

STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
COUNTIES OF
GALVESTON/HARRIS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019



AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, REGARDING THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA LISTED BELOW:

7 PM – SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Invocation – Pastor Ralph Hobratschk, Hope Lutheran Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags – Shooting Stars Girl Scouts Paige Armstrong and Alexandra Castillo with Troop 143007
(HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE)
4. Communications from the Public
(To comply with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate on items discussed under this agenda item. The Council may refer this item to the City Manager or direct this item to be placed on the next regular Council agenda. PowerPoint presentations are not conducted during the citizen comment period. Out of respect for those speaking during public comment, please refrain from any outbursts or interjections to include, but not limited to, applause and/or disparaging noises from the audience. Doing so discourages others from voicing their thoughts and opinions, and disrupts the meeting.)
5. Public Hearing
To receive comments from the public, both oral and written, regarding:
 - A. Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20
6. Discussion and Action
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding approving a contract with Harris County for Election Services.
7. Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers

8. Consent

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

A. Approving the Minutes of the August 12, 2019, Council Meeting

9. Adjournment

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive service must be made two (2) business days or more prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (281) 996-3270 for further information.

I, MELINDA WELSH, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL WAS POSTED IN A PLACE CONVENIENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, ON

DATE

AT TIME

MELINDA WELSH, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY

**All meetings of City Council are open to the public, except when there is a necessity to meet in an Executive Session (closed to the public) under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code. The City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session to hear any of the above described agenda items that qualify for an executive session by publicly announcing the applicable section number of the Open Meetings Act.

FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM FORM

This form should be completed and forwarded to the City Manager's Office as soon as possible prior to the first date that the item is expected to be placed on the Friendswood City Council agenda.

Date requested for City Council consideration: September 23, 2019

Date submitted: 9/9/2019

Prepared by: Glenda Faulkner, Executive Secretary

Subject: Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Originating Department: Administrative Services

Degree of importance: Significant

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

Based on Texas Constitution Article VIII, Section 21 and Tax Code Chapter 26, Texas' truth-in-taxation principles state, "A taxing unit, other than a water district or small taxing unit which are covered by special provisions, must publish special notice and hold two public hearings before adopting a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback rate or the effective tax rate"; which could result in an increase of property taxes imposed by a taxing entity on properties taxed in, both, the current and preceding tax years.

On September 9, 2019, City Council took action to propose a tax rate of \$0.5324* per \$100 property valuation for 2019. The proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rates by 6.97 percent and would result in a tax revenue increase of approximately \$1,243,288 from properties taxed in, both, the current and preceding tax years. Also on September 9, 2019, City Council scheduled two public hearings on the proposed tax increase for September 23 and September 30. As required by truth-in-taxation guidelines, the date, time and location of the meeting to adopt the tax rate will be announced at each public hearing.

A quarter-page advertisement of the notice of proposed tax rate was published in the Friendswood Reporter on September 11, 2019. The notice explains the proposed change to the property tax rate and reflects the public hearing dates. The notice is posted on the City's website and PEG channel.

**City Council may decide to move forward with proposing this rate or proposing a lower rate than this without having to publish a new notice of 2019 tax year proposed property tax rate.*

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

The Public Hearing gives Council an opportunity to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed tax revenue increase.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None at this time

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2019 City of Friendswood Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

A tax rate of \$0.532391 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Friendswood. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Friendswood proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of providing essential services.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.532391 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.532391 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.495289 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.553481 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Friendswood from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Friendswood may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Cheryl E. Johnson, PCC
Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector
722 Moody Avenue, Galveston, Texas 77550
(409) 765-3277
cheryl.e.johnson@co.galveston.tx.us
www.galcotax.com

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at 910 S. Friendswood Drive,
Friendswood, Texas 77546.

Second Hearing: September 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM at 910 S. Friendswood Drive,
Friendswood, Texas 77546.

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Date requested for City Council consideration: September 23, 2019

Date submitted: 9/11/2019

Prepared by: Glenda Faulkner, Executive Secretary

Subject: Discussion and possible action regarding approving a contract with Harris County for Election Services.

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance: Critical

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

This agenda item is to approve a joint election agreement with Harris County for election services which will be provided to the City of Friendswood for the November 5, 2019, Special Bond Election.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

Due to changes in Election Law, the city will contract with Harris County AND Galveston County for election services. Council approved an agreement with Galveston County at a prior Council meeting.

Harris County will also be conducting an election for state constitutional amendments. Having a joint election with Harris County will enable Friendswood's HC registered voters to vote in both the state constitutional amendment election and the City's bond election at the same polling location.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Secretary's office recommends Council approve the joint election agreement with Harris County to provide election services for the City's Special Bond Election.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Harris County Election Services Contract 11 2019
2. Exhibit A HC Contract Estimate November 2019
3. Exhibit B HC Contract Estimate November 2019

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY AND
City of Friendswood, RELATING TO JOINT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Harris County, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter the “County”), and City of Friendswood, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the “Entity”).

RECITALS:

The County will be conducting a joint election on November 5, 2019 for multiple entities. The County will be using an electronic voting system, eSlate, (hereinafter “Voting System”) that has been duly approved by the Secretary of State pursuant to Texas Election Code §§122.031-122.039, §122.061, §122.091, as amended, and duly approved by the United States Justice Department for use in Harris County pursuant to Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Part or all of the Entity lies within the boundaries of Harris County.

The Entity desires to join the November 5, 2019 General and Special Elections (hereinafter referred to as the “November 5, 2019 Election”) being conducted by the County.

The County desires to provide certain election services to the Entity for its election to be held on November 5, 2019.

TERMS:

In consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and benefits to the parties, IT IS AGREED as follows:

I. Entity’s Responsibilities

The Entity agrees that it has furnished the County with a list of race titles and proposition titles and proposition language, if any, for the November 5, 2019 Election. All information must be provided in all four languages.

The Entity agrees that it provided the County with a list of candidates’ names and ballot positions for the November 5, 2019 Election.

Further, the Entity agrees that it has verified its current jurisdictional boundaries and the total number of Harris County precincts required by those jurisdictional boundaries by August 30, 2019. If the Entity failed to provide the County with this information by this stated deadline, then the County is hereby authorized to adopt the current jurisdictional boundaries and total number of Harris County precincts for the non-performing Entity that are provided to the County

by the Harris County Voter Registrar's Office, and the non-performing Entity hereby agrees to the County's use of that information to fulfill the requirements of this paragraph.

The Entity shall agree to appoint positions as the Harris County Commissioners Court, Election Board and the Early Voting Clerk have appointed for positions such as all Election Day Presiding and Alternate Judges, Early Voting Judges and Clerks, Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Count Presiding and Alternate Judges, Central Count Manager and Tabulation Supervisor pursuant to the Texas Election Code. The Entity agrees to accept the Early Voting and Election Day polling places accepted by the Harris County Commissioners Court and the hours designated by Harris County for Early Voting.

The Entity agrees to prepare, post and publish any and all notices required of the Entity by state law for the November 5, 2019 Election. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, the Entity agrees to do all things that may be required of it in connection with the November 5, 2019 Election. The Entity is responsible for the preparation of election orders, resolutions, notices and other pertinent documents for adoption or execution by the appropriate officer of the Entity with regard to the November 5, 2019 Election. The County shall not have any responsibility or duty in connection with such preparations by the Entity. The Entity is responsible for making their own submissions, if any is required or desired, to the United States Justice Department and the County shall have no responsibility or duty in connection with such submission relating to the November 5, 2019 Election.

Regarding Debt Obligation Elections, if an entity is holding a bond election, the Entity accepts the responsibility to ensure that the order of the election is posted at each polling location where its precincts will be voting on Election Day. The Entity will provide eight hundred thirty (830) packets to be used for Early Voting and Election Day to the County by September 27, 2019. Documents for the voters will be in four (4) languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.

II. County's Responsibilities

The County agrees to follow the Texas Election Code in the conduct of the November 5, 2019 General and Special Elections. The County agrees to provide mail ballots to all voters who request a ballot in the Entity's jurisdictions. The County shall provide space on the ballot sufficient to encompass all candidate races and issues of the Entity.

The County will provide the Entity with all dates and times for Early Voting no later than the 21st day before Election Day. The County agrees to provide polling locations for use during Early Voting. The County will arrange for the delivery of the Voting System equipment and other equipment and supplies for use in Early Voting by personal appearance in the November 5, 2019 Election. The County Clerk shall select election officers for the main Early Voting location, as well as any branch Early Voting location, pursuant to the Texas Election Code §85.009.

The County agrees to provide all equipment and supplies for use in Early Voting by mail in the November 5, 2019 Election. The County is authorized to employ or use such personnel, as it deems necessary or desirable, to prepare and conduct Early Voting by mail.

Further, the County agrees to provide all the Election Day polling places, Voting System equipment, and other equipment as it deems necessary or desirable for the holding of the November 5, 2019 Election and cause same to be delivered to the polling places. The Joint Election shall be conducted utilizing county-wide polling places pursuant to Section 43.007(a) (5) of the Texas Election Code. The County agrees to provide the Voting System to all polling places at least one (1) hour before the time set for opening the polls. The County shall determine the amount of voting equipment available for the November 5, 2019 Election and its decision shall be final.

The County will employ or use such personnel as it deems necessary to program and operate the automatic tabulating equipment in accordance with Texas Election Code.

The Harris County Commissioners Court shall appoint the Presiding and Alternate Election Judges for each county election precinct and the Central Counting Station, the Early Voting Ballot Board, Central Count Manager and Tabulation Supervisor according the Texas Election Code. Necessary additional appointments shall be made under the Texas Election Code. The County agrees to pay the Presiding Judges of the County and their clerks, pursuant to Texas Election Code §§32.091-32.093 and §271.013, as amended, for their services in connection with the November 5, 2019 Election at the expense of the Entity. The County agrees to pay the Presiding Judge and clerks of the Early Voting Ballot Board to process Early Voting results pursuant to Texas Election Code §§87.001-87.025, §87.101, and §87.103, as amended at the expense of the Entity.

The County agrees to perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

Regarding the posting of Debt Obligation Election Orders, Harris County, as a courtesy, will post a copy of all Debt Obligation Election Orders in four (4) languages in a notebook on the qualifying table of every Early Voting and Election Day location for this election. A notice, approved by the Secretary of State, will be posted on the wall stating that information regarding the Debt Obligation Election Orders is available. Harris County will train judges on the importance of making this information available. However, it is still the responsibility of the entity to ensure that the judge received the order and that the order was posted at each polling location within the jurisdiction.

III. Compensation

The fair and reasonable compensation for use of the County's Voting System, equipment, supplies, and staff and for other services provided for administration of the election is detailed in the itemized list of estimated election expenses under **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Entity agrees to pay its pro rata share of costs to the County for the Voting System, equipment, furniture, telephones, election kits, Early Voting Ballot by Mail, printing, supplies, delivery and transportation services, personnel, polling places, technical support, training, administrative costs and any other costs incurred by the Entity under this

Agreement for the November 5, 2019 Election held by the County and the Entity and to share the cost of the November 5, 2019 Election in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

The Entity's pro rata shares will be computed by attributing the total number of registered voters in each of the Entity's precincts that will be serviced by the County in the November 5, 2019 Election. The Voter Registry of the Entity, as of seventy (70) days before the November 5, 2019 Election, will be used to determine the total number of registered voters in each of the Entity's precincts. An estimate of the Entity's total cost is attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**. The final determination of the Entity's pro rata share of the costs incurred by the County for November 5, 2019 Election necessary for the purposes contemplated by this Agreement shall be made by the County and its decision shall be final.

The fair and reasonable value of the general overall supervision and advisory services of the County in connection with decisions to be made and actions to be taken by officers of the Entity is ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the Agreement for the Entity, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code, as amended. The Entity agrees to pay the County this ten percent (10%) fee for advisory services for its November 5, 2019 Election. It is understood that the fees paid for these advisory services shall be deposited in a separate fund in the County treasury, in accordance with Texas Election Code §31.100, as amended.

The Entity agrees to deliver sixty percent (60%) of their respective total estimated cost for its share of the November 5, 2019 Election to the County within ten (10) days of the execution of this Agreement. The County agrees to furnish a final accounting of the November 5, 2019 Election expenses actually incurred within ninety (90) days after the November 5, 2019 Election. The Entity agrees to pay the County's invoice for the balance of its November 5, 2019 Election expenses within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. Payments, in the name of Harris County, must be submitted to Diane Trautman, Harris County Clerk, Attn: Elections Division, P.O. Box 1148, Houston, TX 77251-1148. Copies of all related invoices, records or documentation used in calculating the total cost of the elections will be made available as soon as practicable by the County upon written request to the County at the address above. Within ten (10) days of execution of this Agreement, the County will provide the Entity with a Personal Entity I.D. ("PEID") number assigned by the County Auditor. Each payment by the Entity to the County shall reference and include their respective PEID number.

If an entity has a proposition that is longer than 500 characters for one language or if there are more than five (5) contests, the entity may incur additional coding and supply fees to accommodate the additional costs. The additional amount will represent the additional time to code the ballot, the additional space on the sample ballot, additional costs for ballot by mail and postage, and any other associated costs.

Waiver of any penalty fees imposed upon the Entity under this Agreement is at the discretion of the County.

IV. Additional Entities

It is understood that other political subdivisions may wish to participate in the November 5, 2019 Election and request the use of the above-mentioned election equipment, voting places and personnel, etc. It is agreed that the County may contract with other political subdivisions for such purposes. It is understood and agreed that the County will use the same formula for determining a pro rata share for each entity as described in this Agreement.

V. Cancellation of Election

In the event the Entity's November 5, 2019 Election is enjoined or canceled, or if for any reason whatsoever the Entity shall decide not to proceed with its November 5, 2019 Election, the Entity agrees that it shall be responsible for its share of any costs and expenses incurred by the County up to the cancellation date.

VI. Presiding Judges and Clerks

Presiding Judges and clerks shall be selected pursuant to the Texas Election Code Chapter 32. Regarding powers and duties, the Presiding Judge is in charge of and responsible for the conduct of the election at the polling place of the election precinct that the judge serves. See Texas Election Code §32.071.

VII. Notice

Any notices permitted or required to be given under this Agreement must be made by certified mail, return receipt requested or hand-delivered to the parties at the following addresses:

Harris County:

Harris County Clerk
1001 Preston, 4th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
Attention: Maureen Fisbeck

Entity:

City of Friendswood
910 S. Friendswood Drive
Friendswood, Texas 77546
Attention: Melinda Welsh

VIII. Termination

Each party may terminate this agreement upon thirty days (30) notice as provided in this agreement. Should the Entity terminate this contract, the Entity shall be responsible for its pro rata share of expenses incurred up unto the time of termination or as described herein specifically.

IX. Miscellaneous

Third Party Beneficiaries. The County is not obligated or liable to any party other than the Entity for the performance of this Agreement. Nothing in the Agreement is intended or shall be deemed or construed to create or increase any additional rights or remedies in any third party, or the duties or responsibilities of the County with respect to any third party.

Successors and Assigns. The County and Entity bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body, which may be a Party hereto.

Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The Agreement is subject to Texas state and federal laws, orders, rules, and regulations. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations concerning the performance of this Agreement.

Entire Agreement. This instrument contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by both parties to this Agreement.

Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is construed to be illegal or invalid, this will not affect the legality or validity of any of the other provisions hereof. The illegal or invalid provisions will be deemed stricken and deleted here from to the same extent and effect as if never incorporated herein.

Subtitles. The subtitles in this Agreement are provided for organizational purposes only and do not provide substantive meaning to the Agreement.

Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement will be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one instrument.

EXECUTED on this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

HARRIS COUNTY

DIANE TRAUTMAN
County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VINCE RYAN
County Attorney

By _____
DOUGLAS P. RAY
Assistant County Attorney

ATTEST/SEAL:

Name: _____

Title: _____

City of Friendswood
Signed by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

Name: _____

Title: _____

DATE COUNTERSIGNED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____

Attorney for City of Friendswood

Item	Estimated Costs			Actual Costs		
	Qty.	Cost	Total	Qty.	Cost	Total
EARLY VOTING						
Early Voting/Absentee Personnel			\$1,100,000.00	Early Voting Personnel and Absentee Personnel		\$0.00
Ballot Board			\$15,000.00			\$0.00
Early Voting Polling Places			\$5,000.00			\$0.00
Sheriff/Constables (security)			\$2,500.00			\$0.00
Ballot by Mail						
Postage*			\$133,750.00			\$0.00
Absentee/Early Print & Supply			\$76,875.00			\$0.00
			\$1,333,125.00			\$0.00
Equipment - 52 EV locations						
JBC	156	\$129.75	\$20,241.00	0	\$129.75	\$0.00
DAU	140	\$156.24	\$21,873.60	0	\$156.24	\$0.00
eSlate	1370	\$132.49	\$181,511.30	0	\$132.49	\$0.00
Caddy	203	\$29.25	\$5,937.75	0	\$29.25	\$0.00
			\$229,563.65			\$0.00
ELECTION DAY						
Training Booklets			\$25,000.00			\$0.00
Judge/Clerk Payroll, eSlate Training, Judge Supply Pickup, Law School, ePoll			\$1,220,000.00	Judge/Clerk Payroll, eSlate Training, Judge Supply Pickup, Law School, ePoll		\$0.00
Interpreters' Training			\$7,500.00			\$0.00
Training Sites			\$10,000.00			\$0.00
Technical Support			\$206,000.00			\$0.00
Trainers			\$45,000.00			\$0.00
Polling Places	757		\$110,000.00			\$0.00
Election Day Print & Supplies	757		\$185,000.00			\$0.00
			\$1,808,500.00			\$0.00
Equipment - 757 ED locations						
JBC	1514	\$129.75	\$196,441.50	0	\$129.75	\$0.00
DAU	1514	\$156.24	\$236,547.36	0	\$156.24	\$0.00
eSlate	5213	\$132.49	\$690,670.37	0	\$132.49	\$0.00
Caddy	1148	\$29.25	\$33,579.00	0	\$29.25	\$0.00
			\$1,157,238.23			\$0.00
ELECTION NIGHT						
Sheriff/Constables (security)			\$7,000.00			\$0.00
Election Night Drop Off site (usage)			\$10,000.00			\$0.00
SERVICES						
Coding fee	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Tally Equipment	1	\$220.00	\$220.00	0	\$220.00	\$0.00
Delivery						
Early Voting	52		\$19,760.00	0		\$0.00
Election Day	757		\$72,000.00	0		\$0.00
ETC Pickup and Deliveries	50		\$5,000.00	0		\$0.00
			\$115,780.00			\$0.00
Miscellaneous			\$60,000.00			\$0.00
Base Contract Total						
			\$4,704,206.88			\$0.00
10% Fee [TEC Sect. 31.100 (d)]						
			\$470,420.69			\$0.00
Total						
			\$5,174,627.57			\$0.00
Grand total for November 2019 Election						
			\$5,174,627.57			\$0.00
Deposits Paid						
						\$0.00
Balance Owed						
						\$0.00

	% Share	Base Cost	Admin 10%	Total	Deposit
	100.00%	\$4,704,206.88	\$470,420.69	\$5,174,627.57	
HARRIS COUNTY	41.62%	\$1,957,890.90	\$195,789.09	\$2,153,679.99	\$1,292,208.00
METRO	26.81%	\$1,261,197.86	\$126,119.79	\$1,387,317.65	\$832,390.59
CITY OF HOUSTON	13.33%	\$627,070.78	\$62,707.08	\$689,777.85	\$413,866.71
CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD	4.56%	\$214,511.83	\$21,451.18	\$235,963.02	\$141,577.81
HOUSTON ISD	3.36%	\$158,061.35	\$15,806.14	\$173,867.49	\$104,320.49
HOUSTON COMM COLLEGE	2.42%	\$113,841.81	\$11,384.18	\$125,225.99	\$75,135.59
KLEIN ISD	2.19%	\$103,022.13	\$10,302.21	\$113,324.34	\$67,994.61
ALDINE ISD	1.51%	\$71,033.52	\$7,103.35	\$78,136.88	\$46,882.13
SPRING ISD	1.33%	\$62,565.95	\$6,256.60	\$68,822.55	\$41,293.53
ALIEF ISD	1.13%	\$53,157.54	\$5,315.75	\$58,473.29	\$35,083.97
HC ESD NO. 60	0.38%	\$17,875.99	\$1,787.60	\$19,663.58	\$11,798.15
CITY OF BAYTOWN	0.37%	\$17,405.57	\$1,740.56	\$19,146.12	\$11,487.67
CITY OF BELLAIRE	0.18%	\$8,467.57	\$846.76	\$9,314.33	\$5,588.60
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD	0.14%	\$6,585.89	\$658.59	\$7,244.48	\$4,346.69
NEWPORT MUD	0.13%	\$6,115.47	\$611.55	\$6,727.02	\$4,036.21
HC MUD NO 165	0.12%	\$5,645.05	\$564.50	\$6,209.55	\$3,725.73
WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP	0.10%	\$4,704.21	\$470.42	\$5,174.63	\$3,104.78
CITY OF MISSOURI CITY	0.05%	\$2,352.10	\$235.21	\$2,587.31	\$1,552.39
SPRING MEADOWS MUD	0.05%	\$2,352.10	\$235.21	\$2,587.31	\$1,552.39
BILMA PUD	0.04%	\$1,881.68	\$188.17	\$2,069.85	\$1,241.91
HC FWSD NO 1A	0.03%	\$1,411.26	\$141.13	\$1,552.39	\$931.43
HC MUD NO 180	0.03%	\$1,411.26	\$141.13	\$1,552.39	\$931.43
HC MUD NO 33	0.03%	\$1,411.26	\$141.13	\$1,552.39	\$931.43
WESTLAKE MUD NO 1	0.03%	\$1,411.26	\$141.13	\$1,552.39	\$931.43
ENCANTO REAL UD	0.02%	\$940.84	\$94.08	\$1,034.93	\$620.96
FRY ROAD MUD	0.02%	\$940.84	\$94.08	\$1,034.93	\$620.96
NEW CANEY ISD	0.01%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC WCID NO 113	0.01%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC MUD NO 565	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
KATY MGMT DIST NO 1	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC MUD NO 25	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC MUD NO 518	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
NORTHWOOD MUD NO 1	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC ID NO 25	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00
HC MUD NO 540 <i>PROPOSED</i>	0.00%	\$900.00	\$90.00	\$990.00	\$594.00

FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM FORM

This form should be completed and forwarded to the City Manager's Office as soon as possible prior to the first date that the item is expected to be placed on the Friendswood City Council agenda.

Date requested for City Council consideration: September 23, 2019

Date submitted: 9/16/2019

Prepared by: Glenda Faulkner, Executive Secretary

Subject: Approving the Minutes of the August 12, 2019, Council Meeting

Originating Department: City Secretary

Degree of importance: Significant

SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

The Council Meeting minutes of August 12, 2019, are submitted for Council's review and consideration.

IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES / BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

Approval of the Council Meeting minutes provides a historical document of actions taken by City Council as provided for in the Local Government Code and in the City Charter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Secretary recommends that Council approve the Council meeting minutes as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

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STATE OF TEXAS)(
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD)(
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS)(
AUGUST 12, 2019)(
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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, **AUGUST 12, 2019** AT 7:00 PM AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

MAYOR
MAYOR PRO-TEM
COUNCILMEMBER
COUNCILMEMBER
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COUNCILMEMBER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY

MIKE FOREMAN
SALLY BRANSON
STEVE ROCKEY
TRISH HANKS
ROBERT J. GRIFFON
JOHN SCOTT
BRENT ERENWERT
MARY KAY FISCHER
MORAD KABIRI
MELINDA WELSH

SPECIAL SESSION

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Pastor Mike Ross with Friendswood Church of Christ.

Cub Scouts Joseph Ford and Vincent Ford with Boy Scout Pack 452, Mary Queen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brady Mora, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated \$41 Million will not solve Friendswood's flooding problems, and knocking down trees and throwing dirt around will not solve flood problems. The problem is the City of Houston is upstream from the City of Friendswood, during his lifetime 20,000 acres have been developed in Houston, freeways displace rivers, flooding is here to stay, will not get better and will only get worse. He further stated he is in favor of elevating houses and buyout properties, stop building out and start building up, and start restoring native grasslands in the upper watershed. There are 450 species of birds that call Clear Creek home, channelization and terracing are just catchphrases for habitat destruction, and believes the creek is worth fighting for.

Mike Ross, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated he is glad to call the City of Friendswood his home, recently had surgery and had to walk for recovery, have seen a lot of trash on the streets, should hold Waste Connections accountable for their inefficiency, Stevenson Park is a gem to the community, and is grateful for city Staff that provides the upkeep. He reached out to Keep Friendswood Beautiful and made a suggestion to coordinate an attractive flyer for curbside policing on trash. Thanked Mayor and Council for their service to the community.

Phil Ratisseau, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated the citizens of Friendswood want drainage fixed along Clear Creek, need the appropriate amount of money in bond propositions, do not want a history of Friendswood underfunding projects, partners are available to join the city on the journey of getting drainage problems solved, if partners do not have funds the city will have to come up with the funds, failure will ruin the reputation of the city, and impact citizens.

Ron Jenkins, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated he served on the Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) drainage subcommittee, early in meetings asked if the city was committed to passing the

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bond and seeing projects through, and Council stated they were. He heard it was not the city's responsibility to fix the drainage problems, that is an excuse, why should residents who did not flood pay for those that did, and why are all excuses and negative talk aimed at drainage. The CAT has been treated like an enemy since day one, subcommittee dared to change the number based on need, do not shortchange drainage projects, leaders do not make excuses, stand up and do what needs to be done, Council cannot guarantee there will not be another flood, but should try to do what can be done.

Ron Lovely, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated input from the Citizen Advisory Team drainage subcommittee was not mentioned at the last Council meeting, omissions found were obvious, are dealing with lives and property, overwhelming sentiment from the public has been to caution underfunding, federal partners would price the project, would use at least a 3% inflation rate, \$41 Million Council approved last meeting only included 2% inflation rate, do not chance, make a safe place for everyone to send their runoff, do not underfund, and let voters decide.

Connie Ratisseau, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated she appreciates the difficulty of Council's position and the hard decision that must be made on behalf of Friendswood citizens. She was part of a political action committee Citizens for Clear Creek Independent School District who asked taxpayers to question a \$487 Million bond proposition, not opposed to bonds but should be done responsibly and as fiscally conservative as possible, learned it is hard to beat a bond proposition, and if you want to influence a bond proposition do not wait until the wording is on the ballot. The Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) drainage subcommittee was told from the beginning not to redo the work of the Drainage Subcommittee, citizens have the right and duty to question any bond, discussed merits of terracing, estimates for funding were flawed from the beginning, reason CAT drainage subcommittee has fought hard to increase the bond proposition amount, savings from future damage along with the city's local 25% match may be the best bang for the city's buck.

Linda Jenkins, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated city leaders and Staff have continually reminded the Citizen Advisory Team and citizens that the city has no responsibility to fix the ongoing Clear Creek drainage issues, whose responsibility is it to keep six feet of water out of streets during a flood event, leadership should fight for citizens safety and security after years of catastrophic flooding, and has city leadership consistently lobbied on behalf of Friendswood for Clear Creek. She applauds the city for being willing to propose a bond proposition for drainage, not fair and open to citizens to ignore the data and number suggested by the Citizen Advisory Team, and asked Council to not lowball the bond proposition amount for drainage.

Sarah Van Riper, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated that the Citizen Advisory Team drainage subcommittee is pleading with Council to be great leaders, do not blame Galveston County Flood Control District for not fixing the city's flood disasters, do not wait on League City to design drainage for Friendswood, do not underfund the bond, chances of being awarded grant money could be lost to other cities that have proper funding, use Rice University model to further develop the drainage project, build on the existing study, why pay League City to do their drainage study, would take too long to wait on League City study, include that terracing will be designed in the ballot language, put clear language into proposition, do not want drainage pipe like City of Houston, remove dredging from the proposition language since it will not be done, and provide voters a clear vision of what Council believes the terracing project will include.

Gail Lovely, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated flood mitigation weighs heavily on her, has seen the research and possible solutions for Clear Creek flooding, numbers provided by the Drainage Subcommittee did not add up, Citizen Advisory Team drainage subcommittee fact-checked the cost numbers, did not reengineer any of the work already done, worked hard to determine if there were gaps or extras in cost numbers, the drainage proposition is the only proposition that has been cut over and over, has been difficult to see amounts added to other propositions, thought city leadership would take active roles in getting other entities involved in partnerships, and Council needs to take the lead by considering it their job to protect citizen's homes.

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Lee Coggins, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated Council should make sure they use sound engineering fundamentals to develop drainage along Clear Creek, do not limit themselves, there are many opportunities the city can take, disappointed in the tone of the Council last meeting, going to be an expenditure for the city, and he would like to hear that drainage plan is an investment for the city. His hometown Rochester, Minnesota, was faced with the same situation 35 years ago, showed pictures and discussed solutions used to address their flooding issues, and asked Council when they discuss the drainage bond issue to make it an investment not an expenditure for the city.

Lillian Wilson, Friendswood resident, addressed Council and stated everyone wants the same thing, a community that is safe, and a community that does not leave out neighborhoods that cannot prosper because of repetitive flooding. At the last Council meeting was curious at the manner Council approached the bonds, and city needs to have sufficient amount of money to pair up with other organizations. She further stated she spoke with some citizens this week and they would vote no because they do not trust the city with that much money and would not finish what is supposed to be done, use the Rice University study, and allow the Citizen Advisory Team members to advocate for the bond.

ACTION ITEM

****Councilmember Griffon moved to approve a contract with Galveston County for Election Services. Seconded by Councilmember Branson. The motion was approved unanimously.**

RESOLUTION

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve Resolution **R2019-25** – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, providing for the administration of a bond election. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.**

ORDINANCE

****Councilmember Rockey moved to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2019-34** – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, calling a Bond Election to be held within the city on November 5, 2019; and containing other provisions incidental thereto. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Discussion took place between Mayor, Council, and Staff regarding reviewing projects presented at previous Council meetings for bond funds, amounts per proposition to fund proposed projects, total of six propositions, and ballot language provide by bond attorney.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Branson stated on August 9, 2019, there was a ribbon cutting for the Pollinator Garden in Stevenson Park, two Keep Friendswood Beautiful Committee (KFB) members were honored, and thanked KFB again for all they do in the city.

Councilmember Griffon stated the correct date for the Senior Citizens Grand Casino Extravaganza at the Senior Activity Center is August 16, 2019, at 3:00 PM, invited everyone to come and have a great time.

Councilmember Rockey stated that the Friendswood Public Library is hosting their first ever gala on October 4, 2019, tickets will be \$100 per person, formal attire, roaring 1920's theme, there will be a well-known guitarist, silent auction, and a live auction item of dinner with the Mayor, and all funds raised go to support the Friends of the Library.

Councilmember Erenwert stated he agreed with Mike Ross's comments regarding keeping Friendswood beautiful, as a community everyone can try to pick up trash and keep the city beautiful, and keep passing the word on to everyone.

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Mayor Foreman and Councilmembers Hanks and Scott stated they had nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

******Councilmember Scott moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented: A. Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for Crossing Guards with Clear Creek Independent School District. B. Approve the minutes of the July 01, 2019, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Griffon. The motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mayor Mike Foreman

Attest:

Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary