

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
October 14, 2015**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor:	Martin Heines
Mayor Pro Tem:	Edward Moore
Councilmembers:	Mark Whatley
	Linda Sellers (absent)
	Darryl Bowdre
	John Nix
	Don Warren
City Manager:	Edward Broussard
Asst. City Manager:	Susan Guthrie
City Attorney:	Deborah G. Pullum
Asst. City Attorney:	Terrance Garmon
Airport Manager:	Davis Dickson
Managing Director for Administration:	ReNissa Wade
Neighborhood Services Operations Manager:	Larry Everett
Chief Financial Officer:	Keidric Trimble
Chief Information Officer:	Benny Yazdanpanahi
City Engineer:	Carter Delleney
City Fire Chief:	Tim Johnson
Managing Director for Public Safety & Police Chief:	Gary Swindle
Director of Parks and Recreation:	Stephanie Rollings
Director of Solid Waste:	Russ Jackson
Director of Planning:	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 Bowdre.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Whatley to approve the September 22, 2015 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

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EMPLOYEE AWARDS – RECOGNITIONS, SERVICE

A-1 New Hires Recognitions

The following employees were hired by the City of Tyler during the month of September 2015. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new employees.

New Employees

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	POSITION:	DEPARTMENT:
Richard	Pettijohn	Airport Tech IV	Airport
Thomas	Beck	Animal Shelter Technician	Animal Shelter
Todd	Jackson	Animal Shelter Technician	Animal Shelter
David	Acker	Fire Recruit	Fire
Aleya	Wheeler	Access Associate	Library
Michael	Johnson	Library Assistant	Library
Crystal	Sessions	Lead Certified Housing Specialist	Neighborhood Services
Rina	Bell	Certified Housing Specialist	Neighborhood Services
Rebecca	Allen	PS Telecommunicator II	Police
Leandra	Bissell	PS Telecommunicator II	Police
Debra	Hazlett	Data Management Specialist I	Police
Jackson	Hug	PS Telecommunicator II	Police
Bradley	Martell	Semi-Skilled Laborer	Wastewater Collection
Donald	Phillips, Jr.	Truck Driver	Water Distribution

A-2 Request that the City Council consider accepting the “Certificate of Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the City of Tyler’s Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Keidric Trinkle, Chief Financial Officer – Presented City Council with the “Certificate of Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the City of Tyler’s Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

ZONING

Z-1 F10-15-131 HERITAGE SOUTH SUBDIVISION UNIT 14, SECOND AMENDMENT
Request that the City Council consider approving a plat for a two lot subdivision containing approximately 2.46 acres of land located at the intersection of Robert E. Lee Drive and Cambridge Road, and a waiver of escrow estimated to be \$19,289 for street improvements to Robert E. Lee Drive.

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Motion by Councilmember Nix; seconded by Councilmember Bowdre; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

PRESENTATION

P-1 Request that City Council consider a presentation on the final results of 2015 Series A and B Revenue Bonds for the refunding of 2005 Series Revenue Bonds and new money debt issue related regulatory compliance projects required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Steven Adams, Managing Director with Specialize Public Finance Incorporated, who serves as a Financial Advisor for the City of Tyler discussed the final results for 2015 Series A and B Revenue Bonds.

On July 22, 2015, City Council was briefed concerning an opportunity to refinance and adjust the debt service schedule on \$24,485,000 in bonds from the Water and Sewer System Series 2005 revenue bonds at a lower interest cost to gain a net present value savings of about \$3,490,000 (approximately \$4,500,000 in projected savings on a cash flow basis).

The presentation also explained the impact of the issuance of \$6,000,000 of new money bonds for regulatory required improvements to the water system. The financing plan discussed two separate bond issues which involved a bank qualified issue of approximately \$9,305,000 and non-bank qualified issue of approximately \$20,695,000. Bank qualified bonds have a lower interest rate, but are limited by Federal tax law to not exceed \$10,000,000 annually. The two issues must be separated by 15 days. The estimated present value benefit of the two-issue structure is approximately \$600,000.

On August 12, 2015, an ordinance was approved to grant the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to proceed with the sale of the both 2015 Series Revenue Bonds. The parameters were as follows:

2015 Series A Revenue Bonds

- the true interest cost rate for the bonds shall not exceed four-and-a-half percent;
- the refunding must produce a net present value debt service savings of at least three percent, net of any contribution paid by the City;
- The new money portion of the bonds shall not exceed \$6,140,000;
- The refunding portion of the bonds shall not exceed \$2,900,000;
- The maximum maturity date for the new money bonds shall not exceed September 1, 2035
- the maximum maturity date for the refunding bonds shall not exceed September 1, 2030; and

2015 Series B Revenue Bonds

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- the true interest cost rate for the refunding the bonds shall not exceed four percent;
- the refunding must produce a net present value debt service savings of at least three percent, net of any contribution paid by the City; the maximum maturity date for the refunding bonds shall not exceed September 1, 2030; and
- this delegation of authority shall expire if not exercised within 120 days from the date approved by City Council.

Final Results

The refunding portion only of both Series A and B had a total savings of \$4,895,725 as compared to our initial estimates of \$3,490,000. New money bond sale's final interest rate was 2.88%. Also, the refunding portion sales settled at a rate of 2.75% and 3.02%. The final Par Value of the bonds are \$8,205,000 and \$19,915,000, respectively.

It is also important to note that during this process Standard & Poor's rating agency affirmed the City of Tyler Water Utilities credit rating of AA+ for subordinate lien revenue debt. Finally, the City was able to obtain an upgrade to an AAA bond rating for older prior senior lien debt.

ORDINANCE

- O-1 Request that the City Council consider adopting an Ordinance amending and updating Tyler City Code Chapter 1, Article VII, Section 1-82 related to Tyler Municipal Court Office of City Marshal. (O-2015-94)**

Motion by Councilmember Bowdre; seconded by Councilmember Nix; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

- M-1 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department totaling \$98,300 for the construction of the Faulkner Park Lake trail.**

Motion by Councilmember Warren; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moore; motion carried 6 - 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 adoption of an updated Resolution approving the continued participation in the Texas State Department of Information Resources (DIR) Program and General Services Commission Local**

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Government Purchasing Program and authorizing the City Manager to renew several annual leases for technology equipment including computers, software, and telephones from approved vendors previously obtained through this program for FY 2015-2016. (R-2015-27)

C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to sign and acknowledge a permanent right-of-way use agreement with Southern Oaks Baptist Church for the purpose of installing and maintaining an electronic message sign in the City of Tyler right-of-way.



C-A-3 Request that the City Council consider accepting a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant totaling \$50,000 for general maintenance programs at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport and adopting an Ordinance amending the FY 2015-2016 Airport Budget to provide the funding for the local share. (O-2015-95)

C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider ratifying the submission of an application for and authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program in the amount of \$60,000 for two Compressed Natural Gas Refuse Trucks.

C-A-5 Request City Council consider ratifying Texas Department of Transportation project Grant Agreement URB 1603 in the amount of \$281,328.00 for Fiscal Year 2016.

C-A-6 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the filing of two (2) applications with the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) for a Regional Solid Waste Grant, authorizing the acceptance and use of any grant(s) if awarded, authorizing the acceptance of any increases in grant funding levels, and authorizing the Solid Waste Department to take all actions needed to receive and expend grant funds. (R-2015-28)

Motion by Councilmember Whatley; seconded by Councilmember Warren; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

B-1 Request that the City Council consider filling a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and for the Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

Motion by Councilmember Nix to appoint Mitch Henderson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and John Barnett to the Neighborhood Revitalization Board; seconded by Councilmember Warren; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Yachiyo Sister Cities delegation arrival & events planned
2. Innovation pipeline event this week
3. Tyler Area Partnership for education community kickoff next Tuesday night.
4. CIP report summary passed out.

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RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Council reconvened into executive session at 9:30 am.

Executive Item No. 1:

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.

Executive Item No. 2:

Under Section 551.072 **“Real Estate”** deliberation regarding the following:

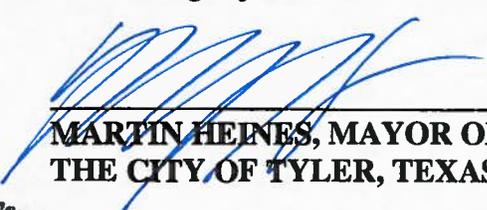
Discuss the purchase, exchange, sale, lease or value of real property, the public discussion of which would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City, related to the development of municipal facilities.

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

City Council reconvened from executive session at 9:49 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Whatley to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 am; seconded by Councilmember Bowdre; motion carried 6 - 0 & meeting adjourned.



MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK
TYLER, TEXAS

