

**MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 5024 BROADWAY AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

A Regular Meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, on September 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, Haltom City, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mayor Bill Lanford	Council Place 1 Carl Grassl
Council Place 2 Anthony Reed	Council Place 3 Blakely Cabano
Council Place 5 Richard Hutchison	Council Place 6 Darlene Hooks
Council Place 7 Gary Nunn	Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Clark

Staff Present: Tom Muir, City Manager; Chuck Barnett, Assistant City Manager; Wayne Olson, City Attorney; Art Camacho, City Secretary; Joel Welch, Finance Director; James Pliska, Director of Planning and Community Development; Tom Ice, City Engineer; Scott Joyce, Director of Information Technology; Autumn Brackeen, Animal Services Supervisor; Tom Henry, Parks and Recreation Director; Fred Knapp, Fire Marshall; Betty Kurecka, Purchasing Agent.

WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lanford called the Worksession to order at 5:49 p.m.

City Manager Tom Muir opened the discussion regarding the city general election and the possibility of changing the general election date and polling sites through HB 401. A discussion was held regarding election costs, voter turnout, and extended terms. The composition of the Zoning Board of Adjustments was discussed and a seven member/two alternate placement will be designated with a future ordinance. The Consent Agenda items were discussed and a correction to the Minutes was made. No other changes were made. The Regular Agenda items were reviewed and a discussion was held regarding the Fee Schedule. Mayor Lanford adjourned the Worksession at 6:55 p.m. and no Executive Session was held during the Worksession.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lanford called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on September 14, 2009.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lanford recognized Council Member Blakely Cabano, who gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Assistant City Manager Chuck Barnett read the following announcements:

- The Trinity Trash Bash will be held Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the BSD Environmental Study Center located across from the Haltom High School. Volunteers will be provided t-shirts and cleanup supplies and giveaways with a picnic and games

- The Haltom City Police Department will hold an Open House on Tuesday, October 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to kickoff the Texas Night Out, which is on Tuesday, October 6. The Law Enforcement Center Open House will include free food and drinks, free fingerprinting for children, and a live demonstration from the K-9 unit. Citizens will be allowed to tour the police department, learn about police work, and meet new Police Chief Keith Lane.
- Texas Night Out will be held Tuesday, October 6, and residents are encouraged to hold Crime Watch meetings in their respective neighborhoods in observance. Any citizen planning to host a crime watch, or interested in starting one in their neighborhood needs to contact Sgt. Jean Rowell, Community Services, at 817-222-7103.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will have a Seniors Park dedication on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. Haltom City will celebrate the official grand opening of a ¼ mile walking trail at Sandy Oaks Park, located next to the Seniors Citizen Center at 5000 Bernice Street.
- Oncor will begin trimming trees in the utility right-of-way along Broadway Avenue and Highway 26 to Meadow Oaks in October. Wright Tree Company will be performing the trimming and notifications will be given to homeowners. This process is necessary due to continued power outages that occur when high winds and storms come through the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Minutes of the meetings of August 24, 2009.
2. **Amendments to the Flood Protection and Prevention Ordinance** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2009-018-11, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Flood Protection and Prevention. *2nd Reading*
3. **Police Patrol Vehicles** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval to purchase six (6) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Patrol Vehicles.
4. **Authorized Signatories** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution No. R-2009-028-03 designating authorized signatories for all City financial transactions.
5. **Investment Policy** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution No. R-2009-029-03 approving the Investment Policy.
6. **Wireless Network** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval for a contract with Redmoon for the initial wireless link between City Hall and the Fire Station One water tower.
7. **Janitorial Services** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval to award an annual contract for janitorial services to Member's Building Maintenance based on the City's interlocal purchasing agreement with Tarrant County.
8. **Interlocal Agreement** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Fort Worth for the use of the Environmental Collection Center.

Mayor Lanford recognized Council Member Gary Nunn, who moved, seconded by Council Member Richard Hutchison, to approve the Consent Agenda. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS

9. **Junked Vehicle Ordinance Revision** – Conduct a public hearing on consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2009-019-15 amending Section 32 of Chapter 50 of the Haltom City Code of Ordinances. **1st Reading.** James Pliska, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented the revision and Mayor Lanford opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Lanford closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. and recognized Council Member Blakely Cabano, who moved, seconded by Council Member Richard Hutchison, to approve Ordinance No. O-2009-019-15 – Junk Vehicle Revision - 1st reading. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
10. **Fee Schedule** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Resolution No. O-2009-030-03 amending the fee schedule. Finance Director Joel Welch presented the resolution and fee schedule. A discussion was held regarding fees concerning garage sales, utility rates, gas and oil drilling permits, and building permit fees with information provided by City Engineer Tom Ice and James Pliska, Director of Planning and Community Development. Other items discussed included the lowering of multi-family inspections to 67 cents per month, animal registration fees, senior citizen fees, and recreation center membership fees. Mayor Lanford recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Clark, who moved, seconded by Council Member Richard Hutchison, to table Agenda Item #10 - the fee schedule. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
11. **Proposed FY2010 Budget** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2009-016-03, adopting the proposed FY2010 budget. **2nd Reading.** Finance Director Joel Welch presented the proposed FY2010 Budget, with an amount of 73.8 million. Mayor Lanford opened the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Lanford closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 p.m. and recognized Council Member Richard Hutchison, who moved, seconded by Council Member Darlene Hooks, to approve Ordinance No. O-2009-016-03 - the proposed FY2010 Budget- 2nd reading. ***Council Members Carl Grassl, Anthony Reed, Blakely Cabano, Richard Hutchison, Darlene Hooks, and Gary Nunn voted aye. Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Clark voted nay. The motion was carried.***
12. **Proposed FY2010 Tax Rate** – Consideration and/or action regarding approval of Ordinance No. O-2009-017-03 adopting the FY2010 Proposed Tax Rate. **2nd Reading.** Finance Director Joel Welch presented the FY2010 Proposed Tax Rate of .5983/\$100 and also stated the newly reported Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) figures indicate more revenue could be received prior to beginning of the next fiscal year. Mayor Lanford opened the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m. No citizen came forward. Mayor Lanford closed the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m. and recognized Council Member Gary Nunn, who moved, seconded by Council

Member Carl Grassl, to approve Ordinance No. O-2009-017-03 – adopting the FY2010 proposed tax rate of .5983/\$100 – 2nd reading. **Council Members Carl Grassl, Anthony Reed, Blakely Cabano, Richard Hutchison, Darlene Hooks, and Gary Nunn voted aye. Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Clark voted nay. The motion was carried.**

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM

Bill Journey, 4525 Nadine, addressed the Council regarding the handicapped parking violations and the lack of enforcement for fining these individuals.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

13. **Resignations of Board Members** – Consider approval of the resignations of Board/Commission Members. There were no resignations submitted.
14. **Appointment/Reappointment to Boards and Commissions** – Consider approval regarding appointments to Boards/Commissions. Council Member Anthony Reed submitted Mike Logan for reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. **The vote for approval was unanimous.** Mayor Lanford submitted for appointment the names of Jane Milligan for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Al Mata for the Zoning Board of Adjustments. **The vote for approval was unanimous.**

EXCUSED ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

15. **Attendance Requirements** – Consideration regarding excused absences of Council Members according to Article III, Sec. 3.07 (a). Attendance Requirements of the Haltom City Charter. No Council Members were absent.

Mayor Lanford called for a short recess at 8:35 p.m. and an Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 551.071

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from the City Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda, in addition to the following matters:

Consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct which may conflict with the Open Meetings Act; including discussion of any item posted on the Agenda; To seek legal advice on: open meetings, open records, and litigation, settlement offers, and/or claims for the following cases:

- North Texas Land Development Company v. City of Haltom City (Cause No. 3422-2712220-06)
- Claim regarding Skyline and Swan Sts. Sanitary Sewer Project

- Dayton Redevelopment LLC v. City of Haltom City and Haltom City Hearings Board
- Aurell, et. al. v. Skyline Mobile Home Estates, et. al.
- Texas Midstream Gas Services, L.L.C. v. Bill Lanford, et. al.

Section 551.072 - Deliberations about Real Property

Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, including mineral leasing and Little Fossil Creek condemnations.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

16. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of the Executive Session.
The Council reconvened to Regular Session at 9:36 p.m. and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lanford adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m. on September 14, 2009.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Art Camacho
Art Camacho, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

William Lanford
William Lanford, Mayor

