

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

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**HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

Public notice is hereby given pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, of the following imminent threat to public health and safety or reasonably unforeseeable situation necessitating this emergency meeting as a result of the severe weather and flooding, there has been unforeseen erosions of city-owned and maintained infrastructure, including drainage ways, streets, storm sewer improvements, water and sanitary sewer facilities, causing significant damage to the existing infrastructure and exposing other utility lines to further damage without timely repairs, and requiring additional funds, supplies, manpower, and other resources to respond to the flooding events that occurred on April 29 and May 2, 2024

EMERGENCY MEETING 11:30 A.M.

Huntsville Public Library, 1219 13th Street, Huntsville, Texas, 77320

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's office (936.291.5413) two working days prior to the meeting for appropriate arrangements.

EMERGENCY SESSION (11:30 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

1. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a.** Consider Ordinance No. 2024 - 8 Extending the Disaster Declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on May 2, 2024, in response to severe flooding, damaging winds and rain, downed trees and power outages, and authorizing public expenditures and other findings.

ADJOURNMENT

*If during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed or Executive session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 – consultation with counsel on legal matters; 551.072 – deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; 551.073 – deliberation regarding a prospective gift; 551.074 – personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; 551.076 – implementation of security personnel or devices; 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Sec. 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits; and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

CERTIFICATE

I, Kristy Doll, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.HuntsvilleTX.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DATE OF POSTING: May 9, 2024

TIME OF POSTING: 9:25 a.m.

TAKEN DOWN:

Kristy Doll

Kristy Doll, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

5/9/2024

Agenda Item Number: 1.a.

Agenda Item: Consider Ordinance No. 2024 - 8 Extending the Disaster Declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on May 2, 2024, in response to severe flooding, damaging winds and rain, downed trees and power outages, and authorizing public expenditures and other findings.

Initiating Department/Presenter: City Secretary

Presenter:

Recommended Motion: Move to approve Ordinance No. 2024 - 8 Extending the Disaster Declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on May 2, 2024, in response to severe flooding, damaging winds and rain, downed trees and power outages, and authorizing public expenditures and other findings.

Strategic Initiative:

Discussion:

Previous Council Action:

Financial Implications:

Approvals:

Kristy Doll

Associated Information:

1. 2024 Ordinance Extend Disaster Declaration

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON MAY 2, 2024 IN RESPONSE TO SEVERE FLOODING, DAMAGEING WINDS AND RAIN, DOWNED TREES AND POWER OUTAGES; AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINDINGS

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Texas, issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Huntsville, in response to rains on April 29, 2024 and May 2, 2024 causing Severe Weather, Flooding, Damaging Winds, Downed Trees and Power Outages; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe weather and flooding, there has been unforeseen erosions of city owned and maintained infrastructure including drainageways, streets, storm sewer improvements, water and sanitary sewer facilities causing significant damage to the existing infrastructure and exposing other utility lines to further damage without timely repairs and requiring additional funds, supplies, manpower, and other resources to respond to the flooding events that occurred on April 29 and May 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating such disaster declaration continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to repair the damage to the existing water, sewer, storm sewer and street infrastructure, make necessary improvements to prevent the immediate failure of said infrastructure facilities, and to prevent the suffering of people in the City of Huntsville, including calling an emergency meeting to extend the disaster declaration and authorize necessary expenditures to alleviate health, safety and welfare concerns; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

SECTION 1. The facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The declaration of disaster, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on May 2, 2024, shall be renewed and extended until May 21, 2024, in accordance with Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, unless earlier terminated by the Mayor's office, or amended, rescinded, superseded or expire pursuant to applicable law.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance continues the activation of the City Emergency Plan and activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans and authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein and provides the authority for the Mayor to take actions authorized by

Section 418.108 of the Government Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance, in addition to Section 418.108 of the Government Code and Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances, authorizes the emergency expenditure of funds to repair and/or take other actions to provide necessary water and sewer services for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, and repairs to other infrastructure that has been damaged that is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

SECTION 5. That the Mayor may execute any and mutual aid agreements in cooperation with the representatives of the state and of other local political subdivisions of the state, and the drafting and execution, if deemed desirable, of an agreement with the county in which said city is located and with other municipalities within the county, for the countywide coordination of efforts in emergency management; for the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions; and the authorizing of agreements, after approval of the city attorney, for the use of private property for public shelter and other purposes.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the ____th day of May 2024.

THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kristi Doll, City Secretary

Leonard Schneider, City Attorney