

**MINUTES**  
**HALTOM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**HALTOM CITY CENTRAL FIRE STATION**  
**5525 BROADWAY AVENUE, HALTOM CITY, TEXAS 76117**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

A Budget Workshop was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on September 8, 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 2 Walter Grow
Council Place 3 Scott Garrett	Council Place 6 Stephanie Davenport
Council Place 4 Trae Fowler and Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong were absent.	

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

City Manager Tom Muir presented an update on the current budgetary figures, action for the next Council meeting regarding the tax rate and budget, and the water rate ordinance. IT Director Tim Cool provided information on security cameras with available funding, a new camera/production system for media display, and an electronic voting tabulation system. A discussion was held regarding their funding and longevity.

Human Resource Director Toni Beckett provided information concerning the TMRS Retirement plan that included maintaining the city contribution for all current employees, but did not allow for a different city-match amount for new hires. A discussion was held regarding the impact of a city-match change, along with the sick-leave buy back program and various other expenditures for city employees.

Council Member Jeannine Nunn addressed the Council in regard to creating and installing a veteran's memorial garden/park area to commemorate Haltom City veterans. A discussion was held regarding a webpage for this project, a location site, and the placing of an article for this in the *Crossroads*.

Public Works Director Greg Van Nieuwenhuize addressed the Council in regard to the directing of the mowing crews coming from the Parks Department. A discussion was held concerning the salary wages, incentives for salary increases for all departments, cross training, and equipment maintenance.

A discussion was held regarding the current vehicle allowances for city administrative staff and other department heads, the cost for funding this item, and the comparison to other cities. A future Council workshop item will soon be posted regarding this item.

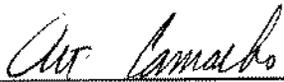
The Council again discussed the mowing service maintenance, the equalizing of the salaries of the Police and Fire Department Chiefs, and the projected date of installing the office of the Public Safety Director. In addition, a discussion was held on the backage road penalty assessment, the projected 18% General Fund balance, the operations of the Marshal's office, the withholding of city funds toward the projected memorial garden, and the involvement of the Birdville Historical Society toward the project.

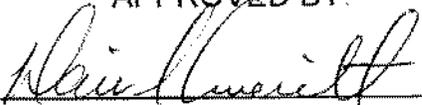
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Averitt adjourned the Budget Workshop at 12:04 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

  
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Art Camacho, City Secretary

  
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David Averitt, Mayor

