

**MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 5024 BROADWAY AVENUE
February 8, 2016**

A Regular Meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on February 8, 2016, 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 Place 4 Trae Fowler

Council Member 6 Stephanie Davenport

Council Place 7 Dr. An Truong was absent.

Staff Present: Keith Lane, Interim City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Olson, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director; Jennifer Fung, Finance Director, Darla Sulecki, Code Enforcement Officer, and Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director.

WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Averitt called the Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. Several City Staff members provided updates on their decision packages, which included the CAD/RMS, the school SRO Officer, digital voting system, and security cameras. The Worksession ended and Mayor Averitt called for an Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

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, litigation, and settlement offers and/or claims for the following cases:

- Donald Anthony Hains v. City of Haltom City
- 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
- City of San Antonio, Texas, on behalf of itself and all other similarly situated Texas cities v. Hotels.com, L.P., et al., Civil No. SA-06-CA-381-OG, a Class Action

Section 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property

Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property owned or leased by the City.

Section 551.074 - Personnel

Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, or duties of the Municipal Court Judge and City Manager.

The Executive Session ended at 6:52 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Averitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Watkins introduced David Stapp, of St. Luke Methodist Church, who gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Council Member Stephanie Davenport announced the following:

Library

Family Movie Night - Monday, February 8th, 6:30 p.m. - Movie: *Ella Enchanted*

Craft Saturday - Saturday, February 27th, 10 a.m. – Noon. Craft making for adults, St. Patrick's Day Craft - \$5.00 plus supplies; supplies list may be found on the website.

Computer Classes for Adults - Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Microsoft Word; choose one or choose all. Classes begin in February; call or visit the city's website for complete schedule. Registration is required.

Tax Help Preparation - AARP will assist people in filing income tax forms. Thursdays, February 4 – April 14, 12 – 4:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

Super Science Saturdays - Saturday, February 6th, 2016, 9 - 10:30 a.m. For ages 6 – 12; free and no registration is required.

Night of Romance - Friday, February 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. An evening of meet and greet with local Romance authors.

Take Home Valentine Day Craft for Children - February 13th – Valentine wreath.

Story Times

Thursdays, 11–11:45 a.m., ages 3 and up, first Thursday of each month puppet show.

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., ages 2 and younger.

Parks and Recreation

Be a part of history! Join us for the 30th Annual Haltom Stampede - one of Tarrant County's longest running races - on Saturday, February 13th. The fun run will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K (timed or untimed) will begin at 9 a.m. Both races start and finish in the Haltom Recreation Center parking lot. Awards and other fun activities will be held inside the Recreation Center following the races. Proceeds from the Stampede benefit the Haltom City/Birdville ISD Back to School Health Fair. The Health Fair initiative provides backpacks and school supplies to Haltom City students. We hope you can join us. We are looking for sponsors and runners. Create a team in your business - get a healthy, fun start to your new year with the Haltom Stampede. For information, please contact Christi Pruitt at the Rec Center.

Community Projects

The Car Show for Kids is Saturday, April 2nd and we need volunteers to serve on the committee. Sponsorships are also available as the event raises funds for free backpacks and school supplies for Haltom City students. Fifty dollars sponsors one student for the entire school year and we need your financial support to make a difference. Meetings are held at 2 pm the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Rec Center.

The 28th annual Images of Haltom City Photo Contest begins February 1st through March 18th! It's free to enter and the Best of Show is awarded \$200. Look for more information on the city's website, social media, and the next Crossroads.

If you have a pre-schooler (under 5 years old) at home and live in the 76117 zip code of Haltom City, you are eligible to receive one FREE book mailed to you each month through the United Way of Tarrant County and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The link to register your child is available on the city's website and a limited number of brochures are available at the Haltom City Library.

Art in the City's Spring Gallery Night is Saturday, March 19th and looking for artists to showcase their work. Please contact Julie Orebaugh for additional information. The application deadline to be included in the official Gallery Night program is January 20th and final application deadline is February 19, 2016.

Citizen Betty Porter addressed the Council regarding a tour of the Haltom Family Mansion Tour scheduled for March 5th.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2016.
2. **Ordinance No. O-2016-002-15 (Z-001-16)** - Consider action on the application of Geraldo Sanchez for a Zoning Change request from "C-3" Commercial District to "SF-2" Single Family Residential District located on Lot 8, Block 2 of the Shady Dell Addition, being approximately 0.181 acres located south of E. Belknap Street and west of Owens Street, locally known as 2021 Owens Street, and action on an amendment to O-2010-011-15, amending the Future Land Use Plan within the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan – **2nd reading.**
3. **Investment Policy** – Consideration and/or action regarding Resolution No. R-2016-007-03 approving the Investment Policy.

Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Davenport, to approve the Consent Agenda, including changes in the Minutes, to include Agenda Items #1, 2, and 3. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Ordinance No. O-2016-001-15 (Z-009-15)** - Conduct a public hearing and consider action on the application of Paul Delaney, on behalf of Eden Drive Properties, LLC, for approval of a Zoning Change request from "M-1" Industrial District and "M-2" Heavy Industrial District to "PD" Planned Development for all "M-2" uses plus auto salvage yard uses located on Tracts 4C and 4C10 of the John Ackers Survey, Abstract 24, being 11.14 acres of land located north of Elliot Reeder Road and west of Carson Street, locally known as 1301 Carson Street – **First reading.** Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, presented the ordinance and a discussion was held regarding property buffering, street widths, panel heights, and traffic corner intersection clearance. Mayor Averitt called for a Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. and property owner Paul Delaney informed the Council of the projected use of this property, current and future employee numbers, and projected sales revenue. A discussion was held regarding the storing of the salvage vehicles and the possible continuance of this agenda item because of an injury suffered by his consultant James Pliska. Citizen Brenda Sanders-Wise addressed the Council in regard to the traffic speeds on both Carson Street and Elliot Reeder Road and loud parties held nearby the property, in addition to asking for needed street repair. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council

Member Garrett, for the postponing of zoning case (Z-009-15) – 1301 Carson Street – for a date to be determined by staff. A small discussion was held regarding the voting by the P & Z Commission and their input regarding property buffering changes. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

5. **Final Plat (P-001-16)** - Conduct a public hearing and consider action on the application of Robert Schneeberg on behalf of Belknap Properties Joint Venture for approval of a replat creating Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of the AutoZone 1526 Addition from Lots A, B, C2, 3B, 4B, and 5-8, Block 1 of the Oakridge Addition, located in the “C-3” Commercial District, containing approximately 2.697 acres, and locally known as 5122 E. Belknap Street. Justin French, Planning and Community Development Director, presented the plat and a discussion was held regarding the lot upgrading and the distribution facility. Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. Property owner Jake Jordan and Chris Ferguson, of Kimley-Horn, provided additional information regarding the property upgrade and projected business. No citizen came forward. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m. Council Member Garrett moved, seconded by Council Member Davenport, to approve Final Plat (P-001-16) – AutoZone 1526 Addition. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
6. **Fee Schedule** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution No. R-2016-005-03 amending the fee schedule. Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the resolution and a discussion was held with staff members regarding several of the fees and the comparison to similar fees from neighboring cities, especially fees that deal with commercial businesses, application variance fees, and residential car port fees. Council Member Grow moved, seconded by Council Member Garrett, to table the fee schedule to the first meeting in March. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
7. **Commercial Electricity Supply Agreement** – Consideration and/or action to approve Resolution No. R-2016-008-03 authorizing the Board of the Cities Aggregate Power Project to renegotiate the existing electricity purchase agreement and pursue an extension of the electricity purchase contract through December 31, 2018. Finance Director Jennifer Fung presented the resolution and a discussion was held regarding the projected savings and contract length. Council Member Garrett moved, seconded by Council Member Fowler, to approve Resolution No. R-2016-008-03, authorizing the electric supply contract from the period of 2018 through 2022 - Option 1. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
8. **Ordinance No. O-2016-003-01 – Municipal Sales Use Tax Special Election** – Conduct a public hearing and consider action approving Ordinance No. O-2016-003-01 – Special Election regarding Municipal Sales and Use Tax – **First reading.** City Secretary Art Camacho presented the ordinance that included a discussion regarding the projected figures upon the measure passing, the adjoining with the General Election, and the publication notice. Mayor Averitt opened the Public Hearing at 9:48 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Averitt closed the Public Hearing at 9:49 p.m. Council Member Fowler moved, seconded by Council Member Grow, to approve Ordinance No. O-2016-003-03 – Municipal Sales and Use Tax Special Election – first reading. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

9. **Memorial Garden Committee** - Consideration and/or action regarding the creation of a Memorial Garden Committee. Council Member Jeannine Nunn expressed to the Council the need for a memorial for Haltom City veterans and also stated that a board of five members chosen from the Council could be formed to oversee the project. A discussion was held regarding the appointment and community involvement. Council Member Nunn moved, seconded by Council Fowler, to approve the establishing of a Veteran’s Memorial Garden Committee. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.*** City Attorney Wayne Olson stated a resolution to this effect will be made for Council action.
10. **Code Rangers Program** – Consideration and/or action regarding the implementing of a form of the “Code Rangers” Program. Mayor Averitt presented the agenda item and a discussion was held regarding the limitation of an implemented program, the current staff shortage, and the operation of the code enforcement under the Police Department. Other items discussed were the mitigation process, educating the citizens, and placing this item on the first meeting in April.

VISITORS/CITIZEN FORUM

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

1. Birdi Blocker – Stated a list of “Do’s and Don’t’s” from an older “Crossroads” magazine had been given to Police Officer Meyers and requested they should be given to each new resident to help maintain resident and business properties. She also thanked the Council for their pursuit of cleaning up neighborhoods.
2. Susann Ora – Stated that revitalization is more than code enforcement and community restoration also involves restoring streets, community properties, and educating Councils and citizens to pursue viable solutions.
3. Darla Sulecki – Relayed several code enforcement scenarios and requested community interaction with city staff, but also training on the citizen’s behalf.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

1. **Resignations of Board Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission Members. There were no resignations.
2. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards and Commissions** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions. Mayor Averitt appointed Marian Hilliard to the Alternate position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. ***The appointment was unanimously approved.***

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Averitt adjourned the meeting on February 8, 2016 at 10:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Art Camacho, City Secretary

David Averitt, Mayor