



The City of Liberty
City Council
Special Called Meeting
~ Minutes ~

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Dianne Tidwell
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Tuesday, October 1, 2019

12:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carl Pickett	Mayor	Present	
Diane Huddleston	Mayor ProTem	Present	
Dennis Beasley	Council Member	Present	
Libby Simonson	Council Member	Present	
David Arnold	Council Member	Present	
Chipper Smith	Council Member	Present	
Neal Thornton	Council Member	Present	
Tom Warner	City Manager	Present	
Chris Jarmon	Asst. City Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	City Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Attorney	Present	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is reserved for members of the public who would like to address the City Council regarding agenda and non-agenda items. Please be aware that, under Texas Law, the Council may not deliberate or take any action during Citizen's comments for items not on the agenda. In some situations, City Staff may be able to respond to the public comment with a factual statement or clarification. The City Council may have the item placed on a future agenda for action or refer the item to Management and Staff for study or conclusion.

City Manager Tom Warner reported on Tropical Depression Imelda and related issues.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2019-88

Consider approval of the allocation of Cambridge Funds for Tropical Depression Imelda related expenses.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner reported that expenses are already being incurred, due to Tropical Storm Imelda. Mr. Warner stated that current damages and necessary repairs include employee phone and Internet damaged equipment, sinkholes at various locations, cleanup of the Public Works Service Center and possibly other items not yet discovered.

A motion was made for an allocation of an amount not to exceed \$250,000, from the Cambridge Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

2. Council Action 2019-89

Consider award of contract, as a result of Tropical Depression Imelda, for debris pickup.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner reported on proposals received September 30 for debris removal, as a result of Tropical Storm Imelda. Mr. Warner reviewed the evaluation sheet and related criteria, recommending DRC Emergency Services.

Following discussion, a motion was made to award the proposal for debris removal to DRC Emergency Services.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor ProTem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

3. Council Action 2019-90

Consider award of contract, as a result of Tropical Depression Imelda, for debris monitoring.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Tom Warner reported that proposals were opened on September 30 for debris removal monitoring services. Mr. Warner reviewed the evaluation sheet and related criteria, recommending Thompson Consulting. Monitoring is required to comply with FEMA regulations if a Disaster Declaration is issued by the President.

Following discussion, a motion was made to award the proposal for debris monitoring services to Thompson Consulting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Huddleston, Mayor ProTem
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

4. Ordinance 2019-24

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ALLOWING FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USAGE FOR THOSE CITIZENS AFFECTED BY TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS ALLOWING FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USAGE FOR THOSE CITIZENS AFFECTED BY TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

This Ordinance allows those residents affected by Tropical Storm Imelda to place a recreational vehicle on their property for habitation until repairs are completed or March 31, 2020, whichever is first.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance, as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

5. Ordinance 2019-25

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS WAIVING BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND HVAC PERMIT FEES FOR REPAIRS RELATED TO THE RECOVERY OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES AFTER TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS WAIVING BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND HVAC PERMIT FEES FOR REPAIRS RELATED TO THE RECOVERY OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES AFTER TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS

ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

City Manager Tom Warner stated that due to the numerous structures that received flood damage, this ordinance would allow those property owners affected by Tropical Depression Imelda to obtain the required building permits at no charge. These fees would be waived until March 31, 2020.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance, as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neal Thornton, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

6. Ordinance 2019-26

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 13.04, DIVISION 2, REGULATING GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of the Ordinance into the record as follow:

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 13.04, DIVISION 2, REGULATING GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

City Manager Tom Warner reported that the cleanup process, as a result of Tropical Depression Imelda has begun. This Ordinance prohibits pilfering through debris piles and the unauthorized dumping of garbage, rubbish or trash into a container belonging to another person or business.

After brief discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Ordinance, as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Libby Simonson, Council Member
AYES:	Pickett, Huddleston, Beasley, Simonson, Arnold, Smith, Thornton

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at

12:52 p.m.

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Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary