

**MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 5024 BROADWAY AVENUE
February 9, 2015**

A Regular Meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on February 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, Haltom City, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Richard Hutchison	Mayor Pro Tem Bob Watkins
Council Place 1 Marian Hilliard	Council Place 2 Jeff Western
Council Place 3 David Averitt	Council Place 4 Trae Fowler
Council Member 6 Stephanie Davenport	Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong

Staff Present: Tom Muir, City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Olson, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director; Keith Lane, Police Chief; Tim Cool, IT Director; Jennifer Fung, Finance Director, Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Manager; Steve Ross, Fire Chief, and Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director.

WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchison called the Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. City Manager Tom Muir provided an update on the 2014 Parks Improvement Project that included costs on different park projects, funding situations, expenditures, and future development plans. Mark Spencer, of MHS Planning and Design, presented detailed plans regarding the White's Branch park project that included additional parking and the Little Fossil Creek project that included walking trails, playground, and a rest area. A discussion was held regarding the costs for bathrooms, path lighting, public safety security, and a joint meeting with the Parks Board. The Consent Agenda was reviewed and a correction was made in the Minutes. Agenda Item # 2 – CAD/RMS – was moved on the Regular Agenda. No change was made to the Regular Agenda. Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director, provided park information regarding reconstruction at Orval Court. Mayor Hutchison called for an Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 551.071

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from the City Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda, in addition to the following matters:

Consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct which may conflict with the Open Meetings Act; including discussion of any item posted on the Agenda; to seek legal advice on: open meetings, open records, contracts, possible moratorium on fence permits, expenditures and oversight of the Haltom City Economic Development Corporation, litigation, and settlement offers and/or claims for the following cases:

- Donald Anthony Hains v. City of Haltom City
- Phillip Payne v. City of Haltom City
- Burkett v. City of Haltom City, et al.
- Flynn v. Haltom City EDC

Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property

Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property owned or leased by the City and the Economic Development Corporation.

Section 551.074 – Personnel

Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, resignation, duties, discipline or dismissal of the Deputy Fire Chief.

Section 551.087 – Deliberations about Economic Development Incentives

Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the City has received from business prospects the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

Mayor Hutchison closed the Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Marian Hilliard presented Aaron Ashlock, the Pastor of Oak Knoll Baptist Church, who gave the Invocation and Council Member Hilliard led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Assistant City Manager Chuck Barnett announced the following:

Library

Video Contest – Enrolled BISD students will be participating and the theme is "Every Hero Has a Story" and the deadline is February 13, 2015.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Help – Each Thursday through April 9, tax assistance will be available at the Library. Tax assistance is free, but reservations are required due to limited seating. For additional information, call 817-222-7786.

Movie Night – "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" will be showing on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Park and Recreation

Buffalo Stampede – The 29th annual Haltom City Stampede will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015. The packets can be picked up Thursday, February 12 and Friday, February 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Haltom Recreation Center. The Fun Run will start at 8:30 a.m. and the 5k at 9:00 a.m. and participants can register online at www.haltomcitytx.com or mail the registration to the Haltom Recreation Center. Trophies will go to the first, second and third place winners in 14 different age groups. Proceeds go to benefit the BISD Back to School Health Fair, which provides school supplies, backpacks, and free health screening to students in Haltom City.

Art In The City

Evening of Swing – Art in the City will host an "Evening of Swing" on Sunday, February 16 at Don Cruz Restaurant located at 3155 Denton Highway in the Haltom Plaza Shopping Center. Music will be provided by the Jazz Monsters Big Band, performing music of the 30's and 40's. The event will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Special Recognition

"Keep Haltom City Beautiful" – This program has won national recognition from "Keep America Beautiful" over cities of similar populations for environmental programs (litter cleanup, recycling, education and awareness and beautification projects). In January, the program's coordinator – Fran Burns – represented Haltom City in Washington D. C. to accept the award.

Office Closings

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item # 2 – CAD/RMS – was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2015. Council Member moved, seconded by Council Member, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2015.
3. **Ordinance No. O-2014-036-15 (Z-007-14) – McCullar Office Warehouse** – Consideration and/or action on the application of Rod Ekern, on behalf of Kevin Khorrani, for approval of a Zoning Change request from "C-1" Commercial to C-3" Industrial located on Tracts 12C2 and 12C1 of the George Akers Survey, Abstract 30, being 1.54 acres of land located north of McCullar Road and east of Carson Street, locally known as 6017 and 6019 McCullar Road and action on an amendment to O-2010-011-15, amending the Future Land Use Plan within the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. – **2nd Reading**
4. **Ordinance No. O-2015-001-15 (Z-010-14) - Tyss Office Building** - Consideration and/or action on the application of James Pliska, on behalf of TYSS Investments LP, for approval of a Zoning Change request from "D" Duplex to "PD" Planned Development for all "C-3" uses plus office warehouse uses located on the northern half of Lot 1, Block 1 and all of Lot 18, Block 1, of the Parkdale Gardens Addition, being 0.746 acres of land located south of Wall Avenue and east of Carson Street, locally known as 2508 Carson Street, 6004 Wall Avenue, and 2433 Moneda Avenue; and action on an amendment to O-2010-011-15, amending the Future Land Use Plan within the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan – **2nd Reading**.

Council Member Hilliard moved, seconded by Council Member Averitt, to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 1, 3, and 4, with corrections to the Minutes. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **CAD/RMS** – Consideration and/or action authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the cities of Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga for a computer-aided dispatch/records management system (CAD/RMS). Police Chief Keith Lane provided information regarding the agreement and reviewed the process for selecting Spillman Inc. and also the funding. Council Member Western moved, seconded by Council Member Truong, to approve the interlocal agreement. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
5. **Ordinance No. O-2015-002-15 (CU-005-14)** – Conduct a public hearing and consider action on the application of Ernest Hedgcoth, on behalf of Brad Dunn, for a Conditional Use Permit request with site plan approval, for office warehouse uses located on Lot 13, Block 14 of the Clarence Jones Subdivision, being 0.385 acres located north of Carnation Street and west of Higgins Lane, locally known as 4141 Carnation Street – **1st Reading**. Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, provided the ordinance information and

Ernest Hedgcoth provided additional site information. A discussion was held regarding sidewalks, parking and the property owner's longstanding business. Mayor Hutchison opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Hutchison closed the Public Hearing and recognized Council Member Fowler, who moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Watkins, to approved Ordinance No. O-2015-002-15 (CU-005-14) – first reading. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

6. **Sidewalk Waiver/Safe Pathways Fund** – Consideration and/or action to authorize payment into the Safe Pathways Fund in lieu of the construction of a sidewalk at 2334 Pecan Court. Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, presented the agenda item and a discussion was held regarding the site location and the absence of area sidewalks. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Truong, to approve the payment into the Safe Pathways Fund in lieu of the construction of a sidewalk at 2334 Pecan Court. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
7. **General, Special and Joint Elections** – Consideration and/or action to amend Resolution No. R-2015-001-01 calling for a general election and authorizing a joint election with Tarrant County on May 9, 2015 to include a special election for Council Member Place 3 and a special election to determine whether the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) and the CCPD sales and use tax (¼ cent) should be continued for ten (10) years. City Secretary Art Camacho provided the amendment information that consisted of a special election for the vacancy in Council Place 3 and the CCPD sales and use tax. A discussion was held regarding the possible increase change on the amount of the CCPD sales and use tax, coinciding with a possible decrease change in the Economic Development Corporation ½ cent and the possibility of placing it on the May ballot. In addition, it was determined by the Council that Haltom City Northeast Center be the only polling place used on Election Day. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Truong, to approve amending Resolution No. R-2015-001-01 - calling for a general election; authorizing one polling place at the Haltom Northeast Center on election day; calling for a special election for the continuance of the CCPD sales and use tax for ten years, and for the vacancy in Council Place 3 – to be held on May 9, 2015. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM

The following citizens came forward:

1. Christopher Sloan – Commented on the speeding traffic on West Ellison Avenue between Carson and Thomas streets.

No other citizen came forward.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

8. **Resignations of Board Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission Members. Mayor Hutchison announced the following resignations for approval:
 1. Lyn Shimmin from the Parks Board – **The resignation was approved unanimously.**
 2. Blakely Cabano from the EDC – **The resignation was approved unanimously.**

9. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards and Commissions** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions. There were no appointments or reappointments.
10. **Board/Commission Reports** – Receive reports from Council liaisons. The following reports were given:
1. Council Member Hilliard – Reported a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will not be held tomorrow, but will meet on February 24, 2015.
 2. Council Member Western – Reported the Library Board did not meet for lack of a quorum.
 3. Council Member Averitt – Reported no ZBA meeting was held.
- No other reports were given.

EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. **Attendance Requirements** – Consideration regarding excused absences of Council Members according to Article III, Sec. 3.07 (a). Attendance Requirements of the Haltom City Charter. There were no absences.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

See Posting on Page One (1) of the Minutes.

The Council took a break and convened into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

12. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Executive Session.
- The Council returned to Regular Session at 10:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Watkins moved, seconded by Council Member Averitt, to appoint Council Member Fowler to the vacant position on the EDC. **Mayor Pro Tem Watkins and Council Members Avaritt, Davenport, and Truong voted aye. Council Members Hilliard and Western voted nay. Council Member Fowler abstained. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

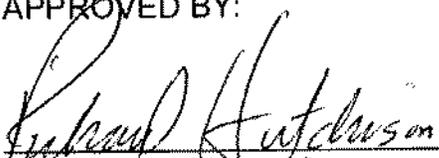
Mayor Hutchison adjourned the meeting on February 9, 2015 at 10:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Richard Hutchison, Mayor

