

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING****DECEMBER 10, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.****HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS**

STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF HARRIS §

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merle Aaron, Presiding
 Council Member Ray Calfee
 Council Member Andy Curry
 Council Member Norman Funderburk
 Council Member David Pierce
 City Manager Darrell Boeske
 City Secretary Jason Stuebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Alan Steagall

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Aimee Phillips
 Fire Chief Gary Outlaw
 Police Chief Delbert Dawes
 Asst. Public Works Director Mark Arnold
 Fire Marshal James Nykaza
 Lt. Ken Theis

VISITORS PRESENT: Linda Aaron
 Diane Pierce
 Matthew Costa
 John Rudloff
 Doug Bradford

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**2A. MINUTES – MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2015****2B. FINANCIAL STATEMENT****2C. CURRENT INVOICES****2D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

2E. 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 15-769 AMENDING CHAPTER 40 "TAXATION" BY REPEALING THE APPLICATION OF THE EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES ON RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the ordinance stating that this was not an increase in taxes as it is something the telecommunication companies already collect, the City will simply be receiving the benefits of that now.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance 15-769.

4. **ORDINANCE 15-770 PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING, ABANDONMENT, AND CLOSING OF A THIRTY FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 2 OF THE M. BUTLER SUBDIVISION OUT OF THE JOHN BROWN JONES 1/3 LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 484 IN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the ordinance stating that this was an easement that the City was deeded some time ago and it cuts right through the middle of the property. He further stated that this was very similar to the ROW abandonments granted to several other properties in the area.

Council Member Pierce asked who was responsible for paying the property taxes on the abandoned land. City Manager Boeske stated that the property owner would.

Upon a motion by Mayor Aaron, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance 15-770.

5. **RESOLUTION 15-759 DESIGNATING AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARRIS-GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT FOR THE 2016-2018 TERM.**

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the resolution noting that Kyle Sears was recommended for re-appointment.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution 15-759 appointing Kyle Sears to serve on the Subsidence District Board.

6. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND RPS KLOTZ AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSEN BOULEVARD EXTENSION AND TXDOT COORDINATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$520,000.00.**

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 RPS Klotz in the amount of \$520,000.00 for the Townsen Boulevard Extension Project.

7. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE 2013 ASPHALT PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS AND ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,049.70.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the Change Order. ARKK Engineer John Rudloff stated that the Change Order was to add in the recycling of Indiana, Carpenter and Colorado Streets which are adjacent to Wilson Road. He further stated the roads are in bad shape but rather than rebuild the roads, the City will recycle what is there, mix with concrete creating a new base, re-grade, top with a new crown to improve drivability.

Council Member Pierce asked if the roadways were public or private, stating he believed them to be private when they were first installed. City Manager Boeske stated that the City never accepted the roads because they were not built to our standards but that the City does maintain the Rights-of-Way and easements.

Upon a motion by Council Member Calfee, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Change Order #2 to the contract between the City of Humble and Angel Brothers Enterprises in the amount of \$449,049.70.

8. APPROVAL OF THE GONZALEZ DEVELOPMENT PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF A 0.6694 ACRE LOT IN THE C.C. SHELBY ONE-THIRD LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 693, BEING THE EAST PORTION OF LOT 2, AND ALL OF LOT'S 3 AND 4 OF THE SPEARS VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, VOLUME 40, PAGE 73, MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

City Manager Boeske asked for approval of the plat.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Gonzalez Development Plat.

9. APPROVAL OF THE EXPRESSWAY INN HUMBLE DEVELOPMENT PLAT, 1.00 ACRE, BEING A PARTIAL REPLAT OF BLOCK 10, OF THE JAMES W. WEED SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 88, MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS & BEING THE SAME CALLED 1.00 ACRE TRACT AS RECORDED IN HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NO. 20150260959 & SITUATED IN THE JAMES STRANGE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 695 , CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 1 BLOCK, 1 RESERVE.

Mayor Aaron moved to approve the Development Plat.

Council Member Funderburk asked with respect to the ordinance recently passed placing new requirements on hotel developments as to whether or not this plat had to comply with the new provisions. City Manager Boeske stated that this particular development was grandfathered in because their application was received prior to the Ordinance taking effect.

Council Member Calfee asked if the property was in the City. City Manager Boeske stated it was on a piece of property that was annexed a few years ago when the City of Houston allowed the City to take in a portion of their Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Council Member Pierce asked if a representative of the development was present then further stated his disappointment that they were not present to answer questions he had regarding the development.

Council Member Pierce moved to table consideration of the Expressway Inn Humble Development Plat until the next Council Meeting immediately setting aside the main motion to approve. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to table consideration.

10. APPROVAL OF THE WILSON ROAD INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX PARTIAL REPLAT NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION OF A 1.6959 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING A REPLAT OF THE PROPOSED RESEVER 1, BLOCK 1, PARTIAL REPLAT NO. 1 OF WILSON ROAD INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED UNDER FILM CODE 650228 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 2 RESERVES, 1 BLOCK.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Wilson Road Industrial Complex Plat.

11. APPROVAL OF THE RTG HUMBLE SUBDIVISION PLAT, BEING A 5.053 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE W.B. ADAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 95, AS RECORDED UNDER HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 20150036948 OF THE HARRIS COUNTY OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF REAL PROPERTY; 1 RESERVE, 1 BLOCK.

Upon a motion by Council Member Calfee, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the RTG Humble Subdivision Plat.

12. APPROVAL OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE'S EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2016.

City Manager Boeske recommended approval of the recommendations as laid before the Council but noted that one additional change was to be included with regards to the number of physical therapy visits. Mr. Boeske stated that the allotted number of 25 was below industry standards and the City's insurer would increase this to 40.

Council Member Pierce asked what had been happening currently. Finance Director Phillips stated that when employees had utilized all 25 they either had to have supplemental insurance or pay out of pocket.

City Manager Boeske also noted that there were a few minor cost adjustments made in regards to a slight increase in the employee's contributions. Finance Director Phillips said that the costs were slightly skewed between the classifications, i.e. employee, employee and spouse, employee and family, so those were adjusted to make them more equitable.

City Manager Boeske stated that in 2017 under the Affordable Care Act, the City's insurance plan would be considered and "Cadillac Plan" which would incur a significant tax penalty to both the City and to the individual employee but by making small changes now and in 2017 the City will be able to avoid such classification without having to significantly impact the employees all at once.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Insurance Committee's recommendations.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:53 P.M. on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason Stuebe

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City Secretary

