



The City of Liberty City Council Special Called Meeting

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Wednesday, January 27, 2010

12:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on January 27, 2010 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 12:03 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Carl Pickett	p	..	..	
Dennis Beasley	p	..	..	
Diane Huddleston	p	..	..	
Mike McCarty	p	..	..	
Al Simonson	..	p	..	
Louie Potetz	p	..	..	
Frank Jordan	p	..	..	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pickett welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council regarding non-agenda items. There were no comments.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Information Item 2010-7

Discussion of Preliminary Plan of Finance with the City's New Financial Advisor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Gary Broz explained that Mr. Bob Henderson, RBC Capital Markets, new financial advisor for the City of Liberty was present to discuss with Council their priorities, as related to the Council's financial goals and objectives.

Mr. Henderson began with stating to Council that there must be a vision and good understanding, of how the Council envisions the community in the next 3-5, 8-10, and 15 years. Mr. Henderson further stated that no community has the financial resources to do everything it would like to do; so one must make the most of one's limited resources. In order to accomplish this goal you must understand what the vision is and how to apply those limited resources.

Mr. Henderson asked each member of the Council to express their vision and where they see this community in the next 3-5, 8-10, and 15 years. Mr. Henderson asked Council to be creative in their thinking. A summary of those comments include:

- 1) seeing the City in good financial shape, while also providing the citizens with the services they need,
- 2) top rated park system,
- 3) swimming pool for young people to enjoy,
- 4) major tourism promotion, and results,
- 5) long-range plan for services, while keeping taxes at a minimum,
- 6) attract retail businesses to enhance sales tax,
- 7) strong downtown area,
- 8) attract a junior college to our community,
- 9) improve the city's curb appeal, to include sidewalks, and
- 10) controlled residential and commercial growth.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding these issues and other ways to improve the quality of life in this community. Mr. Henderson reported that the City of Liberty has many resources and must place those resources where the City will get "the most bang for the buck."

B. Executive Session

Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation. Gov. Code §551.087
Consultation With Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071
Meeting Concerning Municipally Owned Utility. Gov. Code §551.086

1. Discussion of economic development prospect.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that this executive session is not necessary, as the related issues were taken care of at the previous night's meeting.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

Consider any action on the items as discussed in the Executive Section

1. Council Action 2010-10

Consider Any Action, as Discussed in the Executive Session, Relative to the Economic Development Prospect.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

IV. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared a noon meal.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Louie Potetz, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Potetz, Jordan
ABSENT:	Al Simonson

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary