The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, May 19, 2016, 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 Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Ronnie Quintanilla-Perez, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Max V. Yeste. Also, present were Mayor Elect Doug Gaul, Councilmember Elect Nate Killough, and Councilmember Elect Bettina Jordan.

Members of staff that were present were Karen Daly, City Manager, Micah Grau, Assistant City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Helen Ramirez, Development Services Director, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, Scot Stromsness, Public Works Director, Randy Barker, General Services Director, Mike Hemker, Parks and Recreation Director, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Father Adrian Chishimba with St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5A. Remarks from visitors

Karen Daly, City Manager, made a special presentation to Mayor Debbie Holland.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE NEWLY ELECTION CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

5A. Office of the Mayor
5B. City Council Member, Place 3
5C. City Council Member, Place 6
Municipal Court Judge Lucas Wilson conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Doug Gaul, Mayor and Bettina Jordan, Place 6, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Judge Judy Hobbs, conducted the swearing in of Nathan Killough, Place 3
The Hutto City Council recessed at 7:11 pm and reconvened into regular session at 7:25 pm

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council member in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a regular agenda item.

7A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning the acceptance of the water, wastewater, street and drainage improvements of the Hutto Crossing Phase Two subdivision.

Item 7A was pulled from the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

8A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company’s 2016 Rate Review Mechanism Filings.

Karen Daly, City Manager, made the staff presentation. Mrs. Daly pointed out that while the new rate is an increase, the negotiations that occurred reduced the initial rates that were filed by Atmos.

Martin Perez, an Atmos representative, was available to answer any questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Anne Cano moved to approve the resolution concerning a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company’s 2016 Rate Review Mechanism Filings. Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project with TxDOT for the construction of the Limmer Loop Sidewalk.

Helen Ramirez, Development Services Director, gave the staff presentation. Mrs. Ramirez provided an overview of the grant program, a project timeline, highlighted the connectivity map and showed how this sidewalk will tie in with our current and future sidewalks, described the breakdown of funding and pointed out the increased cost of the project was due to the construction of a pedestrian bridge. Councilmember Hines inquired where the funding was coming from and how many students would utilize the sidewalk. Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Daly stated that it would be
cash funded in FY 17 and that while the exact number of students that would use it is unknown, approximately 60% of the student population lives within two miles of the schools.

Councilmember Killough asked if the City had approached the school district about participating in funding the sidewalk project since there is a possibility of cost savings to the school district as a result of the project completion.

Lastly, Councilmember Hines asked when final approval was needed. Mrs. Ramirez stated that approval was needed as soon as possible so that project engineering could be completed and the project bid out by August of 2017, as stipulated in the grant.

MOTION: Councilmember Anne Cano moved to approve the resolution concerning the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project with TxDOT for the construction of the Limmer Loop Sidewalk. Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8C. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning a professional fireworks show to be hosted by the City of Hutto on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Mike Hemker, Parks and Recreation Director, gave the staff presentation. Mr. Hemker highlighted the location of the show and described the event and protocols.

Discussion ensued on event funding and marketing and the permit approval process that is outlined in the code of ordinances.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the resolution concerning a professional fireworks show to be hosted by the City of Hutto on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

9A. Consideration and possible action on the appointment of the Mayor Pro-tem position.

Mayor Doug Gaul asked for nominations from the floor and requested that a roll call vote be conducted.

MOTION: Councilmember Anne Cano moved to appoint Michael Smith to the position of Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Bettina Jordan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
ACTION: The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 nays.

9B. Consideration and possible action on directing the City Manager to cancel the fire services analysis study.

This item was requested by Councilmembers Anne Cano and Lucio Valdez.

Micah Grau, Assistant City Manager, made the staff presentation. Mr. Grau provided a summary of the purpose and overview of the study, highlighted the credentials of the Center for Public Safety Management as well as other cities that use their services, data needed in order to complete the study, a timeline of events that have transpired and the next steps in the study.

The Council discussed the purpose of the study and asked questions regarding the data that the study would provide to the city that has not already been given.

Mr. Grau reiterated that the purpose of the study is to have subject matter experts conduct a thorough, independent analysis of the emergency services data that the city could use to determine current and future emergency service needs.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to direct the city manager to cancel the fire services analysis and withdraw the open records requests. Councilmember Lucio Valdez seconded the motion.

Mayor Gaul called for a roll call vote.

VOTE: 

Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Lucio Valdez

Nays: Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION: The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS
ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary

Doug Gaul, Mayor