

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING****Call to Order**

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in special session Friday, September 8, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Chuck Brawner, Mayor  
Durrant Dowdle, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Boothe, Councilmember  
J. Gary Jones, Councilmember  
Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember  
Paula Alexander, Acting City Attorney  
David Leyendecker, City Engineer  
Byron Hebert, City Administrator  
Melissa A. Bunch, City Secretary

The following Councilmember and City Attorney were absent:

Steve Pierson, Councilmember  
Art Pertile, III, City Attorney

**Public Comments**

All were given an opportunity to be heard and the following spoke:

Brenda Weible, 2934 West Elm Circle, reported she had 1.5 inches of water in her house from the recent flood. She complimented the City on having better communication during this flood event. She had reported one speeder and received a call back and thanked the Police Department for having better presence during the flood. She understood this is a 500 hundred flood. She asked that her questions be responded to: 1) When is Morton Ranch Road going to be continued to the bridge and why did Katy-Hockley Road to Katy-Fort Bend Road take a year; 2) She pays taxes to the Harris County Flood District and is not getting help and asked where the money goes; 3) She did not flood last year and had called three times to get the ditches dug deeper and spoke to Doll, who told her she was on the list and nothing has been done, people might think it is a big deal, but ditches could have made a difference; 4) She referred to new homes and building a detention pond; 5) She believes Cane Island developers should be held responsible for some of the flooding, because she did not have this problem before the development and now it seems we are over building; 6) Is it true that the government will buy your home; 7) Has a committee be appointed to address the issues of drainage; and, 8) She gave her phone number so she could receive a response to her questions. She stated she is willing to do whatever it takes, she needs answers and wants to work with the government to move forward.

John Rotsch, 6319 Magnolia, commented he had lived in Katy for ten years and has only flooded twice. He spoke of his neighbors flood experience. He explained he understood this flood was catastrophe event with forty-seven inches of rain. He is looking for solutions and has not seen anything done since last the last flood. He commented he had moved to Katy to be close to Green Meadows Golf Course and it was a nice town. He believes since Green Meadows Golf Course is gone, Falls At Green Meadows Subdivision has been built, they have

created a dome for the watershed. He encouraged the City to hire an independent firm from another state to show the facts of what has caused Pine Forest Subdivision homes to be destroyed due to flooding two times. He stated the City needs to correct or buy the houses. He stated something needs to be done quickly and taxes are up and the values of homes are going down quickly, also asked who wants to buy a house that has flooded twice. Mayor Brawner in your brochures you stated you would do something about drainage and you have not done much. He stated something needs to be done and living in a hole and he believes he is in the deepest hole in the city. He encouraged the city to help and commented he would appreciate any help.

Keith Mitchell, 6401 Magnolia, stated he had lived in Katy for 36 years and has never flooded. He believe the building around them is causing the problem. He commented he does not know the process for new development, but believes it is not very effective. He spoke about Katy being a good school district and many are interested in their kids wanting to play football. He believes Katy is a good place to live, but he thinks all of that has changed and if something is not done, the city will go into a death spiral.

**Consider a Resolution (No. 816) Extending the Declaration of Disaster to September 15, 2017, Original Declaration Issued by Mayoral Proclamation on August 26, 2017, (08-26-2017 to 09-01-2017) and Extended by Resolution No. 806 on August 31, 2017, (09-02-2017 to 09-08-2017), in Response to Hurricane Harvey**


Motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 816) Extending the Declaration of Disaster to September 15, 2017, Original Declaration Issued by Mayoral Proclamation on August 26, 2017, (08-26-2017 to 09-01-2017) and Extended by Resolution No. 806 on August 31, 2017, (09-02-2017 to 09-08-2017), in Response to Hurricane Harvey. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, adjourning the meeting. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 City Secretary