



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

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Monday, June 22, 2009

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on June 22, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 1829 Sam Houston, Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM by Mayor Carl Pickett.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pickett dispensed with the Pledge to both flags.

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. There were no comments.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Council Action 2009-45

Consider Approval of a Request from the 2009 Charter Review Commission to Extend Their Term of Office for Ninety Days.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilperson Jordan, also Chairman of the 2009 Charter Review Commission, requested an extension of the Commission's term of office. City Charter allows for this extension upon written request of a majority of the Commission members, for a period not to exceed ninety days.

A motion was made to extend the Commission's term of office for a period of ninety days.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment #1 - Charter Review Request for 90 days (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Beasley, Councilperson
SECONDER:	Mike McCarty, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Pickett, Beasley, Huddleston, McCarty, Simonson, Potetz, Jordan

2. Information Item 2009-38

Discussion and Review of Updated Financial Statements.**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Finance Director Naomi Herrington reviewed with Council the up-to-date financial statements, through May, 2009.

Lengthy discussion was held on various matters including simplified reporting, Report Writing software, Hurricane Ike expenditures, FEMA and insurance reimbursements, a proposed summary of revenues and expenditures excluding those financials relating to Hurricane Ike, a report of revenues and expenditures relative only to Hurricane Ike, and other related issues.

Council requested that each of them receive a copy of the current Houston-Galveston Area Council Salary Survey.

3. Council Action 2009-44

Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Employ Additional Personnel for the Administration Department.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Manager Ron Wood reported on the need for a degreed individual for the position of Director of Finance. Mr. Wood explained the job duties and the need for someone with technical skills relative to finance and governmental accounting. Mr. Wood stated that according to the new pay plan, the salary range would be \$51,000 - 74,000, with a median of approximately \$63,384. Mr. Wood further explained that this was not intended to be a negative issue regarding the current financial director, that she still had an important role to play in this organization.

Discussion was held regarding the selection process, salary and benefits, the upcoming budget, additional expenses including those relative to the hurricane, and other related issues.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

VI. COUNCIL MEAL

Council shared an evening meal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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

Carl Pickett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary