

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, April 8, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Don Elder Jr., Mayor
 Bill Lawton, Mayor Pro Tem
 Larry Gore, Councilmember
 Steve Pierson, Councilmember
 Dusty Thiele, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary
 Johnny Nelson, City Administrator

The following City Official was absent:

David Leyendecker, City Engineer

Keep Katy Beautiful Board – Announcē Great American Clean Up/Don’t Mess With Texas Trash Off Event to be held Saturday, April 20, 2013, 655 Danover (9-11 a.m.)

Jamie Wolman, Keep Katy Beautiful Board, announced the Great American Clean Up/Don’t Mess with Texas Trash Off event to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 655 Danover, during the hours of 9-11 a.m. She encouraged all to attend.

Comments from the Audience

All were given an opportunity to be heard and there were no comments from the audience.

Presentation of 2011-2012 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report by City Auditor Christopher L. Breaux, Whitley-Penn, Houston Texas

City Auditors Christopher L. Breaux and Lupe Garcia, Whitley-Penn, Houston, Texas, were present to give a brief overview and power point presentation on the 2011-2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. Breaux thanked the City’s Finance Department for their assistance in providing requested information. He explained the Auditors Report is an unqualified or “clean” opinion, which is the highest level of assurance on financial statements. Garcia spoke of a healthy fund balance and gave a detailed presentation on the City’s fund balances; debt, revenues, property taxes and expenditures review in their presentation. He thanked City Council for their continued support in Whitley-Penn and thanked City Management. The Mayor thanked Breaux and his team for the excellent job over the years and thanked City Staff for their management skills and their contribution towards gathering the requested information.

Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate an Agreement with TurnerDuran Architects, LP, for Professional Services to Design the Proposed New City Hall

Mayor Elder gave a brief summary of the proposal to negotiate an agreement with TurnerDuran Architects, LP for professional services to design the proposed new City Hall. He spoke of the need for additional office space at the current City Hall. He briefed Councilmembers on the review board that had recommended TurnerDuran Architects. Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Thiele, authorizing the Mayor to

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negotiate an Agreement with TurnerDuran Architects, LP, for professional services to design the proposed new City Hall. Councilmember Gore understood as in past the citizens had to vote on such projects. He reminded all he was against tearing down the old Social Services Building. It was suggested City Council conduct a workshop to inform the citizens of the proposal, since it is a major expense. Councilmember Gore suggested discussion wait until after the newly elected officers take office. The Mayor explained the request is just to hire a professional architect to begin the process of considering the construction of a new City Hall. City Attorney Pertile explained this allows the Mayor to negotiate the service agreement. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Declaring Surplus Equipment to be Donated to Keep Katy Beautiful for Recycling at "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off", April 20, 2013 (Miscellaneous Electronic Equipment) Administration, Police, Public Works and Social Services Departments

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, declaring surplus equipment to be donated to Keep Katy Beautiful for recycling at "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off", April 20, 2013 (*miscellaneous electronic equipment*) Administration, Police, Public Works and Social Services Departments. All voted Aye, and the motion carried

Ordinance No. 2572 Amending Section 8.600 "Garbage Collection Rates and Fees" Of Appendix A "Fee Schedule", Katy Code Of Ordinances - Proposed Solid Waste Collection Increase – Republic Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Councilmember Thiele, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (*No. 2572*) Amending Section 8.600 "Garbage Collection Rates and Fees" Of Appendix A "Fee Schedule", Katy Code Of Ordinances. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider a Resolution Setting Garbage Collection Rates and Fees

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Thiele, approving as printed and presented a Resolution Setting Garbage Collection Rates and Fees. Councilmembers briefly discussed the proposed rates and fees. The motion was withdrawn until clarification was received on the proposed rates.

Consider Hiring Three (3) Additional Fire Department Personnel for Public Protection Classification as Related to ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) Requirements for City of Katy's Public Protection Classification

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Thiele, approving the hiring of three (3) additional Fire Department personnel for Public Protection Classification as related the ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) Requirements for City of Katy's Public Protection Classification. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Use of Reserve Funds to Hire Mike Pietsch, P.E. Consulting Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$20,000.00

Financial Director Byron Hebert explained that ten years ago the City hired Consulting Mike Pietsch to review the City of Katy's ISO Rating and make recommendations. Councilmember Pierson tagged consideration of the use of Reserve Funds to Hire Mike Pietch, P.E. City Attorney Pertile explained consideration will be at the next regular City Council meeting.

Consider Authorizing City Attorney to Amend Article 7.500 "Loud Noises Prohibited" of the City of Katy Code of Ordinances to Allow for Outdoor Music Concerts

City Attorney Pertile explained the proposed Agenda item is for clarification from City Council on whether they want to move forward with these types of events and have prohibitions and/or specific regulations for outdoor concerts. He explained that daytime events may not be unreasonable, but nighttime events might be unreasonable. He gave an example of a lawnmower not be unreasonable at 5:00 p.m.; however, it could be unreasonable at 3:00 a.m. It was suggested a possible Workshop could be called to discuss the proposed topic. The City Attorney was instructed to work with the Police Department, stakeholders and establish standards and guidelines for consideration by City Council at a later date.

Ordinance No. 2573 Amending Elderly and Disabled Homestead Tax Exemption, by Increasing the Homestead Exemption from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older or Disabled - Councilmember Gore

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Gore, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (*No. 2573*) Amending Elderly and Disabled Homestead Tax Exemption, by Increasing the Homestead Exemption from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older or Disabled. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmembers' Report

Councilmember Pierson asked everyone to remember City Employee Doll Greer and her family during the loss of her husband. He thanked Public Works Department of the mulch and all they do. Councilmember Thiele thanked Hebert and Administration for handling the audit and passing.

Mayor's Reports

Mayor Elder also asked all to keep Doll Greer and her family in their prayers. He reminded all of the Katy Police Officers' Association Annual Fish Fry to be held Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Katy I.S.D. L.D. Robinson Pavilion. He thanked the Parks Department for their excellent work in upgrading the pond at the City of Katy Dog Park.

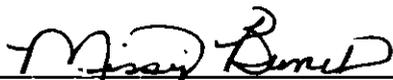
Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



 Mayor

ATTEST:



 City Secretary