

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 27, 2023

A Regular Meeting by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, was held on March 27, 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

Council Place 4 Eric Morris

Council Place 7 Don Cooper

Council Place 6 Kyle Smith was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Thompson

Council Place 2 Tiffany Chandler (virtual)

Council Place 5 Susan Soule

Staff Present: Rex Phelps, City Manager; Sidonna Foust, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director (ACM/FD); Wayne Olson, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Glenna Batchelor, 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; Bryce Davis, Emergency Management 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, and nonconforming mobile home park.

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

The Executive Session ended at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Truong called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and recognized Council Member Chandler by virtual connection.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Soule gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag Pledge.

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM – No citizen came forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – City Secretary Camacho read the following: At the Library, Goodwill Classes will have a class on computers; The “Flea for All” will be held Saturday, May 20th. The Senior Center hosting a variety of events and classes; the Carfest will be held on April 29th and the Mayor’s Cup on May 5th; the Fire Services Board will have a benefit hosted by the Hoffbrau restaurant; and McCullar Street will be closed on March 28th.

PROCLAMATION – “Child Abuse Prevention Month” – Emily Eibel, of the Alliance for Children, accepted the proclamation from Mayor Truong, expressing thanks for the support.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of March 13, 2023. (A. Camacho)
2. **Ordinance No. O-2023-006-15 Rezone Z-001-23** – 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. **2nd reading (G. Batchelor)**

3. **Dedication of an Easement and Right of Way** – Consideration and/or action regarding the dedication of an Easement and Right of Way necessary for the installation of electrical facilities to serve the new Law Enforcement Center. **(G. Van Nieuwenhuize)**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Soule, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Item #1 – Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Meeting; Ordinance No. O-2023-006-15 Rezone Z-001-23 – second reading; and Dedication of an Easement and Right of Way. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Resolution No. R-2023-003-04 Justice Assistance Grant** - Consideration and/or action to approve the third-year funding for the Mental Health Coordinator Justice Assistance Grant. Police Chief Phillips presented the resolution that included a review of the initial grant, continuation of the funding, and the process used in aiding law enforcement. He also stated the new grant funding salary was accepted and no matching funds were required by the city. Mayor Truong allowed citizen Charlie Roberts to inquire about the funding of the position by Haltom City citizens and whether the position is situated for Haltom City residents only. Chief Phillips replied the position is fully funded by the grant only. No other citizen came forward. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Sole, to approve Resolution No. R-2023-003-04 Justice Assistance Grant. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
5. **Resolution No. R-2023-004-04 Placement of ALPR – TxDot** - Consideration and/or action to approve placement of automated license plate readers (ALPR) on the Texas Department of Transportation right-of-way. Police Chief Phillips presented the resolution and listed the points of recording currently underway in Haltom City and also stated that only this item is all that is mentioned in the agreement. Council Member Soule moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, to approve Resolution No. R-2023-004-04 Placement of ALPR – TxDot and to authorize decision to be made as stated. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
6. **Ordinance No. O-2023-007-15 Rezone – Z-002-23** - Conduct a Public hearing and application of Bryan Grant for a zone change from “C-2” Commercial District to “PD-MF” Planned Development Multifamily Residential District located on Abstract 30, Tract 2A, George Akers Survey, being approximately 7.2242 acres of land and Abstract 30, Tract 2A01, George Akers Survey, being approximately 3.8979 acres of land, locally know as 6200 Baker Boulevard and 6322 Baker Boulevard. **1st reading.** Planning and Community Development Director Batchelor presented the ordinance and Mayor Truong opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m. Applicants Rich Darrow and Tommy Mann from JPI came forward and gave a PowerPoint presentation displaying their business history, the property site plan, amenities of the complex, and layout of each residential unit. A discussion was held concerning the square footage and percentage of the efficiency units, the zoning change from commercial to residential, the price of suggested rental for each unit, tenant parking, and infrastructure development. No citizen came forward. Mayor Truong closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved, seconded by Council Member Soule, to approve Ordinance No. O-2023-007-15 – Z-002-23 – changing from “C-2” Commercial to “PD_MF” Planned Development - first reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hilliard, and Council Members Chandler, Soule, and Cooper voted aye. Council Member Morris voted nay. Motion carried.**

7. **Over-the-Counter Sale of Syringes** - Discussion and consideration regarding a city ordinance for over-the-counter syringe sale. City Manager Phelps presented the agenda item and a lengthy discussion was held regarding developing a policy toward monitoring the sale of over-counter syringe sales through an ordinance, the non-involvement of pursuit and the absence of such restrictions from neighboring cities in Tarrant County, enforcement of the probable ordinance, purchasing of syringes via internet sales, and leverage given to pharmacies via an ordinance. In addition, the subject of clean syringes provided to drug addicts was discussed, along with drug paraphernalia seized as crime evidence. Mayor Truong gave allowance for public comment and citizen Charlie Roberts commented on the effort given to reduce drug abuse and suggested a workshop involving the public input be held. A final question was asked to Chief Phillips if an ordinance existed, would it change the situation of our local drug problem and he responded with a "No, it would not." Mayor Truong inquired if there should be a continuation toward adopting an ordinance. Council Members Chandler and Morris voted aye to continue. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Hilliard, and Council Members Soule and Cooper voted nay.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

8. Staff Reports – ACFR Update – ACM/FD Foust presented an update of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which will be presented by the auditing firm at the Council meeting on April 10, 2023, with the Audit Committee meeting earlier at 5:00 p.m.

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 Smith. The absence was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Truong adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



An M. Truong, Mayor