

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 5024 BROADWAY AVENUE
August 24, 2015

A Regular Meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on August 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, 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 Member 6 Stephanie Davenport
Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong	
Council Place 4 Trae Fowler arrived at 6:20 during the Worksession.	

Staff Present: Tom Muir, City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Olson, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Jennifer Fung, Finance Director; Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, and Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director.

WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Averitt called the Worksession to order at 6:05 p.m. A discussion was held for a possible name for the new street addition between Belknap and Highland Avenue that included names of former city employees, Pony Express history, and the Haltom City Historical Society. The Consent Agenda was reviewed and Agenda Item #4 – *Charter Election* – was moved to the Regular Agenda. The Regular Agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. A discussion was held regarding the Little Fossil Creek project and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) drainage project. Mayor Averitt closed the Worksession at 6:35 p.m. and called for an Executive Session.

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, expenditures and oversight of the Haltom City Economic Development Corporation, enforcement action for zoning violation, litigation, and settlement offers and/or claims for the following cases:

- Donald Anthony Hains v. City of Haltom City
- Burkett v. City of Haltom City, et al.
- Flynn v. Haltom City EDC
- Progressive County Mutual Ins. Co. v. City of Haltom City
- James H. Watson v. City of Haltom City
- Louis Engler v. City of Haltom City, et al.
- EEOC Charge No. 450-2015-01583.

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.

Mayor Averitt closed the Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Averitt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Jeannine Nunn gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

City Secretary Art Camacho announced the following:

Memory Loss, Dementia, & Alzheimer's Disease - Wednesday, September 2nd, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Crafty Saturdays – Easy-to-make craft class for adults will be held Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and the cost is \$5.00 plus supplies.

Family Movie Night – On Monday, September 14th, the movie "Quest for Camelot" will be shown at 6:30 p.m.

Story Times – (1) Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for ages 3 and older; (2) Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for ages 2 and younger.

Veterans Support Group – This group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GED Classes – Registration starts Tuesday, September 8th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and the classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and registration is required.

Haltom Fire Services

The Haltom Fire Services Board raised approximately \$1100 from the "All You Can Eat" breakfast fundraiser at the Applebee's restaurant.

REPORTS

1. **Monthly Financial Report for July 2015** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the preliminary monthly Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2015. Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the Financial Report that included negative fund balances, ratio variables, and city comparison debt ratio. Ms. Fung went through each Financial Audit findings and explained the cause and remedy for each individual item. A discussion was held regarding the sales tax revision and the revenue versus the expenditure balance.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of the meetings of August 5, 2015, August 8, 2015, August 10, 2015, August 12, 2015, and August 15, 2015.
3. **Budget Amendment** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2015-016-03 – 2015 Budget Amendment. **2nd Reading**

Council Member Dr. An Truong moved, seconded by Council Member Trae Fowler, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items # 2 and # 3. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Charter Election** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2015-017-01 calling a special election to be held on November 3, 2015 for the purpose of submitting charter amendments to the voters. **2nd Reading.** Mayor Pro Tem Bob Watkins requested for Council Member Scott Garrett to provide his reasons for approving the November election in lieu of the estimated cost of \$14,000. Council Member Garrett stated having a charter amendment would overload the May 2016 ballot and would receive better citizen voting attention by being an exclusive item on the November ballot. He also stated that some items contained in the charter amendment, particularly Chapter 11, would improve the performance evaluation by quickening the process. A discussion was held regarding the Council compensation and City Attorney Wayne Olson stated the Tort Act would protect the Council in regard to individual lawsuits. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Stephanie Davenport, to approve Ordinance No. O-2015-017-01 – special election on November 3, 2015 for a charter amendment – second reading. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
5. **Property Sale** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution R-2015-016-01 for the sale of Lot 30B, Block 1, Jonesfield Addition, locally known as 5736 Bertha Lane, to Mr. Anthony Titcomb. City Manager Tom Muir presented the resolution. Council Member Garrett moved, seconded by Council Member Davenport, to approve Resolution No. R-2015-016-01 for the sale of Lot 30B, 5736 Bertha Lane. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
6. **Property Sale** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution R-2015-017-01 for the sale of Lot 29G, Block 29, GW Burkett's Subdivision, locally known as 1405 Joplin Avenue to Troy and Karen Willis. City Manager Tom Muir presented the resolution. Council Member Grow moved, seconded by Council Member Truong, to approve Resolution R-2015-017-01 – 1405 Joplin Avenue. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
7. **Property Sale** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution R-2015-018-01 for the sale of Lot 2, Block 22, West Browning Addition, locally known as 4620 Nadine Drive to Mr. Larry Young. City Manager Tom Muir presented the resolution. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Garrett, to approve Resolution R-2015-018-01 – 4620 Nadine Drive. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
8. **Community Powered Revitalization (CPR) Program** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution No. R-2015-019-01 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with 6 Stones Mission Network for the City's participation in their CPR Program. Rodney Gattis and Brian Kramer, of 6 Stones, presented a brief review of the CPR program and the housing criteria. A discussion was held regarding the community involvement and funding. Council Member Grow moved, seconded by Council Member Truong, to approve Resolution No. R-2015-019-01 – CPR Program. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
9. **FY2016 Tax Rate** – Conduct a public hearing regarding the FY2016 proposed tax rate. Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the FY2016 current tax rate (\$0.69999), the effective tax (\$0.709255) and the preliminary/calculated rollback

rate of \$0.763711. Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 8:28 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 8:29 p.m. and announced the next public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be conducted on August 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. No action was taken.

10. **Audit Committee Appointments** – Consideration and/or action regarding nominating and appointing members to the Audit Committee. City Manager Tom Muir presented the appointment criteria and Mayor Averitt opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Fowler inquired of the current members if they would like to serve again. He nominated Council Member Garrett, Grow, and Davenport, with Council Member Jeannine Nunn to serve as an alternate, to the Audit Committee. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM

No citizen came forward.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

11. **Resignations of Board Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission Members. There was no resignations.
12. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards and Commissions** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions. Mayor Averitt appointed Bill Lanford to the Civil Service Commission. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT

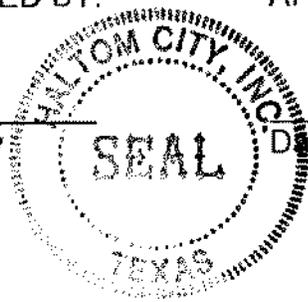
Mayor Averitt adjourned the meeting on August 24, 2015 at 8:35 p.m.

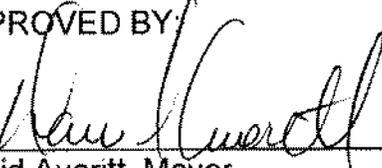
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary





David Averitt, Mayor