

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 24, 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 Ray Calfee
 Council Member Norman Funderburk
 Council Member David Pierce
 City Manager Darrell Boeske
 City Secretary Jason Stuebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Andy Curry

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aimee Phillips
 Human Resource Manager Kathy Babineaux
 Public Works Director Barry Brock
 Asst. Chief Ken Theis
 Fire Marshal James Nykaza
 Sgt. Kris Battenfield
 Sgt. Greg Martin
 Matt Watters

VISITORS PRESENT: Kathy Davidson
 Bruce Davidson
 Jennifer Summer
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 Bart Standley
 Mike Tanner

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.

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 August 10, 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.

3. **ORDINANCE 17-806 AMENDING CHAPTER 33, "SIGNS" BY AMENDING ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", SECTION 2 "DEFINITIONS" BY PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR BILLBOARDS, FEATHER SIGNS AND INFLATABLE SIGNS; ARTICLE III "TYPES OF SIGNS", SECTION 52 "SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL DISTRICTS" BY PROHIBITING FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF BILLBOARDS, PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF INFLATABLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING FEATHER SIGNS; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the ordinance in order to strengthen the City's Sign Ordinance.

Council Member Funderburk commented that the sign ordinance's intent has been to provide a balance recognizing the need of our businesses to advertise while also guarding against the proliferation of signs. He continued that he felt this was an appropriate measure to place better controls to improve the appearance of our community.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 17-806 amending Chapter 33, Article I, Section 2, and Article II, Section 52 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

4. **ORDINANCE 17-807 AMENDING CHAPTER 42, "TELECOMMUNICATIONS", OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; UPDATING THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCES; REGULATING THE PHYSICAL USE, OCCUPANCY AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY ALL USERS, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AND WIRELESS NETWORK PROVIDERS; ESTABLISHING TIME PERIODS FOR APPROVAL OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING PERMIT FEES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY RENTAL RATES; REQUIRING LAND USE APPROVAL PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF NETWORK NODES AND NODE SUPPORT POLES IN HISTORIC AREAS, UNDERGROUND AREAS AND DESIGN AREAS; ADOPTING A DESIGN MANUAL UNDER CHAPTER 284 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the ordinance noting that a recent law was signed taking away the rights of municipalities to control its Rights-of-Way.

Mayor Aaron noted that the Ordinance had been amended from the version included in the Council Packet to reflect changes recommended by the City's Legal Counsel and asked for a motion to adopt the amended version as presented at the dais.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 17-807 amending Chapter 42 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

5. RESOLUTION 17-783 ADJUSTING THE HILTON C. SCHOTT PAVILION RENTAL FEES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the resolution.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution 17-783 amending the rental fees for the Schott Park Pavilion.

6. APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND HDR ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SERVICE FEES STATED IN THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES PLATFORM AND SUPPORT.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the contract noting that it was an annual renewal and that the City had used HDR to provide GIS services for ten years.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the contract between the City of Humble and HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide GIS Services.

7. AWARD OF BID 17-05 AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND LANDMARK STRUCTURES I, LP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,428,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the bid and contract noting that Landmark had met all of the criteria outlined and was the low bidder.

Mr. Bart Standley of RPS, the City's retained engineering firm for this project, stated that the improvements made will improve the existing water pressure throughout the city while also providing more opportunity for future growth.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the contract between the City of Humble and Landmark Structures I, LP in the amount of \$2,428,000.00 to construct a new elevated storage tank.

8. AWARD OF BID 17-06 AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND JOSLIN CONSTRUCTION TEXAS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,804,000.00 FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WEST TOWNSEN BOULEVARD.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the bid and contract stating that this would widen the north / south section of Townsen to four lanes.

Mr. Bart Standley stated that the widened road will help serve the new middle school plus the development occurring in that portion of the city. He continued stating that there were 13 bidders, which was pretty amazing and that it will be a good project.

Mayor Aaron said he was very excited about the project and the bid amount.

Upon a motion by Mayor Aaron, the city Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the contract between the City of Humble and Joslin Construction Texas, LLC in the amount of \$2,804,000.00 to construct the expansion and improvement of West Townsen Boulevard.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

PERSONNEL MATTERS {GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.074}; POSSIBLE ACTION. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER(S); SPECIFICALLY THE CITY MANAGER. AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION, ANY FINAL ACTION OR VOTE TAKEN WILL BE IN PUBLIC.

Mayor Aaron announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Executive Session concluded at 7:27 P.M. on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Mayor Aaron called the regular meeting back to order at 7:40 P.M. stating that no action would be taken at that time.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:41 P.M. on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

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ATTEST:

Jason Stuebe
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City Secretary

