

MINUTES

City Council Meeting held in the
Hutto City Council Chambers at
401 West Front Street in Hutto, Texas



THURSDAY – MARCH 4, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

Mayor David F. Begier	Council Member Place 4 – Michael J. Smith
Council Member Place 1 Anne Cano	Council Member Place 5 Melanie Rios
Mayor Pro Tem Place 2 Debbie Holland	Council Member Place 6 Felix Madrid
Council Member Place 3 Ronnie Quintanilla-Perez	City Manager Edward Broussard

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

7:05 P.M.

- Roll Call *All members present constituting a Quorum
City Attorney Charlie Crossfield was present.*
- Invocation *Chief Harold Thomas gave the invocation.*
- Pledge of Allegiance *Led by Mayor Begier.*

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Report by Councilmember Rios regarding Hutto Education Foundation meeting February 24, 2010.

Report was given by Councilmember Quintanilla-Perez. She reported that the meeting was rescheduled from February 24 to March 3 due to the bad weather. There are currently three vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Tickets are still available for the Dare to Dream benefit gala scheduled for April 30.

- Report by Councilmember Quintanilla-Perez regarding the Hope Alliance meeting held on February 25, 2010.

Councilmember Quintanilla-Perez reported on the Hope Alliance meeting held on February 25, 2010. Chief Harold Thomas was appointed to serve on the Board. Upcoming events include a Golf Tournament fund raiser and a Board Member workshop training.

III. PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Proclamation declaring March 13, 2010 as the Official Arbor Day in Hutto.

Mayor Begier read the following proclamation and presented it to Parks and Recreation Department staff member Rusty Bonnet and Keep Hutto Beautiful Chairperson Jeff Svoboda.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska , and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beauty for our community, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and wherever they are planted give a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID F. BEGIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUTTO along with THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION, do hereby, under the authority invested in me, proclaim,

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010, as

ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF HUTTO

as we celebrate by planting ten (10) new trees in Fritz Park, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations in Hutto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto signed my name as Mayor of the City of Hutto and have officially caused the Seal of the City of Hutto to be affixed at City Hall in the City of Hutto, Texas, on this the 4th day of March, 2010.

2. Remarks of Visitors

(Blue Comment Card)

This time is reserved for input to the City Council on items not listed on the agenda. Topics presented are considered informational in their purpose and may result in placement on a future agenda Council is prohibited from responding to the public during this time; consideration and deliberation is restricted to posted agenda items. Those wishing to speak must complete the Blue public comment card, present the card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting, and observe a three-minute time limit.

No visitors or citizens spoke to Council regarding any item.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Yellow Comment Card)

This time is reserved for public input to the City Council regarding public hearing items. Those wishing to speak must complete the Yellow Public Hearing comment card, present the card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting, and observe a three-minute time limit.

1. Open and conduct the first public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of File #A-10-041, File Name: Shiloh Tract Annexation, located on 79.93 acres, more or less, of land located south of FM 1660 South and east of CR 137. (Owner: BLS Strategic Investments LLC)

Mayor Begier opened the public hearing.

Jim Sackrider addressed the Council stating as part owner of the Shiloh Tract and the Stony Brook Ranch, he is in support of both annexations – and is speaking on behalf of both the Public Hearings for Items 1 and 2. He praised the City's charrette stating the time and effort put into that process was the pre-cursor for the acceptance of the Smart Code. He is honored that his properties are the first to be annexed with the Smart Code.

Mayor Begier closed the public hearing.

2. Open and conduct the first public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of File #A-09-040, File Name: Stony Brook Ranch Annexation,

located on 35.65 acres (31.893 acres and 3.757 acres), more or less, of land located south of FM 1660 South and west of CR 163. (Owner: Stony Brook Ranch Inc.)

Mayor Begier opened the public hearing.

Jim Sackrider addressed the council as indicated under Item IV. 1.

Mayor Begier closed the public hearing.

3. Open and conduct the second public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2006-22-04, the Hutto Growth Guidance Plan, by amending Ordinance No. 2006-22-03, Growth Guidance Plan Heart of Hutto Old Town Master Plan Appendix B: Architectural Design Standards, to the Code of Ordinances, City of Hutto, Texas.

Mayor Begier opened the public hearing.

No citizens and/or visitors spoke to Council regarding this item.

Mayor Begier closed the public hearing.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The below Consent Agenda items are considered for approval by one vote unless a Councilmember requests for a particular item to be pulled and given further consideration as a Regular Agenda item.

1. Consideration and possible action on the minutes for the City Council regular meeting held on February 18, 2010.
2. Consideration and possible action on the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10-003-00, replacing Chapter 2 in its entirety: Animal Control; to the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances; amending the fee schedule; providing a publication clause; a severability clause; an open meetings clause; a repealing clause; a penalty clause and an effective date.

Councilmember Rios moved to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented with one requested change to the February 18, 2010, Minutes. The Hutto Education Foundation now meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month instead of the 4th Tuesday as stated. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (Pink Comment Card)

This time is reserved for public input to the City Council when the regular agenda item is announced for consideration. Those wishing to speak must complete the Pink Public Comment card, present the card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting, and observe a three minute time limit to speak on a specific regular agenda item.

1. Consideration and possible action on the execution of an outside agency agreement with the Hutto 1911 Foundation to provide funding for the centennial celebration to be held in 2011, and the appointment of a Council liaison to the 1911 Foundation Organization.

Micah Grau, Finance Manager made the staff presentation. The non-profit 1911 Foundation was formed by members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to plan and fundraise to support a centennial celebration for the City of Hutto. The organization made a request to the City Council for seed funding totaling \$5,000 during the City Council meeting on February. The organization is requesting funding made available through the City's Hotel Occupancy Motel Tax as the event will bring visitors to Hutto to join in the celebration.

Micah stated that the foundation requested the funding upfront which is not how the HOT policy states so he wants to treat this like an Outside Agency Funding request but using HOT funds. Micah indicated that staff recommends a council liaison to the Committee. Ed Broussard explained the role of this liaison.

Councilmember Felix Madrid volunteered the appointment to the Committee.

Councilmember Madrid moved to approve the agreement for funding from the Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues and that he be appointed as the council liaison. Councilmember Cano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action on the execution of a Hotel Tax Funding agreement with Triple Crown Dog Academy for the 2010 Pet Fest and Expo to be held on April 9 – 10, 2010.

Micah Grau, Finance Manager made the staff presentation. The event will take place at Triple Crown's facilities located on County Road 197. The two-day event will include a barbecue cook-off as well as pet demonstrations for all members of the community. Proceeds from the event will be used to support local shelters and canine rescue groups. The application is made under the Advertising, Solicitation of Event, Signage, and Promotion of Sporting Events categories. He explained that this application is the first official contract under the HOT Funding Agreement and will be set up for reimbursement.

John Woods, General Manager for Triple Crown addressed the Council giving details of event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Holland moved to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding Agreement. Councilmember Quintanilla-Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2006-22-04, the Hutto Growth Guidance Plan, by amending Ordinance No. 2006-22-03, Growth Guidance Plan Heart of Hutto Old Town Master Plan Appendix B: Architectural Design Standards, to the Code of Ordinances, City of Hutto, Texas.

Jeff Sabin, Planner II made the staff presentation. The Historic Preservation Commission initiated a review of Old Town Master Plan's Appendix B: Architectural Design Standards this past October after noticing that it did not receive as much scrutiny as other elements of the Old Town Master Plan, with adopted versions of Appendix B showing several minor typographical errors and required some design elements that the Commission thought were not within the proper context of Old Town's character. The HPC finished their review at their meeting on January 26, and requested that several changes be made to it so that development in Old Town will be more compatible with the area's historic context. Those changes include:

- *Remove references to Appendix as "draft" and correcting document title in headers and footers.*
- *Defining the Historic District's historic period of significance as "pre-World War II", and referencing new structure comply with conforming structures to period of significance.*

- Clarification of glazing requirements between floors in T5 zones
- Remove references to T-zones not adopted.
- Changes to Building Materials:
 - Disallow glass block and split face concrete block for masonry exteriors.
 - Disallow terra cotta and cement tile roofing.
 - Require exterior EIFS accenting to be "high impact" rated.
 - Allow for cast stone exterior masonry.
 - Allow for galvanized metal roofing.
- Change gabled roof pitch from min. 9/12 to min. 7/12.
- Garages & Carports
 - Must be designed with matching architectural elements as primary structures and located on alleys when available.
 - Pull-through (detached) garages must have garage door set back behind rear façade of primary structure. (T3 only)
 - Attached garages (T3 only):
 - Front-loaded can't be wider than 12 feet and needs to be setback 10 feet from front façade of primary building.
 - Side-entry can't be wider than 30 feet and needs to be setback 5 feet from the front façade of primary building.
- Allow for more use of dormers and gables.

Councilmember Smith moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Holland moved to dispense with the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Begier adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS


 David F. Begier, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patti Gilmore, Executive Assistant to the City Manager