

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023, AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOCATED AT 1219 13th STREET, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS, AT 5:30 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:

OFFICERS PRESENT: 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 McKenzie gave the invocation and Mayor Brauninger led the pledges.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on the FY 2023-2024 proposed Budget**
Steve Ritter, Finance Director

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

No citizen comments were heard in support of or in opposition to the FY 2023 - 2024 budget. A question was received by Don Martinez.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:06 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 August 15, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice – FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Walker County, and adopt Resolution 2023-10 in support of the same.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

- c. Consider authoring the City Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with Precision L&L, LLC. for mowing and trimming services at Oakwood Cemetery.**

Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie requested Consent Agenda Item 1. c. be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered on the Statutory Agenda.

- d. Consider authorizing the City Manager to sell surplus city-owned tracts of real property.**

Sam Masiel, Assistant City Manager

- e. Consider Resolution 2023-11 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), Resilient Communities Program (RCP).**

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

- f. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Langford Community Management Services, for professional administration services.**

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, d, e, and f. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

Councilmember McKenzie requested Consent Agenda Item 1. c. be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered on the Statutory Agenda.

- 1. c. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with Precision L&L, LLC. for mowing and trimming services at Oakwood Cemetery.**

Penny Joiner, Director of Parks and Leisure

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with Precision L&L, LLC, for mowing and trimming services at Oakwood Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

- a. Second Reading - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2023-18, amending Chapter 24, Land Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Texas to adopt the updated Development Code and Zoning Map of the City of Huntsville, Texas.**

Kevin Byal, Director of Development Services

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2023-18, amending Chapter 24, Land Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Texas to adopt the updated Development Code and Zoning Map of the City of Huntsville, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Russell Humphrey

Kevin Byal presented information and answered questions.

Councilmember John Strong made an amended motion to postpone the vote for two weeks on Ordinance No. 2023-18.

The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie requested that her motion be amended, and Council gave her permission to amend her motion as follows;

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made an amended motion to approve Ordinance 2023-18, amending Chapter 24, Land Development, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Texas to adopt the updated Development Code and Zoning Map of the City of Huntsville, Texas and amend Exhibit 1, Article 3. Overlay and Special Purpose Districts, Section 3.200, Veteran's Memorial Parkway Overlay District, by adding a Section 3.203, Building Design of Multi-Story and Single-Story Buildings, to incorporate the Building Design Standards of Section 3.400 1-45 Overlay and to amend the Zoning Map to extend the Veteran's Memorial Parkway Overlay District north from Colonel Etheredge Boulevard to IH-45 North. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Russell Humphrey.

Public comments were heard from the following citizens:

David Beaty, Bill Green, Donna Pinon, Don Martinez, Tore Fossum, and Ben Bius

Roll call vote.

Yes: Russell Humphrey, Vicki McKenzie, Andy Brauning

No: Karen Denman, Pat Graham, Deloris Massey, Jon Strong, Bert Lyle

The motion failed 3-5.

- b. Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the construction contract for AJ-08 & AJ-10 Trunk Sanitary Sewer main Replacement Project Number 21-03-01.**

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with R Construction Civil, LLC of Buffalo, Texas for the amount of \$16,993,500.00 for the construction of the AJ-08, AJ-10 Trunk Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

- c. Consider postponing approval of the FY 2023-2024 proposed Budget to the September 19, 2023 Council meeting.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Russell Humphrey made a motion to postpone approval of the FY 2023-2024 proposed Budget to the September 19, 2023, Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

- d. Consider Decision Packages for the 2023-24 Budget**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to approve the Decision Packages, Package 1 through Package 5, included in this item 2-b on the City Council Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

- a. Consider the appointments to the City of Huntsville Boards and Commissions for vacant board positions.**

Andy Brauning, Mayor

Mayor Brauning moves to nominate members to the Boards and Commissions as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauning; No - None

BOARD NAME	SEAT #	APPOINT/ REAPPOINT	BOARD MEMBER	TERM EXPIRE
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD				
	2	Reappoint	Phillip Bruns	8-31-2026
	3	Reappoint	Russell Cooper	8-31-2026
	5	Reappoint	Greg Smith	8-31-2026
ARTS COMMISSION				
	1	Reappoint	Derrick Birdsall	8-31-2026
	4	Reappoint	John Escobedo	8-31-2026
	8	Appoint	Amauda Berset	8-31-2025
	9	Appoint	Martha White	8-31-2026
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS				
	4	Reappoint	Ken Holland	8-31-2025
	5	Reappoint	Elliott Herlich	8-31-2025
	6 Alt.	Reappoint	Jason Warren	8-31-2025
HOUSING AUTHORITY				
	3	Appoint	Leticia Requejo	8-31-2025
	5	Appoint	Katie Johnson	8-31-2025
LIBRARY BOARD				
	1	Appoint	James Hornung	8-31-2024
	4	Appoint	Emily Figueroa	8-31-2025
	5	Reappoint	Douglas Wright	8-31-2026
MAIN STREET PROGRAM				
	1	Reappoint	Caroline Crimm	8-31-2025
	4	Reappoint	Helen Belcher	8-31-2025
	5	Reappoint	Michelle Lyons	8-31-2025
	8	Reappoint	Laura Bruns	8-31-2025
	9	Reappoint	Sean Chaney	8-31-2025
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD				
	1	Reappoint	LeDenna Holcomb	8-31-2026
	8	Reappoint	Leighanne Anderson	8-31-2026
	9	Appoint	Caroline Crimm	8-31-2024
WALKER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EXECUTIVE BOARD				
	4	Appoint	Wade Roberts	8-31-2025
	5	Reappoint	Craig Schlicher	8-31-2026
PLANNING COMMISSION				
	7	Appoint	Weldon Wallace	8-31-2026

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 for City of Huntsville vs. Walker County SUD.

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

City Council convened in closed session at 7:03 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to move forward with mediation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8-0. Yes - Karen Denman, Deloris Massey, Vicki McKenzie, Russell Humphrey, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Jon Strong, Andy Brauninger; No - None

ADJOURNMENT

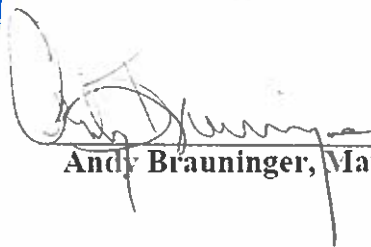
Mayor Brauninger adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE


Kristy Doll, City Secretary


Andy Brauninger, Mayor