

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
August 8, 2012**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor:	Barbara Bass
Mayor Pro Tem:	Mark Whatley (absent)
Councilmembers:	Martin Heines
	Darryl Bowdre
	Sam Mezayek (absent)
	Ralph Caraway
	Jason Wright
City Manager:	Mark McDaniel
City Attorney:	Gary C. Landers
Deputy City Attorney:	Steve Kean
Airport Manager:	Davis Dickson
Development Services Engineer:	Michael Wilson
Neighborhood Services Manager:	Brenda Johnson
Interim Chief Financial Officer:	Keidric Trimble
City Engineer:	Carter Delleney
City Fire Chief:	Tim Johnson
Managing Director for Public Safety & Police Chief:	Gary Swindle
Managing Director of External Relations & Communications Director:	Susan Guthrie
Director of Parks and Recreation:	Stephanie Rollings
MPO Executive Director/Transit Director:	Barbara Holly
Director of Solid Waste:	Dan Brotton
Housing Service Manager:	Andy Davis
City Planner:	Heather Nick
Water Business Office Manager:	Jim Yanker
Managing Director for Utilities/Public Works and Utilities:	Greg Morgan
City Clerk:	Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wright.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Caraway to approve the July 25, 2012 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Wright; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

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EMPLOYEE AWARDS – RECOGNITIONS, SERVICE

A-1 Service Awards

We would like to recognize the following employee for their years of service and commitment to the City of Tyler. At this important milestone, we express our sincere appreciation for your dedication and for the special contribution you make to our organization. These employees represent over 47-years of service with the City of Tyler.

Retiree Awards

DATE OF HIRE:	FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	POSITION:	DEPARTMENT:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
4/20/1988	Randy	Hubbard	Commercial Equipment Operator	Solid Waste	24
9/15/1988	Todd	Johnson	Utilities Construction Inspector	Water Administration	23

A-2 New Hires Recognitions

The following employee(s) were hired by the City of Tyler during the month of July 2012. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new employee(s).

New Employees

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	POSITION:	DEPARTMENT:
Makayla	Salazar	Customer Service Representative	Water Business Office
Joshua	Perez	Semi-Skilled Laborer	Water Distribution
William	Bushong	Plant Operator I	Water Plant
Michael	Gregory	Plant Operator III	Water Plant
Owen	Mack	Plant Operator I	Water Plant

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Request that the City Council consider receiving a presentation of the United States Flag flown and folded by the United States Marine headquarters staff at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, in honor of the City of Tyler.

Davis Dickson. Airport Manager – Introduced Frank Davis who presented the City Council with a flag that was flown and folded by the United States Marine headquarters staff at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, in honor of the City of Tyler.

P-2 Request that the City Council consider recognizing the Tyler Fire Department Soccer Team for their major achievement in winning their third straight Texas State Soccer Championship Gold Medal.

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P-3 Request that City Council consider receiving a presentation of the Fiscal Year 2012–2013 Proposed Budget, then consider voting to schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget and the proposed property tax rate to occur during the August 22, 2012 regular City Council Meeting and to consider including the proposed property tax rate and the final fiscal year 2012-2013 budget as agenda items for the September 12, 2012 regular City Council meeting.

City Manager, Mark McDaniel – Gave a brief presentation of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 proposed budget. City Manager, Mark McDaniel discussed the Lean Sigma project, City University, Business Plan, Bond Rating, and the sources of funding. There will be a 2% rate increase for water service and 7% rate increase for sewer service – all driven by capital improvement needs funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The effective tax rate will be going down from 20.89 to 20.77.

Larry Meckley, 401 Sutherland – Stated that this budget is unfair. City Council spends millions of dollars on downtown Tyler and then doesn't have money for other things recommended for Tyler 21 Plan. Why is there no money in the budget to develop Bellwood Lake, new parks instead of just improving them, to complete a new Cumberland Road? Mr. Meckley recommended that no new money be given to the City because no performance payments goals have been met and no money should be given to build a downtown parking garage.

Councilmember Heines – Stated that during the last meeting it was discussed the number 1 program on the half cent sales tax is Cumberland Road and the need for the road in the tune of about 22 million dollars. The planning and the environmental stage will be done. He stated we just spent at Earl Campbell Road 20 million dollars and that gets it closer to Bellwood Lake and there is a developer the City will be working with once they start moving forward on that project. Grande Blvd project was a wonderful project and made a big difference in the traffic pattern in South Tyler and the West Cumberland Road will do wonders toward that.

Kim Bush Tomio – Tyler Museum of Art – Thanked the City Council for the many years of support of the museum. For the past 30 or more years the City of Tyler has given the museum a portion of the Hotel Motel Tax Fund to help support its operations and the program but mostly to help with tourism and economic development. Mrs. Tomio asked City Council for continued support to the museum.

Motion by Councilmember Wright; seconded by Councilmember Caraway; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

RESOLUTION

R-1 Request that the City Council consider adoption of a Resolution approving the issuance of Qualified 501(c)(3) bonds by the Tyler Health Facilities Development Corporation for the benefit of Mother Frances Hospital Regional Healthcare Center, in a maximum aggregate

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principal amount of \$65,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing the costs of Healthcare Projects. (R-2012-21)

Andy Navarro, Trinity Mother Frances – Stated that it has been a privilege to serve this community for the last 75 years. Mr. Navarro thanked the City Manager, Mark McDaniel, City Attorney Gary Landers and Deputy City Attorney, Steve Kean for working with them to get the items on the agenda and working with them on the projects.

Motion by Councilmember Caraway; seconded by Councilmember Bowdre; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

ORDINANCE

O-1 Request that the City Council consider approving an Ordinance adopting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs FY 2012-2013 Annual Plan. (O-2012-60)

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Caraway; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

M-1 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to Duplichain Contractors, in the amount of \$221,503, for construction of the Cedar to Cochran Drainage Improvements project. ©

Motion by Councilmember Caraway; seconded by Councilmember Bowdre; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

M-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to award the construction contract for the 2012 Citywide Sidewalk Improvements Project - Contract B in the amount of \$509,832.35, to Hartbeat Construction. ©

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Caraway; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented.

CONSENT

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item).

C-A-1 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution agreeing to the sale of certain tracts of land located at 2705 Walton Road, located within the City of Tyler city limits and owned by taxing entities including the City of Tyler. (R-2012-22)

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- C-A-2** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to approve expenditures in the amount of \$60,340 for valve and gauge repair in ten (10) Pressure Regulating Stations.
- C-A-3** Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to purchase two Police package Chevy Tahoe's.
- C-A-4** Request that the City Council consider declaring certain City of Tyler vehicles and miscellaneous items as surplus and authorize for auction.
- C-A-5** Request that the City Council consider reviewing and accepting the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2012.

Motion by Councilmember Caraway; seconded by Councilmember Wright; motion carried 5 - 0 & approved as presented

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Monthly CIP Report hand-out, \$42,000,000 spent on road improvements over last 4 years; status updates, E. Campbell Parkway ribbon cutting set for 8-30-12.

RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION City Council convened into executive session at 10:07 am.

-under section 551.087 "Economic Development" deliberation regarding the following:

Possible offer of financial or other incentive to a prospect and to consider financial and other information about that prospect(s)/project(s) with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations that could lead to a partnership in Tyler

Any final action to be taken by the City Council will be taken in open session.

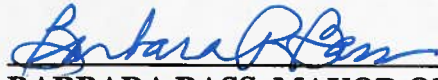
City Council reconvened from executive session at 10:20 am with the following action:

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre to authorize the City Manager to approve a business incentive agreement with Centene Corporation based on the City's adopted business incentive guidelines, to also include a related agreement with the Tyler Economic Development Council for partial funding of stormwater improvements adjacent to Earl Campbell Pkwy; seconded by Councilmember Caraway; motion carried 5-0 & approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 am; seconded by Councilmember Caraway; motion carried 5 - 0 & meeting adjourned.

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BARBARA BASS, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

