

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2010 - 6:00 P.M./6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donnie McMannes, Presiding
Councilmember Merle Aaron
Councilmember Bill Conner
Councilmember Andy Curry
Councilmember Allen Lee
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Sue Daniel

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Mark Martin
Director of Public Works Barry Brock
Finance Director Dixie Kellum
Fire Marshal Clint Johnson
Civic Center Director Johnnie Scroggins
Chief Gary Outlaw
Sgt. Ken Theis
Officer Todd Jolly

VISITORS PRESENT:

Georgia McMannes
Bonnie Gardner
Jeff Thrash
Jeffrey Thrash
Jason Medley

Mayor McMannes opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Mayor Pro Tempore Allan Steagall.

City Manager Darrell Boeske read the notice for the public hearing.

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, OCTOBER 14, 2010 AT 6:00 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 CITY OF HUMBLE ORDINANCE NO. 11-691.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-691

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, TO INCLUDE ALL LANDS AND AREA WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES AND ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS, ALL THE TERRITORY WITHIN SUCH LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES; MAKING OTHER

PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING A SAVING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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 ORDINANCE.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS.

Mayor McMannes asked if anyone wished to speak before the council. No one came forward with any comments or questions. The hearing stood in wait until 6:30 p.m.

Mayor McMannes closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting of the city council.

1. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Assistant City Manager Mark Martin and Boy Scout Jeffrey Thrash of Troop 9 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Minutes of the council meetings held September 9 and September 23 were presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Allen Lee moved to approve the minutes of September 9 and September 23, 2010 as printed and circulated.

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

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for September was presented to the mayor and councilmembers for approval. Councilmember Andy Curry moved the financial statement be approved for informational purposes.

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

4. CURRENT INVOICES

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

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 406,953.63
W/S Operating Fund	65,708.11
Special Revenue	15,866.95
Beautification Committee Fund	300.00
Red Light Camera Fund	1,816.61
C. O., Series 2005A	<u>36,000.60</u>
Total	\$ 526,645.90

<u>Purchase Cards:</u>	
General Fund	\$ 86,127.65

W/S Operating Fund	28,518.21
Special Revenue Fund	2,591.18
Red Light Camera Fund	698.43
Total	\$ 117,935.47

Councilmember Lee moved to pay the invoices.

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

5. PRESENTATION THANKSGIVING FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE - BONNIE GARDNER, CHAIRMAN

Bonnie Gardner, chairman of the Humble Thanksgiving Feast Steering Committee, appeared before the mayor and councilmembers. She and Georgia McMannes, also on the steering committee, presented homemade pies to the mayor, councilmembers and city manager. She invited them to attend the Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Feast at the Humble Civic Center and thanked the City for all they have contributed to the feast for the last five years. She reported that all the sponsors from previous years have signed up to help provide either food or funds. Due to the economy, Ms. Gardner looks for more people to show up at this year's event.

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City Manager Darrell Boeske presented Ordinance No. 11-691 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval.

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He stated this ordinance would annex property and roadways on the east side of the city. Councilmember Merle Aaron moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-691 to extend the boundary limits of the City of Humble, Texas.

Ayes: Aaron, Curry, Lee, McMannes
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Conner (Conflict of Interest)
 Motion Carried.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 11-692 SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE FOR THE YEAR 2010 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, 2010; SETTING TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND

OPERATIONS; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2010; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

City Manager Boeske presented Ordinance No. 11-692 to the mayor and councilmembers and recommended approval. He stated this ordinance would set the 2010 tax rate for the City of Humble at \$0.20.

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Councilmember Bill Conner moved to approve agenda item # 7.

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

8. APPROVAL TO KEEP SIGNAL LIGHT AT MAIN STREET AND AVENUE C OPERATIONAL PENDING FUTURE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Boeske asked for approval from the mayor and councilmembers to keep the signal light at Main Street and Avenue C operational until future intersection improvements are undertaken. Mayor McMannes moved to approve agenda item # 8.

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

9. REPLAT ACADEMY CENTER, TOWNSEN 1960 ASSOCIATES, LP

City Manager Boeske presented a replat of the Academy Center with three reserve spaces. Councilmember Lee moved to approve the replat of the Academy Center.

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

10. DEVELOPMENT PLAT - 924 J. M. HESTER - ANJANI HOSPITALITY LLC (should be 9824 J.M. Hester - wrong address submitted by developer)

City Manager Boeske presented a development plat for 9824 J. M. Hester that shows a pipe line that has been abandoned on this tract of land. Councilmember Conner moved to approve agenda item # 10.

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

11. PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH HDR ENGINEERING INC. FOR THE AUTOMATIC METER READING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

City Manager Boeske presented a proposed from HDR Engineering Inc. for the Automatic Meter Reading Installation Program in the amount of \$ 27,750.00 not to exceed \$ 28,750.00. Councilman Aaron moved to approve the engineering proposal for the automatic meter reading program.

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

12. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE AUTOMATIC METER READING EQUIPMENT AND LABOR INSTALLATION

City Manager Boeske presented a request from the Public Works Department for authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the automatic meter reading equipment and labor installation. Councilmember Lee moved to advertise for sealed bids for the meter reading equipment and labor installation.

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

13. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AUTOMATIC METER READING METERS AND RADIO CONTROL DEVICES FROM H-GAC PURCHASING

City Manager Boeske presented a request from Director of Public Works to purchase the automatic meter reading equipment from the Houston-Galveston Area Council through our membership. The equipment requested is:

Tower Base Station	1		\$ 68,000.00
Network Interface - W1000	1		\$ 40,000.00
5/8 x 3/4 Sensus I-pear Meter	3,150@	114.40	\$ 360,360.00
1" Sensus I-pear Meter	215 @	166.40	\$ 35,776.00
1.5" Sensus SR Meter	76 @	336.65	\$ 25,585.40
2" Sensus Compound Meter	120 @	1,212.00	\$ 145,440.00
3" Sensus Compound Meter	5 @	1,536.20	\$ 7,681.00
4" Sensus Compound Meter	10 @	2,666.40	\$ 26,664.00
520M Single Port Smartpoints	1350 @	135.00	\$ 182,250.00
520M Dual Port Smartpoints	1475 @	150.00	\$ 221,250.00
Total			\$1,113,006.40

Councilmember Curry moved to approve agenda item # 13.

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

14. FINAL CHANGE ORDER - WEST TOWNSEN BLVD., BOWER RD., KEN ST., DEFEE AVE. PAVING, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND 12" WATER LINE RELOCATION FOR SEGMENT B OF THE WILL CLAYTON PARKWAY WIDENING

City Manager Boeske presented the final change order for West Townsen Boulevard, Bower Road, Ken Street, Defee Avenue paving, drainage and utility improvements and a 12" water line

relocation for segment B of the Will Clayton Parkway widening. The final change order will increase the overall contracted amount with SER Construction Partners, Ltd. by \$ 12,310.10 making the new contracted amount \$ 1,913,871.47. The change order is based on the final quantities that were used to install the 12" water line on Will Clayton Parkway between Houston Avenue and Wilson Road. The new water line was necessary to replace the existing water line due to the improvements to Will Clayton Parkway. Councilman Aaron moved to approve the change order for agenda item # 14.

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

15. PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING OF THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE 1,000,000 GALLON ELEVATED STORAGE TANK LOCATED IN THE NORTHSHIRE SUBDIVISION

City Manager Boeske presented a proposal for engineering services with HDR Engineering, Inc. For the sandblasting and painting of the interior and exterior of the 1,000,000 gallon elevated storage tank located in the Northshire Subdivision. The cost of the project is estimated at \$325,000.00. Councilmember Conner moved to approve agenda item # 15.

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

16. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager asked for authorization from the mayor and councilmembers to advertise for sealed bids for the elevated storage tank improvements. Councilmember Lee moved to authorize the advertisement for sealed bids for the elevated storage tank improvements.

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

17. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

City Manager Boeske presented a job description with the duties and responsibilities of the assistant city manager and recommended approval. Councilmember Aaron moved to approve the job description for the assistant city manager.

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

18. DESIGNATION OF DECEMBER 23, 24 AND 31, 2010 AS CITY HOLIDAYS

City Manager Boeske asked for the mayor and councilmembers to declare December 23, 24 and 31, 2010 as city holidays. Councilmember Conner moved to approve agenda item # 18.

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

19. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor McMannes stated the monthly department reports are for information only.

20. CORRESPONDENCE: TML UPDATE

Mayor McMannes stated the correspondence was for information only.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transpire, Mayor McMannes moved the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting Adjourned. 6:44 p.m.

D. G. McMannes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Daniel
City Secretary