The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, February 5, 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 7:00 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 Michael J. Smith, and Councilmember Melanie Rios. Councilmember Paul Prince and Councilmember Max V. Yeste were absent.

Members of staff that were present were Karen Daly, City Manager, Micah Grau, Assistant City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Melanie Hudson, Finance Director, and Earl Morrison, Chief of Police.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Seth Simmons of New Life Pentecostal Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

5A. Remarks from visitors.

There were no remarks from the visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All items listed on the consent agenda were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of the items and no items were removed from the consent agenda.

6A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services between the City of Hutto, Williamson County, and Williamson County Participating Authorities for the May 9, 2015 General Election.
6B. Consideration and possible action on the City Council meeting minutes for the January 22, 2015 work session and January 22, 2015 regular session.

6C. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget for miscellaneous end of year entries and to move capital project budgets to Fiscal Year 2014-15.

6D. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget to reallocate capital project funds from the FY14 Budget and other miscellaneous adjustments.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rios moved to approve all the items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

7A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution ordering the May 9, 2015, General Election for the purpose of electing members of the City Council Place 2 and Place 5.

Seth Gipson, Assistant City Secretary, gave the staff presentation. This resolution calls the May 9, 2015, General Election to elect City Council, Place 2 and City Council, Place 5. Early voting begins Monday, April 27, 2015, and ends Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The first day to file for a place on the ballot was Wednesday, January 28, 2015, and the last day to file for a place on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.

He added that a City Council candidate orientation has been scheduled for February 21, 2015, in the City Council Chamber.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cano moved to approve the resolution ordering the May 9, 2015, General Election for the purpose of electing members of the City Council Place 2 and Place 5. Mayor Pro-tem Quintanilla-Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**WORK SESSION**

The work session was conducted for information and educational purposes. No action was taken by the City Council on the items listed.

8A. Work session and discussion on the Comprehensive Plan update.

Will Guerin, Development Services Director, gave the staff presentation. He explained that the Comprehensive Plan is a tool used by cities to guide growth in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. It outlines the overall vision for the city’s future, and the steps needed to progress toward that vision. Hutto’s Growth Guidance Plan was adopted in 2006 and currently serves as the city’s Comprehensive Plan. However, Hutto’s growth and evolution over the past decade warrants a more thorough evaluation of the community’s vision and goals. The Comprehensive Plan would assist
boards, commissions, City Council and staff in making recommendations and decisions related to Hutto’s growth. It will also aid property owners and potential developers in understanding the city’s priorities and trajectory for the next 25 years. This plan would also assist in establishing the goals necessary to realize that vision.

Erika Ragsdale, Senior Planner, pointed out that the purpose of the work session was for staff to seek input on the vision summaries and draft goals, as well as appropriate objectives for each goal. She outlined the goals based on feedback the staff received through a broad, diverse base of public input and review. Planning staff compiled responses from multiple outreach efforts, including the Sustainable Places Project, the 2014 Citizen Survey, the Setting the Table for the Future public workshop, and an online component for gathering input from residents who could not attend in-person meetings. This information would be shared at the next the Comprehensive Plan Workshop - Setting the Table for the Future, Choosing Your Course scheduled for February 12th.

Ms. Ragsdale proceeded to outline the following goals for the City Council’s discussion and input concerning each goal.

Land Use

- Ensure long-term economic stability for the city
- Facilitate complementary mix of uses through zoning and site design
- Link land use and transportation planning

Transportation

- Develop a transportation network which safely accommodates automobiles, pedestrians and cyclists
- Ensure that transportation projects respect and preserve surrounding character to the greatest practical extent
- Support efforts to serve Hutto with regional public transit, such as bus or rail

Infrastructure/Utilities

- Ensure infrastructure capacity and availability for current and future users
- Consistently maintain infrastructure to extend the lifespan of the city’s assets

Economic Development

- Strengthen the city’s self-sufficiency to reduce retail and job leakage
- Advance Hutto as a place for a qualified, diverse workforce to work and raise a family
- Promote Hutto as a destination

Old Town

- Increase economic viability of downtown Hutto
- Maintain historic character of Old Town
• Develop the Co-Op site as a vibrant, mixed-use district
• Strengthen connections between downtown and surrounding neighborhoods

Parks and Trails
• Dedicate open space of various scales for active, passive, and programmed use
• Develop open space into functional, usable space
• Provide a developed trail system to connect neighborhoods, commercial areas, schools and downtown to one another

Environment
• Require environmental consideration throughout the development process
• Improve environmental performance through programs and policies
• Cultivate and nurture an expansive urban tree canopy

Housing
• Offer a variety of housing products to serve the needs of a diverse population through all stages of life
• Build resiliency into neighborhoods, ensuring that they will hold value and remain safe
• Promote housing diversity utilizing existing infrastructure

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Debbie Holland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Martinez, City Secretary