The Hutto City Council met in a work session on Thursday, January 22, 2015 in the Hutto City Council Chamber, 401 W. Front Street, Hutto, TX 78634.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Holland called the session to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Debbie Holland, Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Quintanilla-Perez, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Paul Prince, Councilmember Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Melanie Rios, and Councilmember Max V. Yeste.

Members of staff that were present were Karen Daly, City Manager, Micah Grau, Assistant City Manager, Melanie Hudson, Finance Director, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, Dwain Jones, Police Lieutenant, and Christina Kane-Gibson, Public Information Officer.

WORK SESSION

This work session was conducted for information and educational purposes.

3A. Digital in-car video camera presentation.

Chief Morrison gave the staff presentation. He reported that the Hutto Police Department currently uses a combination of VHS and DVD recording systems. VHS tape recording systems are no longer supported by any vendor. In addition, in-car DVD recording systems are cumbersome and time-consuming to copy for a Municipal Court, County Court or District Court and the storage of the video tapes and DVDs was becoming a challenge. He added that the Police Department explored new technology that would allow immediate wireless video transfer to an on-site server. Once the video is uploaded it is immediately accessible by supervisors and officers for review. Chief Morrison proceeded to explain that a new wireless video system would bring the Police Department into the current technology. That product is a Panasonic Arbitrator Digital Camera System which consists of a data recorder, front view camera, side/rear view camera, and wireless audio. The new camera system features include the following:

- Two, 256 Gigabyte hard drives.
- Front and rear facing HD quality cameras.
- Wireless downloads of all captured video to HPD servers.
- Immediate access to review any downloaded video.
- FTP website will be created for the County and District attorney to have access to relevant case video.
- All in car video and body camera video will be protected and stored electronically on a server.

Chief Morrison concluded the presentation by outlining the proposed cost of the in-car video recording system for 24 vehicles, storage, server/soft/hardware, and installation.

The City Council posed questions regarding the following:
• Hard drives
• Real time upload
• Current number of cameras in the vehicles
• Type of cameras that are currently in the vehicles
• Cost and on-going costs of system
• Warranty on the system
• The addition of more storage if needed
• Whether current staff monitor software

Herschel Sova and Gunny Gant, Mobility Specialist with Austin ARC were present to assist staff with responses regarding questions raised by the City Council about this new equipment.

Concerning the cost of the equipment, Ms. Daly pointed out that there was an item on the regular agenda that follows this work session that is associated to the procurement of this equipment.

The City Council stepped down from the dais and proceeded to the city hall parking lot to review the new technology including a field demonstration of the system. A member of the Travis County Constable Office and a member of the Travis County Sheriff Department brought their vehicles that have the same system for the demonstration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Debbie Holland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Martinez, City Secretary