The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 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 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council that were present were Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, and Councilmember Bettina Jordan. Councilmember Lucio Valdez was absent.

Members of staff that were present were Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Larry Foos, Parks and Recreation Director, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Will Hutchinson with Resonate Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 17, 2016, as Get Outdoors Hutto Day.

Mayor Gaul presented to the following proclamation to Larry Foos, Parks and Recreation Director.

Whereas, the City of Hutto recognizes the long lasting benefits of hosting environmental and conservation educational programs emphasizing awareness, appreciation and understanding of our abundant wildlife and natural resources, and

Whereas, the diverse landscapes of forests, deserts, lakes, rivers, mountains and plains serve as places where families and friends create long lasting memories; and

Whereas, the value of opportunities for camping, hunting, fishing, birdwatching, archery, and hiking continue to enrich our lives; and
Whereas, the Hutto Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a free community event celebrating the outdoors at Hutto Lake Park on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 8 am to 12 pm.

Now, Therefore, I, DOUG GAUL, MAYOR, of the City of Hutto, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 17, 2016, as

"GET OUTDOORS HUTTO DAY"

In the City of Hutto, I call upon residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of all who work diligently to protect and conserve our wildlife and natural resources for the enjoyment of current and future generations, and I ask that you join me at Hutto Lake Park this Saturday to explore and learn more about the great outdoors.

Proclaimed this the 15th day of September 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6A. Remarks from visitors

There were no remarks from visitors.

WORK SESSION

7A. Work session to discuss the proposed charter election.

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, spoke briefly on the creation of the Charter Review Commission and the review process. The Councilmembers asked the Commission to add a charter review clause, review the appointments of the city attorney, the process to remove a city manager, and review neighboring city charters.

There was a short discussion on the process of appointing boards and commissions and their respective chairs and vice chairs.

The Council also thanked the commission for their time and dedication to this process.

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.

8A. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes for the August 4, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting and the August 11, 2016 Joint City Council and ESD Board of Directors meeting.
MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve item 8A on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

ORDINANCES

9A. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Hutto for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and adopting the annual budget of the City of Hutto for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, made the staff presentation. The ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget establishes appropriations for the 2017 Fiscal Year. There have been no changes since the first reading of the ordinance.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the second and final reading of an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Hutto for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, and adopting the annual budget of the City of Hutto for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith
Councilmember Anne Cano
Councilmember Tom Hines
Councilmember Nathan Killough

Nays: Councilmember Bettina Jordan
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

ACTION: The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 nays.

9B. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance levying Ad Valorem taxes for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Hutto for the Tax Year 2016.
Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, made the staff presentation. On August 4, 2016, The City Council took a record vote on the proposed ad valorem tax rate. While this vote did not establish the tax rate, it did establish a ceiling for the tax rate consideration. The City Council set the maximum tax rate to consider at $0.558500 per $100 valuation. The City Council needs to adopt a tax rate that corresponds with the 2016-17 Budget. The City Council hosted two public hearings on the proposed ad valorem tax rate in August.

MOTION: Councilmember Nathan Killough moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.520443, which is effectively an 8.34 percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Bettina Jordan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

9C. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of an ordinance ratifying an Ad Valorem tax increase for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Hutto for the Tax Year 2016.

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, made the staff presentation. House Bill 3195 was adopted by the Texas Legislature during the 2007 legislative session. It requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code, or other law.

If the proposed tax rate of $0.520443 is adopted, this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by $815,839 or 12.2%, and of that amount $276,422 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith moved to approve the second and final reading of an ordinance ratifying an Ad Valorem tax increase for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Hutto for the Tax Year 2016. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul, Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Bettina Jordan

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Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

9D. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the Malone Tract, 63.46 acres more or less, of land located on CR 136, southwest of the intersection of FM 1660 South and CR 163.

Micah Grau, Interim City Manager, made the staff presentation. A Municipal Service Plan (MSP) has been drafted per the Council’s directive from their regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 2016.

The next step in the annexation process, after this first reading, is to conduct the second and final reading of the annexation ordinance. An annexation ordinance requires a second reading prior to final approval.

There was a brief discussion on conducting a Traffic Impact Analysis for that area.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance regarding the proposed annexation of the Malone Tract, 63.46 acres more or less, of land located on CR 136, southwest of the intersection of FM 1660 South and CR 163. Councilmember Anne Cano seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

RESOLUTIONS

10A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning an Interlocal Facilities Use Agreement with Hutto Independent School District.

Larry Foos, Parks and Recreation Director, made the staff presentation. He provided an overview of the facilities that could be used by both parties, the initial contract terms, and outlined the fee schedule. The Hutto ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the agreement at their last meeting.
MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve the resolution concerning an Interlocal Facilities Use Agreement with Hutto Independent School District. Councilmember Nathan Killough seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

10B. Consideration of a public hearing and possible action on a resolution concerning the submittal of an application for grant funds to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Creekside Park improvements.

Larry Foos, Parks and Recreation Director, made the staff presentation. Council received a presentation on the potential project on September 1, 2016, and were provided with an overview of the costs and the amenity options.

Beth Schreiber, the City’s Grant Consultant with Langford Community Management Services, explained the scoring process for these applications and the types of projects that can be funded.

Discussion ensued on potential projects that could be added to the grant application to take the place of a concrete loop trail at Creekside Park. The Council reviewed and determine that they would like to use these grant funds to add a splash pad in Fritz Park and add a playground at Holmstrom Field at Fritz Park.

Mayor Gaul opened the Public Hearing at 7:48p.m.

There being no public comment, Mayor Gaul closed the Public Hearing at 7:48p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to apply for the full $500,000 grant and to include engineering services, lighting, and substitute the loop trail with a splash pad and play ground at Fritz Park and the project not to exceed $1,000,000. Councilmember Bettina Jordan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul  
Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith  
Councilmember Anne Cano  
Councilmember Tom Hines  
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Bettina Jordan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmember Lucio Valdez

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


*The City Council recessed into executive session at 7:54 p.m.*

*The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:31 p.m.*

**ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11A. Action relative to executive session item 11A.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.*

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

[Signature]

Doug Gaul, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]

Seth Gipson, City Secretary