

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

7 PM – SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, AT 07:00 PM AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

MAYOR PRO-TEM SALLY BRANSON
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE ROCKEY
COUNCILMEMBER TRISH HANKS
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT J. GRIFFON
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN SCOTT
COUNCILMEMBER BRENT ERENWERT
CITY ATTORNEY MARY KAY FISCHER
CITY MANAGER MORAD KABIRI
CITY SECRETARY MELINDA WELSH

Mayor Mike Foreman was absent from the meeting.

1. Call to order

Mayor Pro-Tem Branson called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation – Pastor Ralph Hobratschk, Hope Lutheran Church

The invocation was given by Pastor Ralph Hobratschk with 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)

Shooting Stars Girls Scouts Paige Armstrong and Alexandra Castillo with Troop 143007 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas.

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.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Branson asked if anyone would like to speak. No one spoke.

5. Public Hearing

To receive comments from the public, both oral and written, regarding:

A. Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Mayor Pro-Tem Branson called a Public Hearing to order to receive comments from the public, both oral and written, regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

City Manager Morad Kabiri stated Staff received the certified values after the last Council meeting, and is recommending to lower the tax rate by a penny. The proposed tax rate would still be over the Effective Tax Rate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Branson asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition to the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. No one spoke.

6. Discussion and Action

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

******Councilmember Scott moved to approve a contract with Harris County for Election Services. The motion was seconded and approved 6-0.

7. Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Pro- Tem Branson expressed condolences from the City of Friendswood for the Gordon family on the loss of their son Cole. The City of Friendswood flag will be flown at half-mast in honor of Cole Gordon until services have been completed.

Councilmembers Rockey, Hanks, Griffon, Scott, and Erenwert stated they had nothing to report.

8. Consent

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

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

******Councilmember Scott moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented: A. Approving the Minutes of the August 12, 2019, Council Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved 6-0.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Attest:

Mayor Mike Foreman

Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary