

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL/STAFF BUDGET WORKSHOP
HALTOM CITY CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5525 BROADWAY AVENUE, HALTOM CITY, TEXAS 76117
August 26, 2015

A Council/Staff Budget Workshop was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on August 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.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 3 Scott Garrett
Council Place 4 Trae Fowler	Council Place 6 Stephanie Davenport
Council Place 2 Walter Grow was connected via video conferencing at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1920 Arnsley Town Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina. Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong was absent.	

Staff Present: Tom Muir, City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Jennifer Fung, Finance Director; Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Management Director, and Tim Cool, IT Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Averitt called the Budget Workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Discussion on Upcoming Budgetary Issues and Priorities for FY 2015-16.

City Manager Tom Muir began the meeting with an announcement that the first Public Hearing on the 2016 Property Tax Rate will be on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. He also informed the Council of the deadline for their decision regarding the TexRail Project, which will also be on the August 31st agenda. Finance Director Jennifer Fung provided information regarding the percentage of Municipal Court offenses involving Haltom City citizens. A discussion regarding street repair on Clay Avenue and the Mercantile properties was held.

The position of a Public Safety (PS) Director was discussed in regard to specific departments that the PS Director would oversee, in addition to the lessening of responsibilities for the benefit of the City Manager.

The moving of the Parks mowing to the Public Works Department was discussed, along with the "stand alone" status of the Senior Center and Recreation Center, which would possibly lead to the eventual dissolving of the Parks Recreation Department Director position. Future mowing contracts and possible lawn mowing provided at the fire stations by the Fire Department was discussed.

The Council discussed the long-term debt Certificate of Obligations (CO's), in particular those that are "non-callable" and the reinvestment of the debt for lower percentage rates. A final discussion was held regarding the amount of funding for the employee 2% pay raise.

ADJOURNMENT

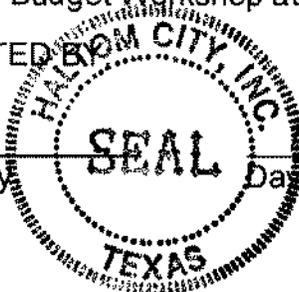
Mayor Averitt adjourned the Budget Workshop at 8:58 p.m.

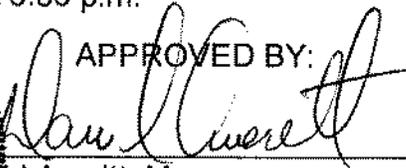
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary





David Averitt, Mayor