The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, October 19, 2017, in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Gaul called the session to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Tim Jordan, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Terri Grimm.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager, Ashley Stathatos, Assistant City Manager, Mike Shaunessy, City Attorney, Byron Frankland, Chief of Police, Paul Hall, Assistant Chief of Police, Shawna Willis, Human Resources Director, Scot Stomness, Executive Director of Public Works and Engineering, Matthew Rector, City Engineer, Eliska Smith, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, Carolyn Horner, Director of Planning, Larry Foo, Parks and Recreation Director, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Bobby Pruitt with Hutto Bible Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gaul led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Proclamation declaring the week of October 15-21, 2017, as Friends of Libraries Week in Hutto, Texas.

Mayor Gaul presented the following proclamation to representatives from the Friends of the Hutto Public Library.

Official Proclamation
Whereas, National Friends of the Library Week will be celebrated in public libraries throughout the country and all of the cities and communities therein, from October 15, 2017 to October 21, 2017; and
Whereas, Friends of the Hutto Public Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children’s summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and,

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is a cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and,

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers’ advisory, and children’s services; and,

Whereas, the Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.

Now Therefore, I, DOUG GAUL, MAYOR of the City of Hutto do hereby proclaim the week of October 15-21, 2017, as

“Friends of Libraries Week”

in Hutto and urge all citizens to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

Proclaimed this the 19th day of October, 2017.

Tara Chappell spoke about an upcoming Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 21st, and Lisa Riggs, Library Supervisor, spoke about several library programs and encouraged citizens to visit the library and join Friends of the Hutto Library.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines moved to dispense with the order of the agenda and address item 11A before Public Comment. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.

VOTE:  
Ayes:  
Mayor Doug Gaul  
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines  
Councilmember Scott Rose  
Councilmember Nathan Killough  
Councilmember Tim Jordan  
Councilmember Lucio Valdez  
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None
ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Doug Gaul recused himself.

OTHER BUSINESS

11A. Discussion and possible action related to the former Economic Development Board A, its members and staff and spending of public dollars and the need to conduct a forensic audit and to direct the City Manager to conduct an investigation with regards to said spending of public dollars from the time period of inception to current and to immediately report said findings to the City Council pursuant to Section 3.16 of the City Charter.

Mike Shaunessy, City Attorney, explained that the Type A Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors has identified expenditures that occurred during the previous board’s tenure that they feel requires additional investigation and that this item gives the City Council the option to move that investigation forward.

Several City Council Members spoke concerning the actions of the previous Type A Hutto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and provided reasoning for the changes to the board that the City Council enacted earlier this year. City Council Members also highlighted the positive projects that the City is currently working on and the economic development agreements the new Type A Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors have been a part of.

The City Council heard from Odis Jones, City Manager, and Byron Frankland, Chief of Police, regarding the current investigation that is being conducted by the Hutto Police Department.

Several City Council Members expressed the need for the investigation to occur and potential timeframes were discussed.

MOTION: Councilmember Killough moved to authorize the City Manager and Police Chief to engage a forensic audit in connection with that investigation if they deem it appropriate. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

There was discussion why the City Manager is included in the motion, and legal counsel and staff advised that the reason is because the investigation would exceed $50,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Killough moved to amend his motion to include the investigation is pursuant to Section 3.16 of the City Charter. Councilmember Rose seconded the amendment.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: Mayor Doug Gaul
Absent: None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The City Council took a short recess at 7:50p.m. and reconvened at 7:55p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

6A. Remarks from visitors

*Richard Hudson – 1207 Rhonda Cove –* Asked the City Council to speak with the City Manager to see about getting more comfortable seating for the audience.

*John Samuelson- 211 Foxglove Dr. –* Mr. Samuelson explained that he has experienced some health issues and that his home is currently going into foreclosure. He asked the City Council if they could provide him with any direction or assistance.

*Patti Noel – 1225 CR 138 –* Expressed her concern with the Move Hutto Forward Specific Purpose Committee Advertisement and asked questions regarding proposition that was being put to the Citizens in the upcoming election.

*Kay Johnson – 113 East St. –* Shared her concern regarding actions within the City of Hutto and pointed out that she represents only herself and not a group of people.

*Betty Rodriguez – 107 Willowbrook drive –* Thanked city leaders and staff for the support and working together to find a solution to a problem. Ms. Rodriguez also spoke regarding food waste in the school cafeteria.

*Susanna Boyer – 1312 Kothman Drive –* Shared concerns regarding speeding on Kothman Dr. and Knowles Dr. and requested the City Council consider adding rubber speed bumps in the area.

*Tonya Clawson – Spoke on behalf of the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Clawson invited everyone to come to the upcoming Hutto Olde Tyme Days event and highlighted some of the events that would occur as part of Olde Tyme Days.*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

7A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the proposed Star Ranch Section 4 Block A Lots 1A-R - 4A-R Final Plat, 5.341 acres, more or less, of land, four commercial lots, located within Hutto's extraterritorial jurisdiction on the south side of Gattis School Road at Muirfield Bend Drive. (Helen Ramirez)
7B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the proposed Burge Business Center Block A Lots 5-6 Amended Plat, 4.18 acres, more or less, of land, one non-residential lot, located on CR 199 south of East Front Street. (Helen Ramirez)

7C. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes for the September 7, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting and September 14, 2017 Special Called City Council Meeting. (Seth Gipson)

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines moved to approve items 7A-7C on the consent agenda. Councilmember Terri Grimm seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

ORDINANCES

8A. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the property known as 2059 Limmer Loop, 4.97 acres, more or less, of land located on the northwest corner of Limmer Loop at CR 108. (Helen Ramirez)

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Business/Development Services, made the staff presentation. Mrs. Ramirez provided a brief overview of the property and the annexation process that has occurred.

MOTION: Councilmember Lucio Valdez moved to approve the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the property known as 2059 Limmer Loop, 4.97 acres, more or less, of land located on the northwest corner of Limmer Loop at CR 108. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8B. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance approving the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning ordinance amendment for the Northtown Commons PUD, 28.449 acres, more or less, of land, out of the Josias B. Bealle Survey, Abstract No. 97 and the Canutillo Colony Ditch Co. Survey, Abstract No. 693. (Helen Ramirez)

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Business/Development Services, made the staff presentation. Mrs. Ramirez described the property location and summarized the request which included adding the use of renewable energy on site, allowing for taller buildings, and streamlining building colors.

Mrs. Ramirez highlighted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mayor Gaul opened the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Jeanna Smith - 1117 Irina Cove – shared concerns about the heights of the buildings.

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Business and Development Services, and Bobby Castle, the developer, addressed Ms. Smith’s concerns and showed that the taller buildings would be farther away from the residential area and have minimal impact.

Mayor Gaul closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

Discussion ensued concerning signage and the impacts on traffic with this additional commercial space.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines moved to the first reading of an ordinance approving the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning ordinance amendment for the Northtown Commons PUD, 28.449 acres, more or less, of land, out of the Josias B. Bealle Survey, Abstract No. 97 and the Canutillo Colony Ditch Co. Survey, Abstract No. 693. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines moved to dispense with the second and final reading of an ordinance approving the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning ordinance amendment for the Northtown Commons PUD, 28.449 acres, more or less, of land, out of the Josias B. Bealle Survey, Abstract No. 97 and the Canutillo Colony Ditch Co. Survey, Abstract No. 693. Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8C. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances (2014 Edition), Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A1.000 Development Services, Engineering and Construction, Article A4.000 Public Facility Rentals, Article A5.000 Utilities and A7.000 Library. (Michel Sorrell)

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines moved to table Item 8C. Councilmember Terri Grimm seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

RESOLUTIONS

9A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution directing the Development Services Department to prepare a Municipal Service Plan for the proposed annexation of the Packsaddle Tracts, 169.99 acres, more or less, of land located on the east side of FM
1660 North and adjacent to the northern boundary of the Rivers Crossing Subdivision. (Helen Ramirez)

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Business/Development Services, made the staff presentation. Mrs. Ramirez highlighted that this is a voluntary annexation request and that the Municipal Service Plan is required. Mrs. Ramirez also outline the next steps in the annexation process.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lucio Valdez moved to approve resolution directing the Development Services Department to prepare a Municipal Service Plan for the proposed annexation of the Packsaddle Tracts, 169.99 acres, more or less, of land located on the east side of FM 1660 North and adjacent to the northern boundary of the Rivers Crossing Subdivision. Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- **Ayes:** Mayor Doug Gaul
  - Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
  - Councilmember Scott Rose
  - Councilmember Nathan Killough
  - Councilmember Tim Jordan
  - Councilmember Lucio Valdez
  - Councilmember Terri Grimm
- **Nays:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution requesting funding from the Texas Water Development Board for the Avery Lake Waste Water Interceptor. (Matthew Rector)

Matt Rector, City Engineer, made the staff presentation. Mr. Rector provided an overview of the project highlighting the expansion of wastewater service in the area and the process that is required to request funding from the Texas Water Development Board.

Odis Jones, City Manager, explained some options for future annexations and development that this project will create.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to approve a resolution requesting funding from the Texas Water Development Board for the Avery Lake Waste Water Interceptor. Councilmember Tim Jordan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- **Ayes:** Mayor Doug Gaul
  - Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
  - Councilmember Scott Rose
  - Councilmember Nathan Killough
  - Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez  
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9C. Consideration and possible action on a resolution expressing the City’s intent to award a contract for the construction of Limmer Loop Sidewalk which is part of TxDOT’s Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). (Matthew Rector)

Matt Rector, City Engineer, made the staff presentation. Mr. Rector provided a brief history of the project and answered the City Council’s questions regarding the amount of right of way for future expansion, design solutions to increase the functionality to ensure a safe route for students during wet weather, and an update concerning a possible contribution from Hutto ISD.

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Develop/Business Services, mentioned that this is a great opportunity to work with the developer in the future to create pedestrian areas if the road expands.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to approve a resolution expressing the City’s intent to award a contract for the construction of Limmer Loop Sidewalk which is part of TxDOT’s Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Councilmember Scott Rose seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes:  
Mayor Doug Gaul  
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines  
Councilmember Scott Rose  
Councilmember Nathan Killough  
Councilmember Tim Jordan  
Councilmember Lucio Valdez  
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ACTION:** The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10A. Executive Session, as authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code. Consultation with Attorney.

The City Council recessed into executive session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 10:16 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary