

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF MARCH 2023, AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 1219 13th STREET, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 6:00 P.M.

The Council met in regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brauninger, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember Ward 3 Massey, Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Aron Kulhavy, City Manager; Kristy Doll, City Secretary; Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

MAIN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Brauninger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES - U.S. Flag and Texas Flag: *Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state, under God, one, and indivisible.*

Councilmember Lyle gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **A public hearing to consider amending Article 8, Signs, of the City of Huntsville Development Code, to revise Prohibited Signs.**
Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services

Mayor Brauninger opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

No citizen comments were heard in support of or in opposition of amending Article 8, Signs, of the City of Huntsville Development Code, to revise Prohibited Signs.

Mayor Brauninger closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

The presiding officer will call for public comments before action is taken on these items. (Approval of Consent Agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendations. An item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion by request of a member of Council.).

- a. **Consider approving the Minutes from the March 7, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- b. Consider approving the Minutes from the March 13, 2023, Special Session City Council Meeting.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- c. Consider adoption of Ordinance 2023-10 to amend the budget for FY 22-23 and/or CIP Project budgets.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

- d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into additional opioid settlement agreements, consistent with the previously adopted Texas Term Sheet.**

Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Items a through d. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No - None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. Receive presentation from Pattillo, Brown, and Hill, LLP, CPAs and consider acceptance of the audit for FY 21-22.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Chris Pruitt from Patillo, Brown, & Hill L.L.P. presented the annual comprehensive Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to approve the FY 21-22 audit from Patillo, Brown, & Hill L.L.P. Certified Public Accountants. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No – None

- b. FIRST READING: Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-8 Development Code Amendment - Prohibited Signs, amending Article 8 of the Huntsville Development Code.**

Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to temporarily suspend the Rules of Procedure by waiving the two-reading requirement and to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-8 Development Code Amendment - Prohibited Signs, amending Article 8 of the Huntsville Development Code. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No – None

- c. FIRST READING: Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-9 suspending the**

rates proposed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") filing made with the City on March 2, 2023.

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

Councilmember Russell Humphrey made a motion to temporarily suspend the Rules of Procedure by waiving the two-reading requirement and to adopt Ordinance 2023-9 suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) filing made with the City on March 2, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No – None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a. Consider action to appoint a member to City Council Ward One position for the unexpired term.**

Andy Brauninger, Mayor

Councilmember Pat Graham made a motion to leave the City Council Ward 1 position vacant for the remainder of the unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jon Strong. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No – None

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mayor and Council announced Items of Community Interest.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 to receive legal advice Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, et al v Disney DTC, LLC, Hulu, LLC and Netflix, Inc, Cause No. DC-22-09128 the 14th District Court of Dallas County.**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

- b. City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 to receive legal advice for City of Huntsville vs. Walker County SUD.**

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

City Council convened into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

Council reconvened from Executive Session into Open Session at 7:19 p.m.

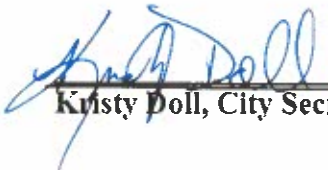
Councilmember Russell Humphrey made a motion to oppose HB 1303 and SB 1117 as introduced in the current State Legislative Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Andy Brauninger, Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Deloris Massey; No - None

ADJOURNMENT

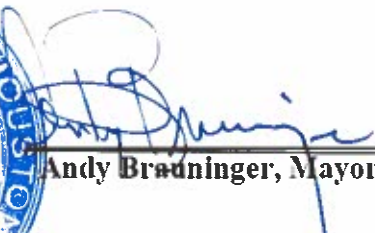
Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Kristy Doll, City Secretary




Andy Brauninger, Mayor