



The City of Liberty
City Council
Regular Meeting
~ Agenda ~

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Liberty, TX 77575
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Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

The City Council of Liberty, Texas reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Carl Pickett	☐	☐	☐	
Mayor ProTem Diane Huddleston	☐	☐	☐	
Council Member Dennis Beasley	☐	☐	☐	
Council Member Libby Simonson	☐	☐	☐	
Council Member David Arnold	☐	☐	☐	
Council Member Chipper Smith	☐	☐	☐	
Council Member Neal Thornton	☐	☐	☐	

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. Information Item (ID # 4646)

City Manager's Report - City Mgr. T. Warner - Projects & Activities - City Hall Closures - City Hall Repairs - Holly Street Project Main B Levee Repairs - Sanitary Sewer Project

- City Manager's Report(DOCX)

B. Information Item (ID # 4649)

Finance Report - Asst. City Mgr./CFO - N. Herrington

C. Information Item (ID # 4657)

Department Reports

- Fire Dept. Rpt. - Nov. (XLS)
- Inspection Dept. Rpt. Nov. (XLSX)
- Library Narrative Rpt. - Nov. (DOCX)
- Library Stats Rpt. - Nov. (XLSX)
- Library Volunteer Rpt. - Nov. (XLSX)
- Police Dept. Rpt.-Nov. (XLS)
- Public Works Rpt. - Nov. (DOCX)
- Public Works Construction Rpt - Nov. (DOCX)

D. Information Item (ID # 4647)

Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency - Mayor Pickett

- SRMPA Minutes - Sept 2019 (PDF)
- SRMPA Minutes - Oct 2019 (PDF)

E. Information Item (ID # 4648)

Mayor, Council and Staff Comments

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, November 12, 2019
2. Tuesday, November 19, 2019

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**A. Regular Session****1. Council Action (ID # 4650)**

Consider an amendment to the lease agreement with Distinct Cantinas, Inc. for operation of the restaurant at the Liberty Municipal Golf Course.

- EXHIBIT A - Commercial Lease Amendment - FINAL (DOCX)

2. Ordinance (ID # 4651)

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL RATES AND FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF LIBERTY; PROVIDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AND PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING THAT ALL RATES OR SCHEDULES OF RATES CONFLICTING HERewith ARE AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

- EXHIBIT A - Fire Marshall Fees (PDF)

3. Ordinance (ID # 4652)

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY (90) DAYS BEYOND THE EFFECTIVE DATE PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE RATES FOR CENTERPOINT'S BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS DIVISION, FILED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS

4. Council Action (ID # 4656)

Consider the sale of tax trust property located at 1610 Texas.

- Tax Property Info (PDF)

5. Work Session (ID # 4653)

The City Council will conduct a Work Session regarding the 2019 Charter Review Commission's proposed changes to the City of Liberty Home Rule Charter.

- Proposed Charter Changes (DOCX)

B. Executive Session

Tx. Gov. Code §551.074 - Personnel Matters.

To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- Liberty Municipal Library
- Liberty Municipal Golf Course

Tx. Gov. Code §551.071 - Private Consultation with Attorney.

To seek advice regarding contemplated / pending litigation.

- Discussion with the City Attorney - FEMA Appeal.

C. Reconvene into Regular Session

1. Ordinance (ID # 4654)

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES IN THE LIBERTY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE BUDGET AND THE LIBRARY BUDGET; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED;

PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS.

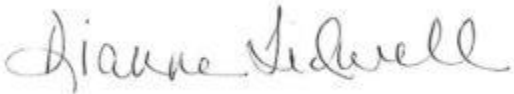
2. Council Action (ID # 4655)

Consider and take action, if any, on contemplated/pending litigation regarding a FEMA Appeal, as discussed in the Executive Session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

I certify that the attached Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board and in the Message Centers located on the east and west sides of the City Hall Administration Building, located at 1829 Sam Houston on the 4th day of December, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. This notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary

NOTICE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Liberty will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this Council Meeting. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Contact the City at (936) 336-3684 or by Fax at (936) 336-9846. The building is wheelchair accessible, with parking available, on the west side of the building.

I certify that the attached Notice and Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the bulletin board at the City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 2019.