

**MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
HALTOM CITY CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5525 BROADWAY AVENUE, HALTOM CITY, TEXAS 76117
August 15, 2015**

A Council/Staff Budget Workshop was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on August 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the Haltom City Central Fire Station, Haltom City, Texas, with the following members present:

Mayor David Averitt	Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Watkins
Council Place 1 Jeannine Nunn	Council Place 2 Walter Grow
Council Place 3 Scott Garrett	Council Place 4 Trae Fowler
Council Place 6 Stephanie Davenport	Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong

Staff Present: Tom Muir, City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Jennifer Fung, Finance Director; Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director; Tom Henry, Parks and Recreation Director, and Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Management Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Averitt called the Budget Workshop to order at 8:06 a.m.

1. **Ordinance No. O-2015-017-01** – Consideration and/or action regarding calling a special election to be held November 3, 2015 for the purpose of submitting a charter amendment to the voters. **1st Reading.** City Manager Tom Muir presented the ordinance and a discussion was held regarding the cost of the election and the amount of items proposed for the May 2016 ballot if the November election is not held. Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 8:22 a.m. and Charter Review Committee Chair Jimbo White stated that he had received numerous inquiries in regard to the new propositions and was in favor of the November election. No other citizen was present to come forward. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 a.m. Council Member Walter Grow moved, seconded by Council Member Trae Fowler, to pass (until next meeting) Ordinance No. O-2015-017-01 – first reading. **Council Members Jeannine Nunn, Walter Grow, Scott Garrett, Trae Fowler and Dr. An Truong voted aye. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Watkins and Council Member Stephanie Davenport voted nay. Motion carried.** The ordinance will be considered for a second reading at the Regular Council Meeting on August 24, 2015.
2. Discussion on Upcoming Budgetary Issues and Priorities for FY 2015-16.

The Workshop began with Planning and Community Development Director Justin French presenting a PowerPoint listing of a proposed 2016 work plan. A discussion was held regarding acquiring assistance from other departments (Public Works/Parks), mowing services, towing services, graffiti monitoring and prevention, property values and productivity measures.

The Council took a break at 9:45 a.m. and returned to the Workshop at 9:55 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Henry addressed the Council in regard to reclassifying a Parks and Recreation Assistant to Athletic Director. He also stated the bathrooms will need to be installed at Pecan Park and the bathrooms at the Haltom Road will be upgraded. A discussion was held regarding all mowing services being conducted

through Public Works and reducing the mowing contract with the Economic Development Corporation.

Human Resources and Risk Management Director Toni Beckett addressed the Council for the purpose of acquiring an application trailing system with funds that were reimbursed from the Texas Municipal League (TML) and Cigma Insurance. A discussion was held regarding employment advertising, job fairs, internship programs, job training, and tuition reimbursements. In addition, a discussion was also held concerning the hiring of a firm to provide an objective analysis of employee productivity and the cost of "Obamacare" re-budgeting.

City Secretary Art Camacho presented the City Secretary/City Council budget and a discussion was held regarding the November election, vehicle usage, and the budgeting of the Council's conference and training amount, including a possible increase for attending the TML Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners (AMCC) training in Bastrop on February 18 – 20, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Averitt adjourned the Budget Workshop at 12:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



David Averitt, Mayor

