

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 5024 BROADWAY AVENUE
September 14, 2015

A Regular Meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on September 14, 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 was absent.	

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, Keith Lane, Police Chief; Melissa Pace, Municipal Court Administrator; Julie Jenkins, Community Projects 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. Police Chief Keith Lane presented a proposed Panhandling Ordinance and a discussion was held regarding the different types and of solicitation and the timeframe allowed for this activity. Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, presented a proposed ordinance regarding Day Laborers and a discussion was held concerning the restrictions included in the day laborer facilities, particularly the abusive language section. City Manager Tom Muir addressed the Council in regard to naming the street addition between Belknap and Highland Avenue. After reviewing several suggestions, the Council agreed on the name "Highland Cutoff." Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the increased new water and wastewater rates and a discussion was held regarding the past absorption of rate increases and also the possibility of seeking new water resources. Mayor Averitt closed the Worksession at 6:57 p.m. and called for an Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Scott Garrett gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Council Member Stephanie Davenport announced the following:

Staff Development Days – The Library will be closed for staff training on Friday, September 25th

Craft Saturdays - Halloween Crafts - Saturday, September 26th - 10 a.m. – Noon - \$5.00 plus supplies. Adult: 18 years & older. Call or visit website for details on crafts

Story Times - Thursdays, 11 – 11:45 a.m., for ages 3 & older; Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., for ages 2 & younger

Veterans Support Group - 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, 6 – 7 p.m.

GED Classes - Registration started September 8th and is continued from September 15th through September 17th from 5 – 8 p.m. Classes begin September 22nd and are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5 – 8 p.m. Registration is required.

Special Election

In addition to the constitutional amendments proposed by the Texas Legislature, Haltom City will also be conducting a Special Election to submit proposed amendments to the City Charter to the voters on Tuesday, November 3rd. Voting shall be conducted on Election Day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Early Voting will begin on October 19th and will conclude on October 30th at various Tarrant County polling locations. The polling places can be found on a link to Tarrant County Elections on the City Secretary's webpage on the city website at www.haltomcitytx.com.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of the meetings of August 19, 2015, August 22, 2015, August 24, 2015, August 26, 2015 and August 29, 2015. Council Member Dr. An Truong moved, seconded by Council Member Stephanie Davenport, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2015, August 22, 2015, August 24, 2015, August 26, 2015 and August 29, 2015, with corrections. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
2. **Environmental Collection Center** – Consideration and/or action to authorize the City Manager to approve the amendment which extends the current contract and interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth to allow our residents to utilize the Environmental Collection Center. Community Projects Director Julie Jenkins presented the agreement and a discussion was held regarding the rate increase frequency, funding source, and facility signage. Council Member Walter Grow moved, seconded by Council Member Jeannine Nunn, to approve the interlocal agreement for the Environmental Collection Center. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
3. **Northeast Tarrant Teen Court** – Consideration and/or action regarding authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the cities of Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga for the operation of the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court. Municipal Court Administrator Melissa Pace presented the agreement and a discussion was held regarding the overseeing of the court, program insurance, volunteerism, awarded scholarships, completion of service percentage, and Haltom City's cost in relation to the number of cases. Council Member Truong moved, seconded by Council Member Grow, to approve the Northeast Tarrant Teen Court interlocal agreement with the cities Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
4. **Bank Depository Services** – Consideration and/or action regarding awarding Bid No. B2015-051-007 for bank depository services to Legacy Texas Bank. Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the agenda item and a discussion was held concerning the services and financial gain. Council Member Scott Garrett moved, seconded by Council Member Davenport, to approve Bid No. B2015-051-007 for bank depository services to Legacy Texas Bank. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

5. **Proposed FY2016 Budget** – Conduct a public hearing and consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2015-018-03 adopting the proposed FY2016 budget. **1st Reading.** Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. and the following citizens came forward:

1. Carol Williams – Stated she objected to the elimination of the Parks Director position and considers parks development and maintenance to be a major draw for families.
2. Marian Hilliard – Requested and was granted a lengthy period because of her large volume of questions. She asked the following questions:
 - (1) – How long does the Council intend to keep the fund balance of the General Fund at 18%? Should they raise taxes than lower reserves?
 - (2) – How will the city take up the slack of the 10 eliminated positions? Will the elimination of the Parks Director and Business Development Coordinator result in a loss of a point of contact for the city? Will the moving of the mowing services to the Public Works cause an overload to the Public Works Department?
 - (3) - Will the city be able to maintain the Public Safety Salary Step Plan?
 - (4) – Will this information be available to the citizens through the city website?

City Manager Tom Muir and several Council Members responded to Ms. Hilliard's questions in regard to the fund balance, elimination of positions, transferring of services, salary programs, and website information.

3. Connie Sanders – Spoke on behalf of the Senior Center and requested their operations be considered in this year's budget.
4. Eddie Kimbrough – Inquired of his point of contact during sports season activities with Haltom City in regard to the elimination of the Parks Director.
5. Dana Coffman – Spoke on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board and the expectations of them coinciding with the loss of a Parks and Recreation Director and would the possibility exist of ever installing a director in the future. She also requested a joint meeting with the Council and asked if the senior citizens of Haltom City would be getting any assistance with their water bill increases.

City Manager Tom Muir responded to these questions. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 9:20 p.m. and recognized Council Member Garrett, who moved, seconded by Council Member Grow, to approve Ordinance No. O-2015-018-03 – FY2016 Budget – first reading. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

6. **Proposed FY2016 Tax Rate** – Conduct a public hearing and consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2015-019-03 adopting the FY2016 Proposed Tax Rate. **1st Reading.** Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the tax rate and Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 9:22 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 9:23 p.m. and recognized Council Member Davenport, who moved, seconded by Council Member Grow, to approve Ordinance No. O-2015-019-03 adopting the FY2016 Proposed Tax Rate – first reading. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM

No citizen came forward.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

7. **Resignations of Board Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission Members. There was no resignations.

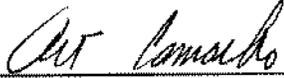
8. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards and Commissions** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions. Mayor Averitt appointed Susann Ora to the Civil Service Commission. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Averitt adjourned the meeting on September 14, 2015 at 9:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



David Averitt, Mayor

