

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, August 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Fabol Hughes, Mayor
 Bill Lawton, Mayor Pro Tem
 Chuck Brawner, Councilmember
 Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember
 Steve Pierson, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary
 Johnny Nelson, City Administrator
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer

The following Councilmember was absent:

Larry Gore, Councilmember

Keep Katy Beautiful Board – Recognition to Katy Christian Ministries

Jamie Wolman, Keep Katy Beautiful Board Member, spoke of the recent award received by Katy Christian Ministries (KCM) for their Community Garden at the recent Keep Texas Beautiful Conference and recognized various representatives of the project.

Comments from the Audience

Comments from the audience were as follows: 1) Laure (*last name and address not given*) spoke of the dishonor Katy is giving the people by addressing those in attendance as audience. She said Council is violating the Constitutions of Texas and the United States by referring to people as guests and audience instead of as **We The People**. She spoke of being investigated and a republic form of government. 2) Cara Bonin, commented on the transparency of the City, the posting of the City Council meeting Agendas, snitching on neighbors as listed on the City's website and she congratulated AMC on winning the right to sell alcohol.

Consider Approval of Alief Baptist Church to Block-Off Second Street between Avenue A and East Avenue for their Labor Day Block Festival to be held on Sunday, September 1, 2013, between the Hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, approving as printed and presented the request from Alief Baptist Church to Block-Off Second Street between Avenue A and East Avenue for their Labor Day Block Festival to be held on Sunday, September 1, 2013, between the Hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Acceptance of Public Improvements in WoodCreek Reserve, Section 9, Phase B, for Water, Sewer, Drainage and Paving Improvements

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, accepting as printed and presented the Public Improvements in WoodCreek Reserve, Section 9, Phase B, for Water, Sewer, Drainage and Paving Improvements. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Rotary Fund – Katy Triathlon at Firethorne (21st Annual) to be held September 29, 2013, Amount Requested is \$26,754.20 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Sporting Event in Which Majority of Participants are Tourists in Cities Located in County with Population of One Million or Less) (approved by CTB 07-31-2013)

Motion was made by Councilmember Brawner, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Rotary Fund – Katy Triathlon at Firethorne (21st Annual) to be held September 29, 2013, Amount Requested is \$26,754.20 (*Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Sporting Event in Which Majority of Participants are Tourists in Cities Located in County with Population of One Million or Less*). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Jazz Association – Katy Jazz Festival to be held April 25-26, 2014 at Katy High School Campus, Amount Requested was \$69,200.00, the AMOUNT APPROVED was \$43,500 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts) (approved by CTB 07-31-2013)

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Jazz Association – Katy Jazz Festival to be held April 25-26, 2014 at Katy High School Campus, Amount Requested was \$69,200.00, the AMOUNT APPROVED was \$43,500 (*Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts*). Bob Bryant, Executive Director of Fine Arts, Katy Independent School District briefed City Council on his Convention and Tourism Bureau Application for Katy Jazz Festival to be held April 25-26, 2014 at Katy High School Campus. Bryant explained the proposed event is a two day event featuring local and state students, jazz bands, combos, guitar soloists, music groups, art vendors and concerts to be provided by world renowned professional jazz artists. He believes is an avenue for amateur and professional jazz musicians and fans to gather for education. Councilmember Pierson asked for an explanation on the difference in the amount requested and the amount approved by CTB. Byron Hebert, City's Financial Director, explained the Convention and Tourism Bureau decided to limit each grant applicant to 20% of the allocated fiscal year budget funds for the promotion of the arts, since the City is receiving numerous requests for promotions of the arts. He explained the total amount for the current year is \$127,000.00, which is the maximum (*15 percent*) of the amount of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds collected, which is governed by State Statute. Councilmember Lawton understood the rule that was put in place by CTB to be able to spread the funds for several events and not just one or two. Bryant understood he could come back with an addendum later. Bryant presented a brief video for Councilmembers. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2583 Amending the Employee Classification and Compensation Plan by Adding the Classification of Technical Support Specialist and Amending the Pay Range and Wage-Hour Exemption Status Schedule

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (*No. 2583*) Amending the Employee Classification and Compensation Plan by Adding the Classification of Technical Support Specialist and Amending the Pay Range and Wage-Hour Exemption Status Schedule. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 526 Approving an Application Submitted by Avalon At Spring Green Community Association, Inc. and 2012 Spring Green LLC for the Creation of a New Lake or Pond in The Avalon At Spring Green Subdivision

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 526) Approving an Application Submitted by Avalon At Spring Green Community Association, Inc. and 2012 Spring Green LLC for the Creation of a New Lake or Pond in The Avalon At Spring Green Subdivision. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 527 Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Katy to Negotiate with the City of Houston for the Release of City of Houston Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Katy Area

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 527) Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Katy to Negotiate with the City of Houston for the Release of City of Houston Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Katy Area. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 528 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Consulting Agreement with Jamie S. Wolman to Assist with the Transition for the Newly Appointed Parks and Recreation Director

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 528) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Consulting Agreement with Jamie S. Wolman to Assist with the Transition for the Newly Appointed Parks and Recreation Director. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 529 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract Changing the Current Provider for Supplemental Benefits, which includes Basic Life Insurance, Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Supplemental Term Life, Dental, Long-Term Disability and Vision from Standard Insurance to Metlife

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 529) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract Changing the Current Provider for Supplemental Benefits, which includes Basic Life Insurance, Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Supplemental Term Life, Dental, Long-Term Disability and Vision from Standard Insurance to Metlife. Financial Director Byron Hebert explained that prior to the Human Resources Manager the employee benefits were in need of updating and Angelina Tredway was hired to make sure the employees were not being penalized and to research the possibility of getting them additional benefits. Tredway explained a lot of employees were unhappy with lack of various benefits; therefore, she sent out a survey, with responses received from 55% of the employees. She had met and gathered information on the various benefits from the current provider Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool and other vendors. Benefits considered included life insurance, supplemental and AD&D, vision, dental, medical, long and short term disability, employee assistance program and flexible spending. Tredway proposed moving all supplemental benefits to MetLife and retain medical with TML. Tredway spoke of having Open Enrollment on September 5, 2013, with three sessions to assist employees with completing the enrollment forms. She explained a decision had to be made no later than August 13, 2013. Tredway explained a large number of employees were not happy with TML, mostly with their customer service and they were requesting their issues be resolved and quicker response time. She believed the employees were ready for a change. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Use of Reserve Funds to Purchase One New 2013/2014 Crimson Engine (Fire Truck) Including All Equipment, Tools, Gear and Appliances Needed to Equip the Apparatus in the Amount of \$732,532.00

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and presented the Use of Reserve Funds to Purchase One New 2013/2014 Crimson Engine (Fire Truck) Including All Equipment, Tools, Gear and Appliances Needed to Equip the Apparatus in the Amount of \$732,532.00. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan, Stage 1 (mild) – Voluntary Reduction in Water Use by the Public

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented, implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan, Stage 1 (mild)–Voluntary Reduction in Water Use by the Public. All voted Aye, and the motion carried

Submittal of Proposed 2013-2014 Operating Budget

Finance Director Byron Hebert distributed the Mayor's Proposed 2013-2014 Budget books to City Councilmembers. He explained the proposed budget is on-line at the City's website. Hebert announced there will be a Budget workshop on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmembers' Report

Councilmember Pierson thanked those applicants requesting HOT funds; he spoke highly of the jazz festival and the Rotary's triathlon. Pierson complimented the Fire and EMS Departments for the hard work they perform in their bunker in the heat. He thanked them for protecting the City, complimented the manpower for the Fire/EMS departments for the hard work they encounter and completing tasks in their hot bunker gear. Pierson expressed appreciation to the Human Resources Manager for her presentation and preparation of the employee benefits report. Councilmember Lawton thanked all in attendance for the big turnout at the meeting and commented it is not about City Council, but about the people. He complimented Bob Bryant for being a champion for the arts. He complimented those involved in the task of reviewing and preparing the presentation on the updating of employee benefits. He said hats off to all employees for his packet. Councilmember Brawner spoke highly of the jazz festival, how this event helps to put Katy on the map, how it is good business for the City and the citizens. He thanked those who assisted in preparing for the purchase of the fire truck; he thought it was greatly needed and thankful for the funds. He reported the ISO deadline is approaching on October 16, 2013, he believes all documents will be completed by that time and spoke of the numerous hours to complete this task.

Mayor's Reports

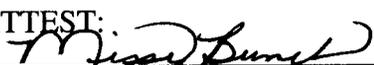
The Mayor thanked Bob Bryant for his presentation and the event they conduct.

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 7:37 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Secretary