



CITY OF HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, 321 N. Main Street**

A Meeting of the Hutchins City Council was held on Monday, August 19, 2024, with Work Session at 5:30 pm and the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Hutchins City Hall Council Chambers, 321 N. Main Street, Hutchins, Texas, at which time the following items were discussed and considered.

A. WORK SESSION

1. 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance

Mayor Vasquez opened the Work Session at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum of the council present.

Note: Councilmember Campbell arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Director of Finance Maria Joyner presented the FY2024-2025 Proposed Budget and provided a summary of the proposed tax rate, capital improvement projects, and personnel requests. Ms. Joyner answered questions and provided the budget adoption schedule. Mayor Vasquez adjourned the Work Session at 6:10 p.m.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum with all members present.

PRESENT

Mario Vasquez
Steve Nichols
Brenda Campbell
Raymond Elmore
Dominic Didehbani
Demarcus Odom

C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. James Spence gave the invocation and Councilmember Didehbani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident James Spence thanked the council for the progress of the city and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

E. PRESENTATIONS

2. Discuss the Animal Shelter Agreement with the City of Ferris. Presented by: Steve Perry Police Chief

Police Chief Perry notified the council that the City of Ferris has officially canceled the animal services agreement and has closed all intake of animals, including quarantine. Chief Perry informed the council that he had reached out to other organizations to find a temporary solution. Dallas County contracts with the SPCA. The cities of Glenn Heights and Seagoville had no space, but the City of Sunnyvale and the Tri City Animal Shelter are open to discussions. Chief Perry will provide an update at a future meeting. Mayor Vasquez suggested staff notify the contractors to move forward with the renovations at the old police building.

F. REGULAR AGENDA - *As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.*

- 3. Discussion and consider Resolution R2024-08-1209 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE A CHANGE ORDER AND EXECUTE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE H-GAC MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT (RA05-21) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUTCHINS AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY THREE CENTS, (\$959,342.33), TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USED BY THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO THE MOTOROLA COMMAND CENTRAL AXIS DISPATCH SITE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by: Steve Perry Police Chief**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve Resolution R2024-08-1209 with correction to the "not to exceed" amount to \$961,688.56. All in favor, the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Dominic Didehbani, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols,
Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

- 4. Consideration and Action regarding proposed FY2024-2025 Tax Rate and Notice of Public Hearing. Presented by: Maria Joyner, Director of Finance**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichols to propose to adopt a Fiscal year 2025 Total Tax Rate of \$0.630082, which is higher than the Fiscal Year 2025 no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.562988; and call for a public hearing; the public hearing to be held on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Further, a record vote on the tax rate adoption will be held on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All in favor, the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Dominic Didehbani, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols,
Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

- 5. Discuss and consider Resolution R2024-08-1205, A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITIES OF CEDAR HILL, GLENN HEIGHTS, HUTCHINS, LANCASTER, AND WILMER, TEXAS (THE "CITIES") ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITIES IN SUPPORT OF IDENTIFYING A MASTER PLAN LOCATION WITHIN DISTRICT 109 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH HOLISTIC, GREEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOLLOWING BLUE ZONE GUIDELINES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Vaness Sterling, District Director for State Representative Carl Sherman, answered questions regarding the Blue Zone Project.

Motion made by Councilmember Didehbani seconded by Councilmember Elmore to approve Resolution R2024-08-1205. All in favor, the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Brenda Campbell, Dominic Didehbani, Raymond Elmore, Steve Nichols, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay: 0

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 6. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Potential property sites for the Recreation Center and Library**

Mayor Vasquez moved into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

H. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- 7. Take action, if any, as a result of Executive Session:**

- a. Deliberation Regarding Real Property: Potential property sites for the Recreation Center and Library**

Mayor Vasquez convened into open session at 7:28 p.m. and announced no action taken as a result of Executive Session.

I. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

City Secretary Olguin announced the items of community interest.

J. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Elmore, seconded by Councilmember Didehbani to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. All in favor, the motion passed.

Voting Yea: Steve Nichols, Brenda Campbell, Dominic Didehbani, Raymond Elmore, Demarcus Odom

Voting Nay:

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUTCHINS CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

APPROVED:

Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary