

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Katy, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, February 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The following City Officials were present:

Chuck Brawner, Mayor
 Durran Dowdle, Mayor Pro Tem
 Ray Boothe, Councilmember
 J. Gary Jones, Councilmember
 Jimmy Mendez, Councilmember
 Steve Pierson, Councilmember
 Art Pertile, III, City Attorney
 David Leyendecker, City Engineer
 Byron Hebert, City Administrator
 Melissa A. Bunch, City Secretary

Presentation of "Above & Beyond" Certificate of Recognition for Harvey's Heroes to Buc-ee's Owner, Beaver Aplin

The Mayor thanked Buc-ee's for their hospitality during Hurricane Harvey and presented the "Above & Beyond" Certificate of Recognition for Harvey's Heroes to Buc-ee's Representative, Richard Sebastian, Senior Vice President. The Mayor explained Buc-ee's had provided shelter, gas, food and other items to the first responders during their rescue efforts in Katy. Mr. Sebastian thanked the first responders, who he believed to be the real heroes.

Public Comments

All were given an opportunity to be heard and the following spoke during public comments:
 1) Brad Hubbard, 2918 Redbud Street, spoke about mitigating flooding specifically improvements to Cane Island Branch from Highway 90 south to Kingsland Boulevard. He believes there has been no work done to this area since the 1970's and he has photos of the area. Hubbard reported he had sent a letter to Congressman Mike McCaul asking for help.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Pierson, requesting that, Discuss Renaming of Katy Heritage Museum to Johnny Nelson Heritage Museum of Katy be on the next Regular City Council Meeting Agenda,. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, requesting that Discuss Communication with Council and the City Administration be on the next Regular City Council Meeting Agenda. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider Acceptance of Donation of \$825.00 for Keep Katy Beautiful for a Memorial Bench in Honor of Dixie McDonald

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and presented Acceptance of a Donation of \$825.00 to Keep Katy Beautiful for a Memorial Bench in Honor of Dixie McDonald. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider a Resolution (No. 849) Ratifying February 2, 2018 Application for Assistance for Firefighters Grant in an Amount Up to \$127,700.00 (Ambulance Lift Systems)

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and presented a Consider a Resolution (No. 849) Ratifying February 2, 2018 Application for Assistance for Firefighters Grant in an Amount Up to \$127,700.00 (Ambulance Lift Systems). All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider a Resolution (No. 850) Authorizing Mayor to Sign an Equipment Rental Agreement with Spectrum VOIP for City Phone System

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Dowdle, approving as printed and presented a Resolution (No. 850) Authorizing Mayor to Sign an Equipment Rental Agreement with Spectrum VOIP for City Phone System. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Consider an Ordinance (No. 2834) Calling Bond Election – May 5, 2018

Considerar una Ordenanza (No. 2834) Llamando a Elección de Bonos - 5 de Mayo de 2018

Motion was made by Councilmember Pierson, seconded by Councilmember Jones, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No. 2834) Calling Bond Election – May 5, 2018. It was explained the Bond Election is related to drainage improvements in an amount of \$4,350,000; storm sewer and drainage improvements in an amount of \$10,250,000; and, waterworks and sanitary sewer system improvement in the amount of \$5,000,000. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. It was reported the City is not waiting on the bond election to move forward with drainage improvements.

La moción fue hecha por el Concejal Pierson, secundado por el Concejal Jones, aprobando como impreso y leyendo (subtítulo) una Ordenanza (No 2834) Elección de Llamada de Bonos - 5 de mayo de 2018. Se explicó que la Elección de Bonos está relacionada con mejoras de drenaje por un monto de \$ 4,350,000; mejoras en alcantarillado pluvial y drenaje por un monto de \$ 10,250,000; y, mejoras al sistema de alcantarillado y alcantarillado sanitario en la cantidad de \$ 5,000,000. Todos votaron Aye, y la moción fue llevada. Se informó que la Ciudad no está esperando la elección de bonos para seguir adelante con las mejoras de drenaje.

Consider an Ordinance (No. 2835) Revising City of Katy Employee Handbook Section 5.15 to Authorize and Establish Vacation Accrual Limits; Halting Accrual of Vacation Time Upon Meeting Maximum Accrual Limits; Creating Separate Vacation Accounts for Balances Accrued Prior to 01-01-2018

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Consider an Ordinance (No. 2836) Authorizing Expenditure of Funds from Reserves in Lieu of Providing Compensatory Time to Compensate Employees Required to Work City Holidays in an Amount Up to \$150,000.00

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, approving as printed and read (*caption*) an Ordinance (No. 2836) Authorizing Expenditure of Funds from Reserves in Lieu of Providing Compensatory Time to Compensate Employees Required to Work City Holidays in an Amount Up to \$150,000.00. City Administrator Hebert explained the proposed holiday pay is in lieu of compensatory time that was given to various departmental employees and is an attempt to keep the liability off of the books. He explained

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there was some confusion in the administering the holiday pay policy and the Finance Department is going back to October 1 2017, when the policy went into effect and paying the Fire Department employees for holidays worked. Hebert explained the hours to be compensated for, will be included in the February 15, 2018 paycheck, by a separate payroll account. City Attorney Pertile commented the approval of the proposed Ordinance is to pay holiday hours worked with cash and not comp time. He commented their money is currently sitting in their comp time bank. The Police and Fire Departments have had so many hours, the Fire Department wants to be paid cash; however, the Police Department wants to continue receiving their holiday time in comp hours and not in cash. All voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmembers' Reports

Councilmember Pierson thanked Buc-ee's for their participation in the community and the hospitality they gave to the first responders during Hurricane Harvey. Pierson thanked the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts for their attendance. He said, God Bless America and God Bless Katy. Councilmember Mendez thanked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for attending the meeting and thanked the parents for helping them to achieve their goals. He thanked city staff for all they do in their jobs. He said, God Bless. Councilmember Dowdle thanked the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts for their participation in the pledges and gave each a Houston Astros cap. He reminded all of the Katy F.F.A. Rodeo and Parade. He thanked Buc-ee's for their help during Hurricane Harvey and thanked Mr. Hubbard for his drainage comments. Dowdle expressed concern about the fee Katy Heritage Society is charging photographers for photos taken at Katy Heritage Park. Dowdle spoke of the current lack of a resolution for the trash contract; he thanked all for attending; and, thanked the Police and Fire Departments. Councilmember Jones thanked Mr. Hubbard for his comments. He reminded all about the Bond Election and its proposed help to reduce flooding. He thanked Buc-ee's for their community support. Jones said, God Bless each of you and God Bless Katy. Councilmember Boothe thanked City Administrator Hebert for putting the bond packet together so quickly.


Mayor's Reports

The Mayor thanked all for their attendance and thanked the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for their participation, along with thanks to the parents that help these kids and for the valuable time each spends with their child. He thanked the first responders. The Mayor said, God Bless Katy and God Bless Texas.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendez, to adjourn. All voted Aye, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Secretary


Mayor