

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merle Aaron, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Norman Funderburk
Council Member Ray Calfee
Council Member Andy Curry
Council Member Allan Steagall
City Manager Darrell Boeske
City Secretary Jason Stuebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member David Pierce

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aimee Phillips
Fire Chief Gary Outlaw
Public Works Director Barry Brock
Human Resources Manager Kathy Babineaux
Captain Ken Theis

VISITORS PRESENT: Linda Aaron
Juanita Steagall
Jennifer Summer
Ben Rosenberg
Sandra Stain
Lloyd Jernigan
Ashley Stenger
Bruce Olson
Ken Austin
Ross Adkins
Michael Marshall
John Karshner
Arliss Bentley
Jana Hogle
Members of the Northshire Home Owners Association

Mayor Aaron called the regular meeting of the Humble City Council to order with a quorum present at 6:30 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro Tem Funderburk offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2A. MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

2B. FIANCIAL STATEMENT

2D. CURRENT INVOICES

2E. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2F. CORRESPONDENCE

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Consent Agenda.

3. DISCUSSION WITH NORSHIRE HOA PRESIDENTS REGARDING TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE NORTHSHIRE SUBDIVISION.

Mayor Aaron welcomed members of the Northshire HOA and thanked them for their attendance and welcomed them to all future City Council Meetings. Mayor Aaron then invited past HOA Trustee John Karshner to make a brief presentation to the Council.

Mr. Karshner then read the following statement:

We all share the desire of the Humble city government to see Humble a safe place to live and to shop. Likewise, the Mayor and Police Chief are well aware of our concerns regarding traffic issues in the area of western Humble – particularly around the service road, FM 1960, and Deerbrook Mall during the holidays.

Our concern today isn't one of personal inconvenience, but of a community's concern for the safety of ourselves and the safety of all Humble residents – and visitors – who shop at Deerbrook Mall.

In September, Deerbrook Mall took down all the stop signs coming into Denton drive. Now, coming in from any of the service road entrances, from FM 1960, and Birchridge Drive, all other traffic must stop until the entering traffic has cleared.

From Denton Drive, turning left to exit the mall has now become tedious and will, during the holiday, become extremely dangerous. Likewise a right turn has and will become increasingly difficult, as the left turning traffic tries to advance ahead of the seemingly endless entering traffic.

The Deerbrook Mall traffic from Thanksgiving through Christmas is legendarily difficult. It could easily become dangerous for those trying to leave – or to cross past an entrance – which will now (by design and by right of way) be able to flow unimpeded.

At the last Northshire homeowners meeting, with the Mayor and the Police Chief present, a homeowner stated that she was concerned about the removal of the stop signs, and that she had contacted the Deerbrook Mall management. She related that their representative had said that the stop signs were gone for good. When our resident asked what she should do for her safety while driving around the mall, the Mall representative told her she should, "Get better insurance."

Last week, a long time Northshire resident came in from FM1960 and, following the non-traffic control traffic control, turned left and proceeded North on Denton. She reported that another motorist pulled alongside her and chided her for not stopping at the stop sign coming in – where there is none. When the resident said there was no stop sign there, the motorist cursed her and told her that he should “Kick her backside” for ignoring the sign.

Fortunately, currently, most people out of habit are still stopping when they enter the Denton Drive circle, even the they needn't. The common sense of the people, it seems shows much better judgement that those who ill advised the Deerbrook Mall management that no traffic control was the best way to control traffic. How long that will last, no one knows.

There are those who say nothing can be done because the Mall is private property. We say, it will be the resources of the citizens of Humble, by way of the City of Humble ambulances and our police, who will have to respond to the accidents that happen on this, “private property.” Therefore, the city of Humble, as well as our citizenry, should have a say in traffic control that places all of us in harm's way.

We believe that the Mall management has and will continue to turn a deaf ear to our concerns. Likewise, time is of the essence for action – since the holiday shopping season will be here in a matter of weeks.

We are requesting that the Mayor and City Council intercede on the behalf of the residents of Humble, and the visitors to our city and to Deerbrook Mall and, for our combined safety and security, influence Deerbrook Mall to replace the stop signs at all the entrances; and quickly, before the polite shoppers of today become the harried holiday shoppers, and the ill-advised removal of common sense traffic control results in unnecessary property loss and injury.

Thank you for your assistance and your attention to this matter.

Mayor Aaron thanked Mr. Karshner for his remarks and stated that the Council will take each and every item under consideration and contact the mall to find out what can be done and what the reasoning was behind removing the stop signs. Mayor Aaron further stated that the City is looking at several projects aimed at relieving traffic congestion including moving traffic around the epicenter by utilizing Townsen, and that the city is meeting constantly with TxDot. Unfortunately, however, the traffic is here to stay – but the city will do everything it can to manage it in the best way possible.

4. **ADOPTIONS OF ORDINANCE 16-790 AMENDING CHAPTER 12, “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, BY CREATING A NEW ARTICLE XI “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS”, SECTION 500 “EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS”; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; IMPOSING A PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 AS SET OUT IN SECTION 1.11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

City Manager Boeske recommended approval of the ordinance.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt Ordinance 16-790 amending the Chapter 12, Article XI, Section 500 of the Code of Ordinances.

5. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-771 DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Upon a motion by Council Member Curry, the City Council voted five (5) for and none(0) opposed, to approve Resolution 16-771 designating Norman Funderburk and Andy Curry as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2017 General Assembly.

6. APPROVAL OF USA TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPMENT PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF 8.803 ACRES OF LAND, BEING ALL OF USA PLAT 1, A SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN FILM CODE NO. 679325 OF THE HARRIS COUNTY MAP RECORDS, LOCATED IN THE JOHN SCHMIDT SURVEY, A-1318, CITY OF HUMBLE, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 1 BLOCK, 1 RESERVE.

City Manager Boeske recommended approval of the Development Plat stating it had met all of the city's requirements.

Mayor Aaron invited Mr. Ken Austin, who represents the owner of the project. Mr. Austin thanked the City Council for their consideration and said he believed the facility will be an asset to the community.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Funderburk, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed, to approve Resolution 16-771 approving the development plat.

7. AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE SURPLUS FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A 1993 SPARTAN HEAVY RESCUE AND 1999 SUPER DUTY F-350 CASCADE; AND TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE APPARATUS, LLC TO SELL THE SURPLUS VEHICLES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Fire Chief Gary Outlaw stated that utilizing Brindlee Mountain would give the city nationwide exposure and a better chance to recoup more money. Chief Outlaw noted that the commission for sales up to \$100,000 was 10% and 7% for \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Upon a motion by Council Member Steagall, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to declare surplus property and authorize their sale through Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC.

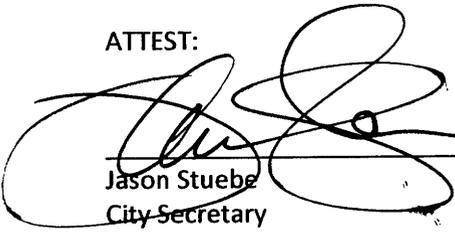
8. APPROVAL OF A PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION MADE BY ROCKSTAR CAPITAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOLDING A BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK; AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE BENDER AVE. FROM HIGGINS TO MAIN; MAIN STREET FROM THE FRONTAGE ROAD TO AVENUE H.; AVENUE H. FROM MAIN STREET TO GRANBERRY; GRANBERRY FROM AVENUE H. TO RAILROAD AVE.; RAILROAD AVE. FROM GRANBERRY TO MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Upon a motion by Council Member Funderburk, the City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the Parade Permit request.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:44 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2016



Merle Aaron
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason Stuebe
City Secretary

