

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tempore Allen Lee
Councilman Merle Aaron
Councilman Andy Curry
Councilman Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Fire Marshal Clint Johnson
Tax Assessor/Collector Cindy Gens
Chief Gary Outlaw
Civic Center Director Johnnie Scroggins
Betty Hogan

Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Assistant Chief Curtis Mills
Assistant Chief Mike Legoudes
Officer Martin

VISITORS PRESENT:

Juanita Steagall
Beverly Reynolds

Arliss Bentley
Jennifer Summer

Mayor Donnie McMannes called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Councilman Bill Conner.

City Manager Darrell Boeske read the notice of public hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS FOR CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008. AT THIS TIME ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE WILL BE GIVEN AN

OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEARS BUDGET BY AN ESTIMATED \$500,000.00 OR 5%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$997,000,000 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR.

A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS AND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE - www.cityofhumble.com.

Mayor McMannes asked if anyone had any comments on the proposed budget. Arliss Bentley told the mayor and councilmembers that she had noticed some improvement in the city's efforts to beautify the city. She suggested since the city was in a good financial situation could the code enforcement officer, John Hopkins, be able to be put on full time. Ms. Bentley also asked about the tax increase for the coming year. City Manager Boeske stated that because the city has paid off the interest and sinking funds, the money usually credited to pay off bonds would be deposited in the M&O of the general fund.

Mayor McMannes closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and called the regular meeting to order.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - AUGUST 14, 2007

Minutes of the council meeting held August 14, 2007 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Allen Lee moved the minutes be approved as printed and circulated.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for August 2007 was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilman Andy Curry moved the financial statement be approved for information only.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

4. CURRENT INVOICES

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

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 401,676.60
W/S Operating Fund	226,013.57
Special Revenue Fund	12,664.56
Beautification Committee	714.66
C. O., Series 2005A	486,813.23
C. O., Series 2005B	150,683.49
C. O., Series 2006	<u>20,759.02</u>
Total	\$ 1,299,325.13
 <u>Manual Checks:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 4,632.70

Councilman Lee moved to pay the invoices.
 Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 07-645 ADOPTING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 07-645 to the mayor and councilmembers for approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-645

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE THEREIN NAMED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor McMannes moved to adopt Ordinance 07-645.
 Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried.

6. RATIFY ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE IN 2007-2008 BUDGET, \$ 500,000.00 or 5% MORE THAN 2006-2007 BUDGET, AND OF THAT ESTIMATED AMOUNT \$ 997,000,000 x 5% IS TAX REVENUE FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE ROLL THIS YEAR

City Manager Boeske stated that the city had not received their values from Harris County Appraisal District and that he had estimated that the property tax revenue increase in the 2007-2008 budget would be approximately \$ 500,000.00 or 5% more than the 2006-2007 budget. Councilman Merle Aaron moved to ratify the estimated property tax revenue increase in the 2007-2008 budget of \$ 500,000.00 or 5% more than last year's budget.

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

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 07-646 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-635, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007 AND BEING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM), BY DELETING SUBSECTION I THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SUBSECTION I; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 07-646 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-646

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, ORDINANCE NO. 07-635, PASSED AND APPROVED THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007, AND BEING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM), BY DELETING SUBSECTION I THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SUBSECTION I; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

Councilman Steagall moved to approve Ordinance No. 07-646.
Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes Steagall
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

8. **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BAYTOWN AND HUMBLE FOR SHORT-TERM SHELTER**

City Manager Boeske presented an Interlocal Agreement agreement with the City of Baytown. Our city would provide short term shelter for employees of the City of Baytown in the event of a declared state of emergency and mandatory evacuation of its essential personnel. Councilman Curry moved to approve the agreement with the City of Baytown.

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

9. **FINAL PLAT ATASCA POINTE BUSINESS PARK - DUDLEY VEAL**

City Manager Boeske presented the final plat for Atasca Pointe Business Park and recommended approval. Councilman Lee moved to approve the final plat as presented.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

10. PARTIAL REPLAT NO. 1 HUMBLE WAL-MART

City Manager Boeske informed the mayor and councilmembers the plat had been withdrawn and would be considered at a future date.

11. CONSIDERATION OF EXXON MOBILE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT - RANKIN ROAD AND OLD HUMBLE ROAD

City Manager Boeske presented a request from Exxon Mobile to replace a pipeline at Old Humble Road and Rankin Road and recommended approval. Councilman Aaron moved to approve the replacement of the pipeline at Rankin Road and Old Humble Road.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF \$ 10,000.00 GRANT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER TO BE FUNDED \$5,000.00 FOR THE WELFARE OF DOGS AND \$5,000 FOR THE WELFARE OF CATS

City Manager Boeske informed the mayor and councilmembers that the city had received a gift of \$ 10,000.00 from the estate of Ms. Smith to be used in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 for the welfare of dogs and \$ 5,000 for the welfare of cats. He further recommended the city accept the gift from Ms. Smith. Councilman Lee moved to accept the donation of \$10,000.00.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes, Steagall

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

13. 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

