

**MINUTES  
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 13, 2023**

A Regular Meeting by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, was held on March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Haltom City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, with the following members present:

Mayor An Truong

Dep. Mayor PT Marian Hilliard (virtual)

Council Place 4 Eric Morris

Council Place 7 Don Cooper

Council Place 5 Susan Soule was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Thompson

Council Place 2 Tiffany Chandler

Council Place 6 Kyle Smith

Staff Present: Rex Phelps, City Manager; Sidonna Foust, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director (ACM/FD); Alicia Kreh, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Erik Smith, Assistant Planning and Community Development Director; Erica Gill, Library Director; Brian Jacobs, Fire Chief; Cody Phillips, Police Chief; Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Management Director; Christi Pruitt, Parks and Recreation Director; Jon Stevenson, Assistant Finance Director; Hikmat Qaddoura, Senior Budget Analyst; Dave Klopfenstein, IT Director, and Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director.

**WORKSESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Truong called the Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for an Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

**Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney** - 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: open meetings, open records, code of ethics and conflicts of interest, boards and commissions, nonconforming mobile home park, and regulations regarding over-the-counter sale of syringes.

**Section 551.072 – Deliberation about Real Property** - Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and property owned or leased by the City.

**Section 551.074 – Personnel** - Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, or duties of the City Secretary.

**Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations** – Deliberation regarding financial or other incentives to a business prospect.

The Executive Session ended at 6:59 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Truong called the Council Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and recognized Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hilliard by virtual connection and also welcomed Arlington City Council member Long Pham and Bryan Curneal.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council Member Morris introduced Rev. Randy Grosenbach, of the Haltom City Christian Church, who gave the Invocation. Council Member Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

**VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM** – Suzanne Norris addressed the Council concerning the Fire Services Board fundraiser event for their Fire Safety trailer at the Hoffbrau on April 18th. No other citizen came forward.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – City Secretary Camacho read the following: Library is hosting AARP Tax Aide registration; Goodwill Classes will have two classes; The “Flea for All” will be held Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Center hosting a variety of events and classes; Keep Haltom Beautiful is having a Community Cleanup on March 25<sup>th</sup>; the Carfest will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor’s Cup on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATION** – “Citizen Recognition” – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hilliard spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Library and Mayor Truong and his wife Lily were recognized for their volunteerism.

Mayor Truong presented an inscribed clock to Council Member Chandler, who will be moving away from Haltom City. Council Member Chandler thanked the Council, Staff, and citizens for their support and friendship. She will be conducting the remainder of her term via virtual connection. Mayor Truong introduced his son Duy Truong and wife Phet, and their son Nicholas Truong; Dr. Tuan Lam, his wife Mai, and their family members: Daughter Dr. Anh Thu Lam and her husband Dr. Danh Do; Son Minh Lam and his wife Coneeny; and nephew Tan Tran; Dr. Lam expressed his thanks and gave a brief history of his pursuit in finding his cousin Mayor Truong after more than 60 years.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. **Monthly Financial Report** – Review of Monthly Financial Report for December 31, 2022 – Assistant Finance Director Stevenson presented the monthly financial report. No questions were asked.

The Council took this time to take action regarding the Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Chandler, in regard to the deliberation of the City Secretary, the discussion was approved and will go forward as discussed in Executive Session, and started on the appropriate date by Human Resources. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2023. (A. Camacho)
3. **Ordinance No. O-2023-004-15 – CUP Z-007-22** – Consideration and/or action regarding the application of Cecilia Mares for a zone change from “C-2” Commercial District to “SF-2” Single Family Residential District located in the Earles Addition, Block 5, both the North and South ½ of lot 10 and 11 with the north half being 2812 Layton Avenue and the south half being 2808 Layton Avenue, being approximately 0.4178 acres of land, locally known as 2808 and 2812 Layton Avenue – ***2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (G. Batchelor)***
4. **Ordinance No. O-2023-005-15 – CU 001-23** – Consideration and/or action regarding the application of Stephanie Cavalier for a Conditional Use Permit for Commercial Amusement (indoors) in the “C-2” Commercial District, containing approximately 33,945 square feet of lease space on Lot 1R, Block 1 of the Diamond Oaks Plaza, with a property address being 4105 Denton Highway. – ***2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (G. Batchelor)***
5. **Resolution No. R-2023-002-01- Opioid Settlement** – Consideration and/or action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-002-01 authorizing the City Manager to execute global opioid settlement documents relating to the Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens settlements, and any future opioid settlements negotiated by the Attorney General and authorizing the City Manager to transmit those documents to the Attorney General. (R. Phelps)

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Chandler, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda Items #2 – Minutes of February 27, 2023; Agenda Item #3 – Ordinance No. O-2023-004-15 – CUP Z-007-22 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; Agenda Item #4 – Ordinance No. O-2023-005-15 – CU 001-23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; and Agenda Item # 5- Resolution No. R-2023-002-01 – Opioid Settlement. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

6. **Ordinance No. O-2023-006-15 Rezone Z-001-23** – Conduct a Public Hearing and consideration and/or action to approve the application of Anan Qadri for a zone change from “M-2” Heavy Industrial District to “C-3” Commercial District located on Lot 1 N ½,

Block 12, of the Oak Knoll Addition, being approximately 0.2176 acres of land and Lot 1 S ½, Block 12, of the Oak Knoll Addition, being approximately 0.2038 acres of land, locally known as 4306 North East 28th Street and 2113 Layton Avenue. **1<sup>st</sup> reading** Assistant Planning and Community Director Smith presented the ordinance and no discussion was held. Mayor Truong opened the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Truong closed the Public Hearing at 7:41. Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, to approve Ordinance No. O-2023-006-15 - Z-001-23 – Rezone M-2 to C-3 - 1<sup>st</sup> reading. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

7. **Public Works Equipment Purchase** - Consideration and/or action regarding the purchase of three (3) dump trucks and a backhoe. Public Works Director Van Nieuwenhuize presented the agenda item, explaining the age of the trucks and the need to own a backhoe instead of renting. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Chandler, to approve the purchase of three Peterbilt dump trucks and the John Deere backhoe, and also authorize the City Manager to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

### **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

8. Staff Reports - March 2, 2023 Windstorm – City Manager Phelps presented a PowerPoint illustrating the destructive events of the windstorm earlier this month and responses from the city and volunteer groups regarding the safety of the citizens.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Consideration and/or action to approve items to be placed on future agendas. No items were presented.

### **BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

10. **Resignations of Board/Commissions/Committee Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission/Committee Members. No resignations were presented.
11. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees. No appointments or reappointments were made.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

12. **Attendance Requirements** – Consideration regarding excused absences of Council Members according to Article III, Sec. 3.07 (a). Attendance Requirements of the Haltom City Charter. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Chandler, to approve the absence of Council Member Soule. The absence was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Truong adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



An M. Truong, Mayor