

MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2023

A Regular Meeting by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, was held on August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Haltom City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, with the following members present:

Mayor An Truong	Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Linda Thompson
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem (DMPT) Kyle Smith	Council Place 1 Marian Hilliard
Council Place 2 Kyle Hantz	Council Place 4 Eric Morris
Council Place 7 Don Cooper	
Council Place 5 Susan Soule was absent.	

Staff Present: Sidonna Foust, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Wayne Olson, City Attorney (CA); Art Camacho, City Secretary (CS); Erica Gill, Library Director (LD); Cody Phillips, Police Chief (PC); Christi Pruitt, Park and Recreation Director (PRD); Stormy Johnson, Finance Director (FD); Brian Jacobs, Fire Chief (FC); Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Management Director (HRRMD); Bryce Davis, Emergency Management Director (EMD); Paul Chastant, Building Project Director, and Autumn Permenter, Public Works Engineer (PWE).

WORKSESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 commission, 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 551.074 – Personnel - Deliberation regarding the appointments of board/commissions

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

The Executive Session ended at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Truong called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM – Citizen John Patino addressed the Council concerning the road and crime conditions on South Haltom. No other citizen came forward.

Mayor Truong recognized Scott Burmbaugh, Area Manager of Atmos Energy, who addressed the Council and citizens concerning their utility needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS – CS Camacho read the following: the Library will be featuring Finch, the Therapy Dog; Storytimes begin on August 22nd; registration is open for youth soccer, adult basketball leagues, and coed volleyball; Carfest will be held at Haltom High School on Oct. 28th; and construction on Broadway Avenue will continue through the 30th. MPT Thompson commented on the “Burgers and Bingo” event for August 26th.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting and the August 7, 2023 Special Budget Meeting. MPT Thompson moved, seconded

by DMPT Smith, to approve the July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting and the August 7, 2023 Special Budget Meeting as written. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

2. **Proposed FY2024 Budget** – Discussion regarding the proposed FY2024 budget, tax rate, and fee schedule. FD Johnson presented the agenda item, including the fee schedule, and noted increases in sewer rates. ACM Foust and Council Members thanked Abel Moreno, of Waste Connection, for holding the increase CPI rate to only 2%. No questions were asked regarding the budget, tax rate or fee schedule and no action was taken.
3. **CCPD Budget** - Consideration and/or action to approve the FY2024 CCPD budget. FD Johnson presented the budget and PC Phillips commented on the personnel funding of officers. MPT Thompson moved, seconded by DMPT Smith, to accept the proposed budget for the FY2023-2024 CCPD. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
4. **Engineering Services Agreement** – Consideration and/or action to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services with Halff Associates for Street Reconstruction and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Projects. PWE Permenter presented a PowerPoint that included the proposal process, funding, and designation of the streets and sewer projects. A discussion was held concerning the contingency fees of the agreement and timeline. MPT Thompson moved, seconded by DMPT Smith, to approve the agreement for Engineering Services with Halff Associates in amount of \$700,720.00 for Parker Road, Field Street, Voncille, and Hadley Street Reconstruction projects and the Broadway and Parker Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Projects authorizing the City Manager to execute the engineering services agreement along with that to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
5. **Engineering Services Agreement** – Consideration and/or action to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services with Freese and Nichols for the Lead and Copper Rule Revision Compliance Program. PWE Permenter presented the agenda item with the information required by the state in regard to the Revision Compliance Program. No questions were asked. MPT Thompson moved, seconded by DMPT Smith, to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services with Freese and Nichols in the amount of \$91,450.00 for the Lead and Copper Rule revision compliance program phase 1 and 2 and to authorize the City Manager to execute the engineering services agreement and to execute any and all change orders within the amounts set by state and local law. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**
6. **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Genomic Life for Employee Screening Services**– Consideration and/or action to approve an agreement with Genomic Life to provide screening services to employee. HRRMD Beckett presented the item and provided information regarding the services. No questions were asked. DMPT Smith moved, seconded by MPT Thompson, to approve the resolution authorizing an agreement with Genomic Life for employee screening services. **The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

CITY STAFF REPORTS

7. Staff Reports – There were no Staff Reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

9. **Resignations of Board/Commissions/Committee Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission/Committee Members. There were no resignations.

10. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards/Commissions/Committees** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees. Council Member Cooper moved to reappoint Aaron Betts to the Planning and Zoning Commission. ***The reappointment was approved unanimously.*** Mayor Truong moved to appoint MPT Thompson to be a Council Contact for Charter Review Committee. ***The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson abstained.***

EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. **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 to excuse the absence of Council Member Soule. ***The absence was approved unanimously.***

Council Member Hilliard made an announcement regarding her ability to be present at the City Council meeting and assured the citizens that she will be watching and anticipating as much as she could.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Truong adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



An M. Truong, Mayor