The Hutto City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, March 2, 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 7:00p.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, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Bettina Jordan.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager, Charlie Crossfield, City Attorney, Helen Ramirez, Executive Director Business/Development Services, Earl Morrison, Chief of Police, Danielle Singh, City Engineer, Michel Sorrell, Chief Financial Officer, Seth Gipson, City Secretary, and Jill Cloud, Director of Communications.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Jerry Reynaga with La Hermosa Church of Hutto.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

5A. Remarks from visitors

Charles McCoy – 1301 Augusta Bend – spoke concerning a council member in violation of charter

Terri Grimm – 227 Tolcarne Dr. – spoke concerning a council member in violation of the charter

PROCLAMATIONS

6A. Proclamation declaring the week of February 24 - March 5, 2017 as "National Dance Week" in Hutto.
Mayor Doug Gaul presented the proclamation to Kirstin Casey with Dance-n-Groove.

Official Proclamation

Whereas, dance is a powerful art form that inspires, engages, empowers and motivates people toward greatness; and,

Whereas, dance has a wide range of physical and mental benefits including: improved condition of your heart and lungs, increased muscular strength, endurance and motor fitness, increased aerobic fitness, improved muscle tone and strength, weight management, stronger bones and reduced risk of osteoporosis, and better coordination; and,

Whereas, National Dance Week was formed in 1981 when a group of dance-related organizations began a strong "grass roots" movement to bring greater recognition to dance; and,

Whereas, Through the dedicated efforts of the dance community we can ensure that the global language of dance is sustained and continues its positive impact on lives young or old; and,

Whereas, there are many opportunities for Hutto youth to explore the many facets of dance and advance their skills through local school programs and dance studios.

Now, Therefore, I, DOUG GAUL, MAYOR, of the City of Hutto hereby proclaim the week of February 24 – March 5, 2017, as "NATIONAL DANCE WEEK"

in Hutto, and further urge all residents to unite and support local dance programs to learn and teach the understanding, appreciation, and recognition of the art and power of dance.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of March 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

7A. Presentation of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Central Texas Chapter Excellence in Construction Award for the Gin at the Hutto Co-op.

Item 7A was pulled from the agenda.

WORK SESSION

8A. Work session regarding the annual update of the Library Advisory Board.

Antoniette Ramos, Library Manager, made the staff presentation. Ms. Ramos provided an overview of the library’s mission, vision, circulation statistics, activities, service
programs, marketing, grant funding received and opportunities, and advances in technology.

Camille Baptiste, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, and Ms. Ramos highlighted several immediate needs which included improved security and additional space not only for books, but to serve as public meeting space.

Following the presentation, there was a brief discussion concerning partnerships and collaboration with Hutto ISD.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the proposed Star Ranch Klattenhoff Lane Final Plat, 2.846 acres, more or less, of land, one public roadway, located within Hutto’s extraterritorial jurisdiction, between Star Ranch Boulevard and Muirfield Bend Drive.

9B. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving the proposed Star Ranch Muirfield Bend Drive Phase 4B Final Plat, 1.707 acres, more or less, of land, one public roadway, located within Hutto’s extraterritorial jurisdiction, between SH-130 northbound frontage road and the existing Muirfield Bend Drive.

MOTION: Councilmember Tom Hines moved to approve items 9A-9B 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 Lucio Valdez
        Councilmember Bettina Jordan

        Nays: None

        Abstain: None

        Absent: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

10A. Consideration and possible action on a resolution concerning the termination of a Ground Lease Agreement with Starmark Behavioral Center for land to be used as a dog park.

Helen Ramirez, Executive Director of Business and Development Services, made the staff presentation. Ms. Ramirez provided a brief overview of the initial development, the alternative funding options identified, and the purpose of terminating the agreement.
MOTION: Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to approve the resolution concerning the termination of a Ground Lease Agreement with Starmark Behavioral Center for land to be used as a dog park. 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 Lucio Valdez 
Councilmember Bettina Jordan  

Nays:  None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

11A. Recognition of employee’s service to the City of Hutto.

Odis Jones, City Manager, recognized the following departments and divisions and presented them with a certificate of appreciation for their dedicated service to the City of Hutto.

- Finance Department  
- Engineering and Public Works  
- City Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS


12B. 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.

12C. Executive Session, as authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, concerning Fritz Park Improvement Project.

The City Council recessed into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Doug Gaul, Mayor

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