



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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Tuesday, September 4, 2012

6:15 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Councilperson	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Councilperson	Present	
Frank Jordan	Councilperson	Present	
Louie Potetz	Councilperson	Present	
Libby Simonson	Councilperson	Present	
David Arnold	Councilperson	Present	
Gary Broz	City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Randy Gunter	City Attorney	Present	

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. There were no comments.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Executive Session

JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE LIBERTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Deliberation Regarding Real Property. Gov. Code §551.072

Consultation with Attorney. Gov. Code §551.071

1. Discussion to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for the Proposed Street Extension Project.

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized above.

B. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

1. Council Action 2012-90

Consider and Take Action, If Any, on the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property for the Proposed Street Extension Project.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion was made to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the acquisition of donated easements and obtain deeds for right of way for the street extension project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Jordan, Potetz, Simonson, Arnold

2. Public Hearing (ID # 2501)

Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for FY 2012-2013. Brief discussion was held regarding the effective rate, the rollback rate, and the current tax rate of \$0.5900 per \$100 valuation, which is also the proposed rate for the new fiscal year.

At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the public hearing.

IV. WORK SESSION

1. Work Session (ID # 2502)

Discuss Changes to the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz discussed changes to the proposed budget to include funds of \$22,630 for an air conditioning maintenance contract with ABM Building Services, approved by Council at the previous meeting. Mr. Broz reported that the departmental budgets have been amended to include a maintenance line item for this expenditure. Also discussed was the change in the garbage fund to reflect the 1.9% increase in the CPI as exercised by Waste Management, pursuant to their contract, which will be passed to the customer. This increase will raise the garbage fund revenue by \$2,236.

Mr. Broz reported that at the Employee Christmas Party and Appreciation Dinner, employees will receive a one-time 3% adjustment of their base salary. Also discussed were sales tax revenues, loss of Fire Department and other personnel, proposed Interlocal Agreement with Liberty County, updating various City rates and fees, and other related topics.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary