



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HITCHCOCK CITY COUNCIL
HITCHCOCK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7423 HIGHWAY 6, HITCHCOCK, TEXAS
Monday, September 20, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Armacost at 6:00pm.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Armacost	Marie Gelles, City Manager
Councilmember Mary Combs Demby	Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary
Councilmember Shawn Kadlecek	Wilmon Smith, Police Chief
Councilmember Wayne Newton	Arnold Cross, Comm. Dev. Director
Councilmember Andre Perkins	Henry DeBord, Building Inspector

2. Invocation by Mary Combs Demby.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comments:

Paul Roach spoke in regard to traffic concerns in the Blimp Base area. He addressed the need for more signage in that area and said that he has been in contact with TXDOT requesting more signs. He informed the Council that TXDOT notified him that additional signs will be installed in October. Mr. Roach also made the request for more law enforcement in that area.

Dorothy Childress congratulated the Council on the work moving forward with the City Budget. She also expressed her pride for the work the council and City Manager has done for the City.

Public Hearings:

5. Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate opened at 6:07pm.

Dorothy Childress asked if we had received the Certified Tax Rolls. Marie Gelles advised that we have received them.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate closed at 6:10pm.

6. Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget opened at 6:10pm.

Dorothy Childress asked how much new tax revenue and dept we have with the new tax rate. Marie Gelles advised the revenue will be \$2,234,801.00 and the debt will be \$81,3226.00

Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget closed at 6:13pm.

Proclamation:

7. Chris Armacost presented a Proclamation to Donna Hatch, representing the George Washington Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorating Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2021, in celebration of the U.S. Constitution.

8. Consent Agenda Items (A-D):

All consent items listed are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

- (A) Approval of minutes for Regular City Council Meeting dated August 16, 2021.**
- (B) Approval of minutes for Special City Council Meeting dated August 23, 2021.**
- (C) Approval of Investment Report for the month ending August 31, 2021.**
- (D) Approval of Accounts Payable Report for the month ending August 31, 2021.**

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve all consent items. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Items for Individual Consideration:

9. **Chelsea Wick gave a report on the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce 50th Annual Good Old Day's BBQ Cook-Off and Festival Event.**

10. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance amending City of Hitchcock Code of Ordinances, Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 151- Electrical Code adding Section 151.127, Generators and providing for publication and an effective date.**

Arnold Cross explained that this amendment will add the requirement of a label on the disconnect boxes for all installed generators.

Andre Perkins made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending City of Hitchcock Code of Ordinances, Title XV entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 151- Electrical Code adding Section 151.127, Generators and providing for publication and an effective date. Shawn Kadlecsek seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

11. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding an Ordinance of the City of Hitchcock, Texas declaring a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Hitchcock related to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Nicholas to the City of Hitchcock; extending the state of emergency ordered by the Mayor; providing for a penalty in the amount of \$2,000, or the maximum amount provided by law; and providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Chris Armacost explained that this is to extend the Declaration to 60 days.

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Hitchcock, Texas declaring a state of disaster and emergency in the City of Hitchcock related to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Nicholas to the City of Hitchcock; extending the state of emergency

ordered by the Mayor; providing for a penalty in the amount of \$2,000, or the maximum amount provided by law; and providing for an effective date. Mary Combs Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action approving a payment of \$401,710 from the TIRZ One (Harborwalk) account to Harborwalk, LP pursuant to the Indenture of Trust Amendment to Development and Financing Agreement dated September 1, 2006, by and between the City of Hitchcock, Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Hitchcock, Texas, Wells Fargo Bank, NA and Harborwalk, LP. regarding TIRZ Payment.

Wayne Newton made a motion to approve a payment of \$401,710 from the TIRZ One (Harborwalk) account to Harborwalk, LP pursuant to the Indenture of Trust Amendment to Development and Financing Agreement dated September 1, 2006, by and between the City of Hitchcock, Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Hitchcock, Texas, Wells Fargo Bank, NA and Harborwalk, LP. regarding TIRZ Payment. Andre Perkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 6:30pm.

13. Executive Session: Adjournment to Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (A) to consult with the City Attorney to seek his advice on contemplated litigation and settlements, Section 551.072 Real Property, and Section 551.074 (a) (1) Personnel Matters.

14. Reconvene into Open Session at 7:26pm.

15. Consider possible action or give direction on items legally discussed in Executive Session.
None

16. Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Chris Armacost at 7:26pm.



Chris Armacost, Mayor

Attest:



Ruth Ann Sorrell, City Secretary