



The City of Liberty City Council

Special Called Meeting

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April Gilliland
City Secretary
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Tuesday, February 22, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 22, 2022 in the city Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston St., Liberty, Texas at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Carl Pickett.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Carl Pickett	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Driggers	X			
Council Member Dennis Beasley	X			
Council Member Libby Simonson	X			
Council Member David Arnold	X			
Council Member Chipper Smith	X			
Council Member Neal Thornton	X			

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.

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. Regular Session

1. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED BY SWAIM, BRENTS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Ms. Lee Ann Brents of Swaim, Brents & Associates, P.C. presented the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report. Ms. Brents reviewed, in summary, the audit document going over the

City's assets, liabilities, net position and additional related information. There was no management letter contained in this audit report. A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the resolution to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Audit Report and seconded by Council Member Dennis Beasley. The motion passed 7 to 0.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT RELEASE DOCUMENTS WITH PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ENDO HEALTH SOLUTIONS INC., ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS INC., ENDO INTERNATIONAL PLC, PAR PHARMACEUTICAL, INC., AND PAR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, INC. ("ENDO") AND TEVA ("TEVA"), AS ADDITIONAL SETTLING PARTIES WITHIN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY.

A motion was made by Council Member Simonson to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute settlements with Endo and Teva in the National Opioid Settlement and seconded by Council Member Thornton. The motion passed 7 to 0.

B. Work Session

1. Presentation and discussion regarding Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) and Tax Increment Finance Zones (TIRZs).

City Attorney Brandon Davis presented a slide show to Council to discuss the differences between Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) and Tax Increment Finance Zones (TIRZs). Mr. Davis also explained why developers are currently asking for incentives from the cities they are trying to develop.

C. Executive Session

At 7:16 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the open meeting and opened the Executive Session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

1. **Texas Government Code §551.087 - Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**
 - To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information received from a business prospect.
 - Business Proposals

D. Reconvene into Regular Session

At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Executive Session and reconvened the open meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pickett adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carl Pickett, Mayor

April Gilliland, City Secretary