service prior to 2002. Assistant Chief Legoudes stated the department has \$ 666,424.60 in delinquent/uncollectible accounts and has not received a payment since the 2005-2006 budget year. Mayor McMannes moved to grant the request.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried

8. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEASE - CITY MANAGER DARRELL BOESKE

City Manager Boeske informed the mayor and councilmembers that he had met with Mike Byers from the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber would look for cost effective utility measures and it was proposed that the Chamber would pay an additional \$ 300.00 per month for rent to the City. Mr. Byers will present the proposal to the Chamber Board. City Manager Boeske recommended approval for the increase in rent for the Chamber Building. Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve agenda item # 8.

Ayes: Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: Aaron
Motion Carried.

9. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SUIT AGAINST CHAMPIONS INN FOR DELINQUENT HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES - CITY MANAGER DARRELL BOESKE

City Manger Boeske asked the mayor and councilmembers for authorization to enjoin a lawsuit with Harris County for delinquent hotel/motel taxes due from Champions Inn. Councilmember Aaron moved to approve agenda item #9.

Ayes: Aaron, Conner, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting Adjourned. 6:39 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel, City Secretary