

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Allen Lee
Councilmember Merle Aaron
Councilmember Ray Calfee
Councilmember Bill Conner
Councilmember Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Chief Gary Outlaw
Betty Hogan, HPD
Kristen Clark, Inspections

VISITORS PRESENT:

Juanita Steagall
Sandra Longao
Daniel Goyco
Mateo Goyco
Midge Crockett
Arliss Bentley

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the regular meeting of the Humble City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Merle Aaron gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Goyco and Mateo Goyco, members of Boy Scout Troop 1377.

2. CURRENT INVOICES

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

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 296,602.19
W/S Operating Fund	67,412.81
Special Revenue Fund	16,387.14
Beautification Committee Fund	575.00
Red Light Camera Fund	<u>44,416.11</u>
Total	\$ 425,393.25

Councilmember Allen Lee moved to pay the invoices.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 12-702 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS - COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 3, COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 4 AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 5

Ordinance No. 12-702 was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-702

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS:

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that a general election has been ordered by the Humble City Council to be held on the 12th day of May, 2012 for the purpose of electing the following City Officials:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 3

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 4

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE NO. 5

The entire corporate limits of the city shall constitute one election precinct and the polling place for said election shall be City Hall located at 114 West Higgins, Humble, Texas. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the office of the city secretary located in City Hall at 114 West Higgins, Humble Texas. Early voting will be held April 30 - May 4, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. On May 7 and 8, 2012 early voting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

CITY OF HUMBLE
SUE DANIEL, CITY SECRETARY

114 WEST HIGGINS
HUMBLE, TEXAS 77338

Last day to receive applications by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

No person shall vote at said election unless they are qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the City of Humble Charter regulating election when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto.

Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve Ordinance No. 12-702.

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

4. REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PRECLEARANCE TO ALLOW ELECTION MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

The city secretary made a request of the mayor and councilmembers to ask the Department of Justice for preclearance to allow election materials to be provided in English and Spanish. With the information gathered from the 2010 Census Report, recent amendments were made to the Voting Rights Act regarding providing minority language assistance in Vietnamese and Chinese in Harris County, Texas. The City of Humble's Asian population is only 2.7% of the total population which is well below the threshold of 5% of the voting age citizens that would trigger the mandate of Vietnamese and Chinese voting materials. Mayor McMannes moved to approve the request - Item # 4.

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

5. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR CITY FACILITIES

City Manager Darrell Boeske informed the mayor and councilmembers that Hudson Energy, the city's current electrical service provider, is offering good prices and concessions at this time for customers. He stated the city has 18 months left on their current contract with Hudson but the new rates would be a 60% reduction in price. Mayor McMannes moved to allow the city manager to negotiate and bring back to the council for discussion and a vote.

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

6. REQUEST FOR CLOSURE TO TOWNSEN BOULEVARD FROM FM 1960 TO SOUTH HOUSTON AVENUE ON JUNE 9, 2012 FOR 4TH ANNUAL MUDMAXX FUN RUN - LAKE HOUSTON AREA SHRINE CLUB

The Lake Houston Area Shrine Club presented a request for road closure for the 4th Annual MudMaxx Fun Run. The club requested to close Townsen Boulevard from FM 1960 to South

Houston Avenue on June 2, 2012. Councilmember Allan Steagall moved to give permission for the closure of Townsen Boulevard.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting Adjourned. 6:38 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel
City Secretary