



The City of Liberty
City Council
Special Called Meeting

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Monday, July 14, 2008

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 14, 2008 at City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge.

IV. 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.

Mayor Pickett stated there would be a special called meeting on June 22, 2008. Mayor Pickett then remarked on the city's loss of Firefighter Sorrel Fregia.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Agenda Items

1. Information Item 2008-36

Public Hearing on the Designation of a Reinvestment Zone.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

At 6:09 p.m., Mayor Pickett opened the Public Hearing on the designation of a Reinvestment Zone. City Attorney Randy Gunter stated that this same reinvestment zone was designated in the mid 90's but, by statute, expires after five years. Mr. Gunter explained that this public hearing is the second step, in a series of steps, moving toward the city's ability to enter into a tax abatement agreement with Boomerang Tube, LLC or anyone else in the reinvestment zone who meets the criteria adopted by the Council at the previous meeting.

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Pickett closed the Public Hearing.

2. Ordinance 2008-7

Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Designating a Certain Area as Reinvestment Zone No. 1.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mayor Pickett read the caption of Ordinance No. 2008-7 into the record as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT ZONE IN THE CITY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS; TO BE KNOWN AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DISPENSING WITH SECTION 3.10 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THAT ORDINANCES BE READ ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS."

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-7. It was stated for the record that Mayor Pickett and Councilpersons McCarty and Jordan abstained, as they own property in the reinvestment zone. They are not, in any way, opposed to the adoption of this ordinance.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Al Simonson, Councilperson
AYES:	Dennis Beasley, Diane Huddleston, Al Simonson, Louie Potetz
ABSTAIN:	Carl Pickett, Mike McCarty, Frank Jordan

3. Council Action 2008-36

Consider Approval of the Terms of a Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Boomerang Tube, LLC.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding electric rates, set-up costs to provide service to Boomerang Tube, number of jobs to be brought into the community, amount of the prospective business' investment, various tax abatement schedules, and other related issues.

A motion was made to extend to Boomerang Tube, LLC an abatement based on the schedule recommended in the proposed tax abatement agreement discussed this meeting; 100% for the first five years, 75% for year six, 50% for year seven. This information will be included in the proposed agreement, which will be approved at a later date.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Frank Jordan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not held.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

There was no Council meal at this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Frank Jordan, Councilman
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary