

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE SERVICE CENTER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 448 HIGHWAY 75, IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

The City Council met in regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember At-Large Position 2 Denman, Councilmember At-Large Position 3 McKenzie, Councilmember Ward 4 Strong, Councilmember At-Large Position 4 Graham, Councilmember At-Large Position 1 Lyle, Councilmember Ward 3 Antwine, Councilmember Ward 1 Fossum, Councilmember Ward 2 Cox

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Humphrey

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

WORKSHOP (4:00 p.m.)

Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Humphrey arrived at 4:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss FY-24-25 Propose Budget**
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager

Mayor Humphrey closed the workshop at 4:58 p.m.

Mayor Humphrey reopened the workshop at 5:02 p.m.

- b. Receive presentation on the various Economic Development organization structures.**
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the workshop without objection at 6:00 p.m.

MAIN SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 pledges were led by Mayor Humphrey.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Visit Huntsville for its Texas Destination Excellence Award from the Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau.**
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager
- b. The Wynne Home Arts and Visitor Center for winning the "Paint the Town" contest.**
Aron Kulhavy, City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-18, amending Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, to add Article a New Article IV "Stormwater Utility System" and adopting a process to form a schedule of rates and charges to be assessed.**

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer, provided a presentation of the Drainage Utility Fee Program and proposed charges.

Citizen comments on the agenda item in support and opposition, were heard from: Tammy Bolander, John Maisel, Don Martinez, Davida Stike, Mike Belovsky and George H. Russell.

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

- b. **Public Hearing on the FY 2024-2025 proposed Budget.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Mayor Humphrey opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Humphrey called for citizen comments, there were no comments from the public.

Mayor Humphrey closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 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 20, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Kristy Doll, City Secretary

- b. **Consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-23 to amend the budget for FY 23-24 and/or CIP Project Budgets.**

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

- c. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for Disaster Recovery and FEMA Public Assistance Consulting Services.**

Lance Hall, Assistant Finance

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Consent Agenda Item 1.c. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Statutory Agenda for discussion.

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a. and b. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

2. STATUTORY AGENDA

- 1.c. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for Disaster Recovery and**

**FEMA Public Assistance Consulting Services.
Lance Hall, Assistant Finance Director
Steve Ritter, Finance Director**

Councilmember Tore Fossum made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for disaster Recovery and FEMA Public Assistance Consulting Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- a. Second Reading - Ordinance 2024-20, 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**

Citizen comments on this agenda item were heard from: Bill Green, Charles Von Schmidt, Don Martinez and Al Hooten.

Councilmember Vicki McKenzie made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-20, 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 Bert Lyle. The motion passed 8 - 1.

roll call vote:

Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Casey Cox

No: Tore Fossum

- b. Second Reading - Consider, adoption of Ordinance 2024-18, amending Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, to add Article a New Article IV, "Stormwater Utility System," and adopting a process to form a schedule of rates and charges to be assessed.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer**

Councilmember Jon Strong made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-18, amending Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, to add Article a New Article IV "Stormwater Utility System" and adopting a process to form a schedule of rates and charges to be assessed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tore Fossum. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

- c. First Reading - Consider adoption of Ordinance 2024-22, amending Chapter 46 Utilities of the Huntsville Municipal Code, Article IV "Stormwater Utility System", to add the Division 3 "Stormweater Utililty Fees", to establish a schedule of rates and charges to be assessed; providing for drainage service, billing, and providing for an effective date.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer**

First Reading - No action

- d. First Reading - Consider authorizing the City Manager to award the construction contract for CIP FY 21-22 Wastewater Lines Replacement.
Kathlie Jeng-Bulloch, City Engineer**

Councilmember Lyle made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with

To-Mex Construction LLC for an amount of \$1,471,783. For the construction of the FY 21-22 Wastewater Lines Replacement Project ID # 22-10-04 (-04, -05, -06, -07, -10, -11). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vicki McKenzie. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

3. CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY MANAGER

a. Consider the appointments to the City of Huntsville Boards and Commissions.

Russell Humphrey, Mayor

BOARD NAME	SEAT #	APPOINT/REAPPOINT	BOARD MEMBER	TERM EXPIRE
CEMETERY				
	11	Reapp.	La Deanna Holcomb	8-31-2026
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD				
	1	Reapp.	Scott Brega	8-31-2027
	6	Reapp.	Jon Strong	8-31-2027
TOURISM				
	6	Reapp.	Karla Christian	8-31-2027

Mayor Russell Humphrey nominated Board and Commission members as presented. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

b. Consider postponing approval of the FY 2024-2025 proposed Budget to the September 17, 2024 Council meeting.

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Bert Lyle made a motion to postpone approval of the FY 2024-2025 proposed Budget to the September 17, 2024 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anissa Antwine. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

c. Consider Decision Packages for the 2024-25 Budget

Steve Ritter, Finance Director

Councilmember Anissa Antwine 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 Tore Fossum. The motion passed 9 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Karen Denman, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

4. MEDIA INQUIRIES RELATED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Councilmembers announced Items of Community Interest.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- City Council will convene in closed session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, to receive legal advice on personnel matters involving Charter Officers and Chapter 551, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager. Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.
Councilmember Karen Denman left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

7. RECONVENE

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

Councilmember Anissa Antwine made a motion to authorize the City Manager to solicit a recruitment firm to provide full recruitment services for the position of City Manager and provide responses to the City Council for selection. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pat Graham. The motion passed 8 - 0. Yes: Russell Humphrey, Vicki McKenzie, Jon Strong, Pat Graham, Bert Lyle, Anissa Antwine, Tore Fossum, Casey Cox; No: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Humphrey adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:45 p.m.

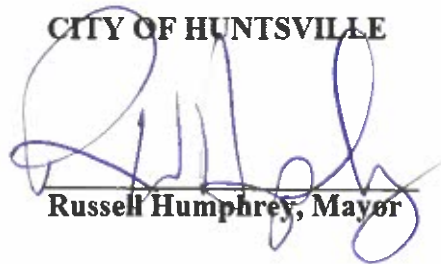
ATTEST:



Kristy Doll, City Secretary



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE



Russell Humphrey, Mayor