The Hutto City Council met in a special session on Thursday, June 29, 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 Tom Hines, Councilmember Scott Rose, Councilmember Nathan Killough, Councilmember Tim Jordan, Councilmember Lucio Valdez, and Councilmember Terri Grimm.

Members of staff that were present were Odis Jones, City Manager, Danielle Singh, Assistant City Manager, Mike Shaunessey, City Attorney, Helen Ramirez, Executive Director Business/Development Services, Byron Frankland, Chief of Police, Michel Sorrell, Chief Financial Officer, Eliska Smith, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, and Seth Gipson, City Secretary.

Members of the Hutto Economic Development Board of Directors that were present were Mario Perez, Chair, Doug Fell, Vice Chair, Garry Guthrie, Treasurer, and Anne Cano, Secretary.

WORK SESSION

3A. Work Session to:

a. Discuss financial expenditures, performance, activities, and operations of the Hutto Economic Development Corporation; and

b. Discussion concerning advantages and potential benefits of a 4A and/or 4B Economic Development Corporation as well as a Council Appointed Economic Development Council.

Mayor Gaul led the work session. The City Council began by reading a statement from Odis Jones, City Manager, which outlined his concerns regarding the current Hutto Economic Development Corporation.

Following the statement of concerns, discussion ensued regarding the benefits and restrictions of Type A and Type B Economic Development Corporations (EDC), ultimate goals of the EDC and how those could be achieved, the process to establish
a Type B EDC, transition from a Type A to a Type B EDC, the election process to reallocate the sales tax dollars, and the management of the current EDC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4A. An Executive Session with the Board of Directors of the Hutto Economic Development Corporation as authorized by §§551.071, Texas Government Code, regarding consultation with Attorney and §§551.074, Texas Government Code, regarding personnel matters; as it relates to the operational expenses of the Hutto Economic Development Corporation.

The City Council recessed into executive session at 8:39 p.m. to address Item 4A.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 9:55 p.m., and took action on Item 5A.

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

5A. Consideration and possible action regarding direction to the Hutto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors related to appropriate future financial expenditures and business development initiatives.

MOTION: Councilmember Nathan Killough moved to move toward the creation of a Type B Economic Development Corporation and that the City Manager bring back all necessary plans to create a Type B Economic Development Corporation at the next Council Meeting and that the current Economic Development Corporation not make any expenditures unless they are approved by the City Manager. Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Mayor Doug Gaul
Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hines
Councilmember Scott Rose
Councilmember Nathan Killough
Councilmember Tim Jordan
Councilmember Lucio Valdez
Councilmember Terri Grimm

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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

The City Council recessed into executive session at 9:56 p.m. to address Items 4B and 4C.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 10:48 p.m.

4B. Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney, concerning the Heart of Texas Water Contract.

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4C. Executive Session, as authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney concerning economic development negotiations.

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

5A. Consideration and possible action regarding direction to the Hutto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors related to appropriate future financial expenditures and business development initiatives.

Action was taken on Item 5A earlier in the meeting.

5B. Consideration and possible action providing direction to the City Manager regarding the creation of a 4B Economic Development Corporation, including but not limited to, any and all necessary steps needed to place a measure before the voters on the November 2017 Election.

There was no action taken on Item 5B.

5C. City Manager comments related to the Heart of Texas Water Contract.

Mike Shaunessy, City Attorney, provided a brief update concerning due diligence related to the acquisition and stated that the target closing date is October 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Seth Gipson, City Secretary