

**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Call to Order**

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, July 14, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy Municipal Complex, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Fabol Hughes, Mayor  
 Chuck Brawner, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Durran C. Dowdle, Councilmember  
 Bill Lawton, Councilmember  
 Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember  
 Steve Pierson, Councilmember  
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney  
 Byron Hebert, City Administrator  
 Missy Bunch, City Secretary  
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer

**Keep Katy Beautiful Board - Proclamation Recognizing Dixie McDonald for receiving the O. P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award from Keep Texas Beautiful**

A brief slide show was presented to honor Dixie McDonald for receiving the O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award from Keep Texas Beautiful. The Mayor read and presented a Proclamation recognizing Mrs. McDonald for receiving the O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award from Keep Texas Beautiful. Mrs. McDonald was appointed to the Keep Katy Beautiful Board in 2002 and was described as the ultimate volunteer, an active leader and member that rarely misses any events.. Mrs. McDonald thanked the Mayor, City Council and the awesome Keep Katy Beautiful Board for making the achievement possible.

**Keep Katy Beautiful Board - Recognize Keep Katy Beautiful Board as a Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate**

Jamie Wolman, Keep Katy Beautiful Board Member, explained the Board had been awarded with the Gold Star Affiliate, Sustained Excellence Award at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference held in June, 2014. She spoke of the wonderful volunteers and the continued support from the Mayor and City Councilmembers. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Keep Katy Beautiful Board Members for their accomplishments in receiving this recognition and for beautifying the City. The Gold Star Affiliate Award is for Affiliates who have turned everything in on time, paid their dues on time, and submitted more than 2 entries into the Keep Texas Beautiful awards program.

**Public Comments**

All were given an opportunity to be heard and there were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving the Consent Agenda as listed below:

**Consent Agenda (cont'd)**

- 6) Consider Approval of Minutes
  - A) 05-19-2014 Regular Meeting
  - B) 05-29-2014 Special Meeting
  - C) 06-09-2014 Special Workshop
  - D) 06-09-2014 Regular Meeting
- 7) Consider Approval of Event Requests for Katy Market Days "A Katy Old Fashioned Christmas Festival", Saturday, 12-06-2014
  - A. Close Avenue B between Second and Third Streets for "A Katy Old Fashioned Christmas Festival", Saturday, 12-06-2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - B. Use of Harvest Plaza
- 8) Declare Surplus Property
  - A) Vehicles to be Sold at Auction (1994 E-One Model Pumper Truck - Fire Department; 1996 Ford F-250 and 2001 Chevy 1500 Trucks – Public Works Department)
  - B) Miscellaneous Equipment to be Sold at Auction (tire spreader, wheel/tire balancer, hand operated drum pumps, light bar, dividers with sliding window, lap bars, console with Code 3 control and plastic rear seats, desk, chairs, cubicles, table and misc. fire equipment)

All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Final Plat of The Reserve At Katy, Section 3, Subdivision of 9.6 Acres, 30 Lots and Two Reserves in One Block, Located in the James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County (approved by City Planning & Zoning Commission 06-24-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented the Final Plat of The Reserve At Katy, Section 3, Subdivision of 9.6 Acres, 30 Lots and Two Reserves in One Block, Located in the James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Final Plat of The Reserve At Katy, Section 4, Subdivision of 15.8 Acres, 30 Lots and Two Reserves in One Block, Located in the James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County (approved by City Planning & Zoning Commission 06-24-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented the Final Plat of The Reserve At Katy, Section 4, Subdivision of 15.8 Acres, 30 Lots and Two Reserves in One Block, Located in the James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Final Plat for Meyers Meadows, Subdivision of 1 Acre , 1 Block, 1 Lot, Located in H&T.C.R.R. Company Survey, Section 89, Block, Abstract 1477, Harris County (DENIED by City Planning & Zoning Commission 06-24-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Brawner, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, denying approval of the Final Plat for Meyers Meadows, Subdivision of 1 Acre , 1 Block, 1 Lot, Located in H&T.C.R.R. Company Survey, Section 89, Block, Abstract 1477, Harris County, as previously denied by the City Planning and Zoning Commission on 06-24-2014, until the recommendations by the City Engineer are implemented. All voted Aye, and the motion to deny carried.

**Consider Final Plat for Spring Green Crossing, 2.912 Acres out of 248.57 Acre Tract, Located in E.P. Everett Survey, Abstract 385; the John McKnight Survey, Abstract 292; and, the Chas W. Schrimp Survey, Abstract 412, in Fort Bend County (approved by City Planning & Zoning Commission 07-08-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Dowdle, approving as printed and presented the Final Plat for Spring Green Crossing, 2.912 Acres out of 248.57 Acre Tract, Located in E.P. Everett Survey, Abstract 385; the John McKnight Survey, Abstract 292; and, the Chas W. Schrimp Survey, Abstract 412, in Fort Bend County. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Final Plat for Falls At Green Meadows, Section 5, 44.36 Acres, 44 Lots, 4 Reserves, 4 Blocks, Located in H. & T.C.R.R. company survey, Section 43, Block 1, Abstract 196, Waller County (approved by City Planning & Zoning Commission 07-08-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Dowdle, approving as printed and presented the Final Plat for Falls At Green Meadows, Section 5, 44.36 Acres, 44 Lots, 4 Reserves, 4 Blocks, Located in H. & T.C.R.R. company survey, Section 43, Block 1, Abstract 196, Waller County. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Final Plat for Shops At The Reserve At Katy , 22.2650 Acres, 4 Reserves, 1 Block, Day Land & Cattle Co. Survey, Abstract 448 and James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County (approved by City Planning & Zoning Commission 07-08-2014)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented the Final Plat for Shops At The Reserve At Katy , 22.2650 Acres, 4 Reserves, 1 Block, Day Land & Cattle Co. Survey, Abstract 448 and James Conner Survey, Abstract 157, Fort Bend County. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy High School Choir Association (KHSCA) – Katy High School Choir 2014 Masterworks Concert, April 25-26, 2014, Katy High School and First Baptist Church of Katy, Amount Requested is \$3,270.68 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Funding Programs that Enhance the Arts)**

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**Consider Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant Application for Katy Rotary Fund – 2014 Katy Triathlon at Firethorne (22<sup>nd</sup> Annual), September 28, 2014, Amount Requested is \$28,493.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Sporting Event in Which Majority of Participants are Tourist in Cities Located in County with Population of One Million or Less)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Dowdle, approving and printed and presented the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy

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Tax Grant Application for Katy Rotary Fund – 2014 Katy Triathlon at Firethorne (22<sup>nd</sup> Annual), September 28, 2014, Amount Requested is \$28,493.00 (Tourism-Related Advertising and Promotion of the City of Katy and its Vicinity; Sporting Event in Which Majority of Participants are Tourist 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 Scope of Work and Funding for City Wayfinding Project**

Kayce Reina, City of Katy Tourism and Marketing Specialist introduced Curtis Roberts from the consulting group fd2s. Roberts gave a brief presentation on the proposed way-finding project and referred to Katy as “Historic Katy” instead of “Old Town Katy”. He spoke of the local representatives who had assisted him in signage design, locations and the overall concept of the project. He explained various signage shapes, sizes, colors along with themes were discussed. Reina explained a portion of the cost for the project can be paid for with Hotel Occupancy Tax (H.O.T.) funds, with an approximate \$150,000.00 that the City would be responsible for. City Administrator Hebert commented that the Convention and Tourism Bureau had already approved the use of H.O.T. funds for the project. Motion was made by Councilmember Brawner, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, authorizing the bid process to move forward for the City’s Wayfinding Project and to fund as approved by the Convention and Tourism Bureau Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider a Resolution (No. 565) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Auditors’ Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year Ending 09-30-2014, with Whitley Penn, LLP, Certified Public Accountants**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Brawner, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 565) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Auditors’ Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year Ending 09-30-2014, with Whitley Penn, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider a Resolution (No. 566) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Harris County regarding Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Funding**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 566) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Harris County regarding Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Funding. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Consider an Ordinance (No. 2646) Amending Elderly and Disabled Homestead Tax Exemption, by Increasing the Homestead Exemption from \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older or Disabled - Councilmember Dowdle**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawton, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and read (caption) an Ordinance (No. 2646) Amending the Elderly and Disabled Homestead Tax Exemption, by Increasing the Homestead Exemption from

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**Consider an Ordinance Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions (Pulled from Consideration)**

The Mayor removed Consider an Ordinance Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions, until he had an opportunity to review the proposed members.

**Public Hearing for Proposed Abandoning of a Fifteen (15) Foot Alley between Second Street and Third Street, Located between Avenue C and Avenue D; Abandoning an Approximately Sixteen (16) Foot Alley between; Avenue C and Avenue D Located between Second Street and Third Street**

The Mayor opened a Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. for Proposed Abandoning of a Fifteen (15) Foot Alley between Second Street and Third Street, Located between Avenue C and Avenue D; Abandoning an Approximately Sixteen (16) Foot Alley between; Avenue C and Avenue D Located between Second Street and Third Street. All were given an opportunity to be heard and there were none. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m. The City Attorney explained that abandon the alleys would not be abandonment of the utility easements.

**Consider an Ordinance (No. 2647) Abandoning of a Fifteen (15) Foot Alley between Second Street and Third Street, Located between Avenue C and Avenue D; Abandoning an Approximately Sixteen (16) Foot Alley between; Avenue C and Avenue D Located between Second Street and Third Street**

Motion was made by Councilmember Brawner, seconded by Councilmember Lawton, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No. 2647) Abandoning of a Fifteen (15) Foot Alley between Second Street and Third Street, Located between Avenue C and Avenue D; Abandoning an Approximately Sixteen (16) Foot Alley between; Avenue C and Avenue D Located between Second Street and Third Street. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Councilmembers' Report**

Councilmember Pierson commented on the exciting events that had occurred on the Fourth of July. He reported the Fire Department's first open house was a success, had a great turnout and the kids enjoyed the activities. He also commented on the V.F.W. annual BBQ and the City sponsored fireworks. Pierson congratulated Dixie McDonald on her recognition by Keep Texas Beautiful and commented he was in Austin when she received the award. He complimented Keep Katy Beautiful Board and the great accomplishment of keeping the City beautiful and congratulated them on their recognition. Pierson thanked Thomas Coleman for say the pledge. Councilmember Lawton commented that Councilmember Pierson had covered all the congratulations and spoke of how Keep Katy Beautiful keeps doing great things and how he appreciates Dixie McDonald and here achievement. He also spoke of the people having a great deal of fun at the Fire Department Open House and the V.F.W Park was full and people were laughing and having a good time. Councilmember Brawner commented that all had been said, but he encouraged everyone to look at the photos of the Fire Department Open House on the back table and it was a great event. He spoke of Katy growing and they are getting a great deal more going on in the Fire/EMS Department. He commented on the number

**Councilmembers' Report (cont'd)**

of fire calls, the number of EMS calls, how Murphy's Law that everything comes in threes. He spoke highly of the Fire Department and recognized the Fire Chief and his Assistants. Councilmember Mendez reported that the Fire Department Open House was a blast and the he had worked in the dunk tank for four hours. He commented it was the first time he could insult the people and they loved it. He spoke of the large number of children at the event, how smoothly the event went and he thanked the fire department of inviting him and he looks forward to next year. Councilmember Dowdle spoke of also participating in the Fire Department Fourth of July dunking booth and commented it was a workout. He commented that the recent rains, which occurred in the area he lives in, that there used to be a drainage problem; however, the drainage improvement have paid off, because the water drains quickly now.

**Mayor's Reports**


The Mayor echoed that the rain waters drained quickly. He reported there were over 1200 people who had attended the Fire Department's Open House and commented on the various kid friendly activities. The Mayor believed that Katy, the new Fire Department dog, who took to the kids and they took to her. He believes she is a good mascot for the Fire Department.

**Adjourn**

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

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary