

September 15, 2009

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monte Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Derek Anderson, Douglas Lottridge, Joe Ed Lynn and James Harrison; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2009. Alderman Anderson abstained due to absence. Motion carried.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM *(Any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.)*

No one present wished to address Council.

7. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY

Alderman Browning commented on streets.

8. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Roberts reported the Soccer League is using the new fields at Clark Park and new water and gas meters are currently being installed.

9. CONSIDERATION TO RENEW AIRPORT LEASE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Kay Hamilton spoke to Council regarding the renewal of the Airport Lease which expires 11/15/09. She asked Council to consider a five year lease with the monthly rent

increasing from \$500 to \$600. City Attorney Charley Smith will draft a new agreement clarifying details in the lease for Ms. Hamilton and Council to review.

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Following Mayor Richardson's recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson to reappointment Alderman Browning as the Representative of the HGAC 2010 General Assembly and Alderman Lottridge the Official Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2009-2010 BEDC BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Monte Byrd and LeAnn Luedeker were present from the EDC Board to answer questions from Council. After discussion, the motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the 2009-2010 BEDC Budget. Mayor Richardson called for the vote. Aldermen Lynn, Harrison, Lottridge and Anderson voted aye. Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the annual Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement as presented to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

13. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve budget amendments as presented to Council. Motion carried unanimously.

14. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Richardson opened the budget hearing at 5:20 p.m. David Emswiler asked Council to consider including \$5,000 - \$10,000 in next year's budget for animal control funds. The hearing closed at 5:21 p.m.

15. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve Ordinance #1402 adopting the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2009 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve Ordinance #1403 adopting the 2009 Effective Tax Rate of .2670. Motion carried unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.