## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS September 11, 2013

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor: Barbara Bass

Mayor Pro Tem: Martin Heines Councilmembers: Mark Whatley

Darryl Bowdre Sam Mezayek Edward Moore

John Nix

City Manager: Mark McDaniel

Asst. City Manager: Susan Guthrie

City Attorney: Deborah G. Pullum

Deputy City Attorney: Steve Kean

Airport Manager: Davis Dickson

Managing Director for Administration: ReNissa Wade
Manager for Organizational Development: Kristi Boyett

Chief Financial Officer: Keidric Trimble

City Engineer: Carter Delleney
City Librarian: Mary Vernau

Lean Sigma Blackbelt: Guillermo Garcia

Managing Director for Public Safety

& Police Chief: Gary Swindle

Director of Parks and Recreation: Stephanie Rollings

MPO Executive Director/Transit Director: Barbara Holly

Internal Auditor: Jon Grundy

Senior Public Relations Specialist: Serena Butcher

City Planner: Heather Nick

Water Quality and Production Manager: Jimmie Johnson

Managing Director for Utilities/Public

Works and Utilities: Greg Morgan Traffic Engineer: Peter Eng

City Clerk: Cassandra Brager

## 911 MEMORIAL CEREMONY - SISTER CITIES GARDEN

Color Guard - City of Tyler Police Department

Bag Pipe - City of Tyler Fire Department

# CALL TO ORDER – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS INVOCATION

Rev. Ralph Caraway, Pastor, St. Louis Baptist Church

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Councilmember Whatley to approve the minutes for the August 28, 2013 meeting; seconded by Councilmember Mezayek; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

### EMPLOYEE AWARDS - RECOGNITIONS, SERVICE

#### A-1 Service Awards

We would like to recognize the following employees 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 **40-years** of service with the City of Tyler.

#### **Service Awards**

DATE OF HIRE:	FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	POSITION:	DEPARTMENT:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
8/30/1993	Terry	Hawkins	Fire/Driver/ Engineer	Fire	20
9/7/1993	Michael	Norris	Wastewater Treatments Superintendent	Wastewater Treatment	20

#### A-2 New Hires Recognitions

The following employees were hired by the City of Tyler during the month of August, 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new employees.

#### **New Employees**

RST NAME:	LAST NAME:	POSITION:	DEPARTMENT:
Clayton	Nicolardi	Project Engineer	Engineering
Destony	Troy	Accountant	Finance
Stephen	Cover	Fire Recruit	Fire
Teonna	Harris	Receptionist/Greeter	Human Resources

Michael	Gill	IT Specialist II	Information Technology
Mary Rico		Legal Secretary	Legal
Paula	Calvert	Senior Secretary	Neighborhood Services
Michael	Boyle	Laborer	Parks & Recreation
Cody	Cain	Laborer	Parks & Recreation
Lynn	Barton	Property & Evidence Specialist	Police
Jordan	Yutzy	Associate Traffic Engineer	Traffic
Chris	Winston	Laborer	Wastewater Treatment
Octavio	Gonzalez	Truck Driver	Water Distribution

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

P-1 Request that the City Council consider hearing a presentation from the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board, reviewing activities and awards received in last 12 months.

Gary Lynch, Special Projects Coordinator – Stated that at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) statewide conference in San Antonio in June, KTB recognized the board as a Gold Star Affiliate for the seventh consecutive year, and presented KTyB with the Sustained Excellence award for the ninth consecutive year. On the national level, Keep America Beautiful (KAB) recognized KTyB with the President's Circle Award.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

H-1 Request that the City Council consider conducting a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 Budget and on the proposed property tax rate of \$0.220000 per \$100 of taxable property value and consider taking action to adopt the proposed tax rate on September 25, 2013 at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting.

Kenneth Gardner, 718 W. Elm, Tyler, Tyler Patrolman's Assoc. – Stated that he supported this year's budget and thanked the City Council for their support.

Edward Parker, 5205 Cloverdale Dr. – Stated that he would reduce his comments and put them in writing to the City Council.

Larry Meckley, 401 Sutherland - Stated that he was in opposition of the budget.

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Councilmember Mezayek; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

M-1 Request that the City Council consider adopting the recommended Tyler 1st Vision and Principles.

<u>Heather Nick, City Planner</u> – Stated that the five-year update includes a summary of progress made on implementing the Plan, unforeseen circumstances that affected implementation, and a review of the overall vision, goals and principles of the Plan.

The current vision and principles are based on feedback from a citizen survey conducted in 2006. A second citizen survey was conducted in 2012 which reflected limited significant changes in the community's vision. Committee recommendation highlights include:

- Addition of a new principle regarding educational institutions
- Including medical care and education as items for which the community will be known
- Include rich business environment to the vision statement

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Moore; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

M-2 Request that the City Council consider awarding the bids for the rehabilitation of one (1) single-family dwelling unit and the reconstruction of seven (7) single-family dwelling units.

Gary Swindle, Police Chief – Recommended that the City Council award the bids for the reconstruction of six (6) single-family dwellings to Anderco Group (1512 Nutbush, 206 Bruck, 2111 Boswell, 3009 Old Noonday Road, 2922 Walton Road, and 2806 Pearl St.) and one (1) single-family dwelling to Dorothy Designs (304 S. Boon Ave.). Chief Swindle recommended that the bid for the rehabilitation of one (1) single-family dwelling (2706 Tenneha) be pulled from consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

M-3 Request that the City Council review and consider approving the attached Smith County 9-1-1 District Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Councilmember Bowdre; motion carried 7 - 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 authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept seventh year funding under the Comprehensive Traffic Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

- C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider ratifying acceptance by the Tyler Public Library of \$30,228 in federal aid through the Texas State Library and authorize the City Manager to sign all required assurances and contracts related to award and expenditure of these funds, which will not require matching funds.
- C-A-3 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to sign and acknowledge a permanent right-of-way use agreement with Consolidated Communications for the placement of conduits and fiber optic lines from University Drive to West Erwin in various City of Tyler right-of-ways.
- C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Work Order No. 4, in the amount of \$65,030, to Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Resident Project Representative Services during construction of the Baxter Street Sewer Replacement project.
- C-A-5 Request that the City Council consider ratifying the Texas Department of Transportation Project Grant Agreement URB 1401 for State Funding under the 5307 Program in the amount of \$289,329 for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Moore; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Monthly CIP Report

2. City Manager, Mark McDaniel and Councilmember Heines met with TxDOT on the 'streets turn-back' project; discussions focused on this being a voluntary program for cities rather than a mandatory requirement.

3. Mayor Bass-thanked everyone that was instrumental in putting together the 9-1-1 memorial ceremony this morning.

<u>RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> – City Council convened into executive session at 10:05 am

Executive Item No. 1:

Under Section 551.072 "Real Estate" deliberation regarding the following:

Discuss the purchase, exchange, sale, lease or value of real property, the public discussion of which would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City, related to the development of municipal facilities.

Executive Item No. 2:

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/project 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 no action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Mezayek; seconded by Councilmember Whatley; motion carried 7 - 0 & approved as presented.

BARBARA BASS, MAYOR OF

THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK