The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, January 5, 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 Michael J. Smith, Councilmember Anne Cano, Councilmember Tom Hines, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Bettina Jordan.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager, Melanie Melancon, Assistant City Manager, Brian Knowles, City Attorney, Helen Ramirez, Executive Director Business/Development Services, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, Danielle Singh, City Engineer, Christina Kane-Gibson, Public Information Officer, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Marcus Bigott with Hutto Lutheran Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

5A. Remarks from visitors

There were no remarks from visitors

RESOLUTIONS

6A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution appointing Melanie Melancon as the City of Hutto Representative to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Board.

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, gave the staff presentation. The City of Hutto, through an interlocal agreement, participates in a county-wide regional animal shelter with the cities Leander, Cedar Park, Round Rock, and Williamson County. Micah Grau currently
serves as the City’s representative on the board. Now that Mr. Grau has submitted his resignation, effective December 31, 2016, a new representative is required. Melanie Melancon has been appointed Assistant City Manager and it is recommended that she fill the position on the Regional Animal Shelter Board.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro-tem Michael Smith moved to approve a resolution appointing Melanie Melancon as the City of Hutto Representative to the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter Board. Councilmember Tom Hines seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

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

**WORK SESSION**

The City Council dispensed with the order of the agenda items and address item 7D and 7B.

7D. **Work session to discuss and outline the critical paths for the 2035 Strategic Guide and Capital Improvements Plan.**

Odis Jones, City Manager, provided an overview of the plan and timeline that was presented by Jason Gray, with jD Gray Group, to update and reconstruct the strategic guide. This update includes input from council, staff, and citizens. The strategic guide will be amended at the same time as the Future Land Use Map and Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued concerning the ultimate goals that should be achieved from these guiding documents, the execution strategy that is outlined for each plan, and the areas of focus, which include public safety and infrastructure.

7B. **Work session to review recommendations for a proposed May 2017 General Obligation Bond Election.**

Melanie Melancon, Assistant City Manager, made the staff presentation. Ms. Melancon provided an overview of the four propositions that were developed by the Bond Election Committee and the process that the bond committee went through.

Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the City Council to move the Bond Election to November 2017, in order to collect more information and answer critical questions.
7A. **Work session concerning the City of Hutto's 2017 Legislative Agenda.**

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, made the staff presentation. Mr. Gipson provided a brief overview of how the Coordination Committee wished to develop a community legislative agenda and presented topics from previous legislative agendas, which included, making education a priority, local control for local government, keep families safe and healthy, expanding business growth, and creating a quality workforce. It was the consensus of the City Council to keep those same themes in the legislative agenda for the 85th Texas Legislature.

7C. **Work session to review recommendations for the proposed May 2017 Charter Election.**

Seth Gipson, City Secretary, made the staff presentation. Each proposition that was developed by the Charter Review Commission was outlined and the council had the opportunity to discuss each one individually. There was a brief discussion on proposition 19, concerning Section 13.03(d), Personal Financial Interest, and the council asked if staff would conduct additional research and modify the wording so that it resembles Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

8A. **Discussion concerning City Manager updates regarding utility and road improvements.**

Odis Jones, City Manager, began the presentation with a description of some of the obstacles that have occurred with certain capital projects. Danielle Singh, City Engineer, provided an overview of project scope, a breakdown of costs, and current and revised completion dates for the Hutto South Wastewater Treatment Plant, FM 685 Expansion, and East Street Improvement Project. Ms. Singh highlighted some of the biggest problems which are construction time frames and increases in construction costs.

Discussion ensued about reducing the scope of the East Street Improvement Project to bring costs back within the original budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9A. **Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.071, to seek legal advice regarding the Police Department's internal affairs and personnel appeals processes.**

9B. **Executive Session, as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.071, consultation with attorney regarding contract negotiations with Williamson County Emergency Services District# 3.**

9C. **Executive Session, as authorized by §551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, or duties of public officer or employees; City Manager.**

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The City Council recessed into executive session at 8:24 p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

[Signature]
Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Seth Gipson, City Secretary