BEAUMONT
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MINUTES - CITY OF BEAUMONT

W.L. Pate, Jr., At-Large	**BECKY AMES, MAYOR**	**Gethrel Wright, At-Large**
Claude F. Guidroz, Ward I	**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**	**Michael D. Getz, Ward II**
Audwin Samuel, Ward III	**September 27, 2016**	**Robin Mouton, Mayor Pro Tem**
Tyrone E. Cooper, City Attorney	**Kyle Hayes, City Manager**	**Tina Broussard, City Clerk**

The City Council of the City of Beaumont, Texas, met in a regular session on **September 27, 2016**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following:

OPENING

* Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call
* Presentations and Recognition
* Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 3-8/Consent Agenda
* Consent Agenda

Mayor Ames called the council meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Pastor Connie Hunter, Associate Pastor of House of Prayer Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Ames led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was made by Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ames, Mayor Pro Tem Mouton, Councilmembers Guidroz, Getz, Wright, Pate and Samuel. Also present were Kyle Hayes, City Manager; Tyrone Cooper, City Attorney; Tina Broussard, City Clerk.

Proclamations, Presentations, Recognitions

"Fire Prevention Week" - October 9-15, 2016 - Proclamation read by Mayor Ames; accepted by Chief Anne Huff, Beaumont Fire Department along with staff

Public Comment: Persons may speak on scheduled agenda items 3-8/Consent Agenda.

Lynn Castle **500 Main St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke regarding Item A on the Consent Agenda; renewal of a one year contract with the Art Museum of Southeast Texas

Tom Bell **390 Fannin St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke regarding Item C on the Consent Agenda; renewing the one year contract with the BUILD, Inc., Beaumont Main Street

Ryan Smith **600 Main St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke regarding Item B on the Consent Agenda; renewal of a one year contract with the Texas Energy Museum

Alicia McKibbin **2240 Calder Ave.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke regarding Item D on the Consent Agenda; renewal of a one year contract with the Beaumont Heritage Society

CONSENT AGENDA

* Approval of minutes – September 20, 2016

* Confirmation of committee appointments – None

A) Approve a one year contract with the Art Museum of Southeast Texas for FY 2017 – **Resolution 16 - 181**

B) Approve a one year contract with the Texas Energy Museum for FY 2017 - **Resolution 16 - 182**

C) Approve a one year contract with BUILD, Inc., Beaumont Main Street for FY 2017 - **Resolution 16 - 183**

D) Approve a one year contract with Beaumont Heritage Society/John Jay French Museum for FY 2017 - **Resolution 16 - 184**

E) Approve a one year contract with the Southeast Texas Arts Council (SETAC) for FY 2017 - **Resolution 16 - 185**

F) Authorize the City Manager to execute a recyclable materials processing agreement with Waste Management - **Resolution 16 - 186**

G) Authorize the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement with the Texas Energy Museum - **Resolution 16 - 187**

Mayor Pro Tem Mouton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider a request to rezone property located at 2665 North 11th Street from RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Highest Density) District and RM-M (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Medium Density) District to GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) District.

   Alyssa Thompson, on behalf of Kimley-Horn and Associates, is requesting a zone change for the property located at 2665 N 11th Street. Ms. Thompson states her company would like to develop the property into a rapid recovery center. The zoning of the 16.4142 acre tract is currently split into three separate zones, GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) District, RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Highest Density) District and RM-M (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Medium Density) District. The proposed GC-MD zoning will eliminate the split-zoned lot and accommodate the rapid recovery center.

   At a Joint Public Hearing held on September 19, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended 7:1 to approve a rezoning from RM-H (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling - Highest Density) District and RM-M (Residential Multiple Family Dwelling-Medium Density) District to GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) District.

   Councilmember Pate moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONING DISTRICTS, AS INDICATED UPON THE ZONING MAP OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY PRESENTLY ZONED RM-H (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING-HIGHEST DENSITY) DISTRICT AND RM-M (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING-MEDIUM DENSITY) DISTRICT TO GC-MD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL-MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2665 NORTH 11TH STREET, BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.** Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

   AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

   NAYS: **NONE**

   MOTION PASSED

   Ordinance 16 - 046

2. Council to repeal Ordinance No. 16-039 and consider a rezoning from R-S (Residential-Single Family Dwelling) District to GC-MD-2 (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling-2) District

   John Wilson is requesting a zone change for the property located at 1350 W. Lucas Drive. The property to the north and west is zoned R-S (Residential-Single Family Dwelling) District and GC-MD (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling) District to the east and south. The proposed zone change would allow the property to be used as the business office for J. Wilson's Restaurant located to the south at 4190 Gladys.

Although further commercial encroachment into the residential area is a consideration, the minor expansion is located on Lucas, a major arterial and would extend no further than the northern boundary of the GC-MD property to the east.

At a Joint Public Hearing held on August 15, 2016, the Planning Commission recommended 7:0 to approve a rezoning from R-S (Residential-Single Family Dwelling) District to GC-MD-2 (General Commercial-Multiple Family Dwelling-2) District at 1350 W. Lucas Drive.

At the City Council Meeting held August 23, 2016, Ordinance No. 16-039 was approved granting GC-MD zoning for the subject property. The Planning Commission's recommendation was for GC-MD-2. The Administration also recommends that the property should be zoned GC-MD-2.

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Guidroz moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AND ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 16-039 AND ENACTING AN ORDINANCE THEREAFTER AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONING DISTRICTS, AS INDICATED UPON THE ZONING MAP OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY PRESENTLY ZONED RS (RESIDENTIAL-SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING) DISTRICT TO GC-MD-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL-MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING-2) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1350 W. LUCAS. BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.** Mayor Pro Tem Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 16 - 047

3. Consider an ordinance for the annexation of approximately 77.737 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Folsom Drive and Major Drive.

The City has identified a 77.737 acre area, for annexation into the City of Beaumont. The area is located at the southwest corner of Folsom Drive and Major Drive. This area is divided into five (5) parcels and is served by city water and sewer service from Major Drive. This portion of Major Drive has experienced new development, including a church, an apartment complex and a restaurant. Being outside the city limits, fire, emergency and police response to these properties is currently limited. Because of these facts, staff recommends annexing this area. Attached is the "Annexation Service Plan" outlining the municipal services to this area as it is incorporated into the City of Beaumont.

At a Joint Public Hearing held on May 16, 2016, the Planning Commission voted 8:0 recommending approval of the annexation of approximately 77.737 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Folsom Drive and Major Drive. On September 6, 2016 City Council conducted two Public Hearings to receive input on this proposed annexation.

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Getz moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 77.737 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FOLSOM DRIVE AND MAJOR DRIVE INTO THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SAID PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND GRANTING THE SAID TERRITORY AND TO ALL INHABITANTS THEREOF ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS; BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN.** Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 16 – 048

4. Consider a resolution approving the award of a contract to McInnis Construction, Inc. of Silsbee for the construction of the new Fire Station No. 1.

The current Fire Station No. 1, located at 747 College, was constructed in 1981 and has served the needs of the Fire Department for 35 years. The existing station is in need of a major upgrade and after the efforts of past foundation repairs; the foundation continues to experience major settlement issues. The new Fire Station will provide space for personnel training and house an EMS unit and associated personnel.

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, bids were solicited for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and supplies necessary to construct the new Fire Station at Babe Zaharias Park near the intersection of Caldwell and Gulf Street. The final bid total includes the Base Bid amount and Alternates #1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10, and #11. Five (5) five bids were received for the project.

A total of 450 calendar days are allocated for the completion of the project.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE BID SUBMITTED BY MCINNIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF SILSBEE, TEXAS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,409,783.00 FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BEAUMONT FIRE STATION NO. 1 PROJECT BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MCINNIS CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF SILSBEE, TEXAS.** Mayor Pro Tem Mouton seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 16 – 188

5. Consider amending Section 22.02.001, Water Service Rates and Section 22.02.002, Wastewater Service Rates of the Code of Ordinances to increase rates by three percent effective October 1, 2016.

The FY 2017 Budget as approved on September 20, 2016, anticipates issuing an estimated $20 Million in revenue bonds during FY 2017. The bond funds will be used for capital improvements at the water plant, sewer plant and related infrastructure improvements within the water and sewer systems (see attached). The revenue generated by the three percent (3%) increase is needed to pay the debt service related to the revenue bonds.

The annual debt service needed to repay $20 Million over a 20 year period at an estimated interest rate of 3.5% is $1,380,000. Increasing water and sewer rates 3%, based on the projected revenue for FY 2016, would produce $1,380,000 in additional revenue.

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Guidroz moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 22.02, SECTIONS 22.02.001(A) AND 22.02.002(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 16 – 049

6. Consider a resolution establishing a deadline for the consideration of Housing Tax Credit Applications.

For many years the City has supported the development of Housing Tax Credit projects that have offered hundreds of affordable housing units to our citizens. As part of the consideration for supporting a project, the City has considered the need of the units, balanced with such factors as the need for the proper planning of land use and traffic management.

In recent years, the City has received an increasing number of requests to support applications for Housing Tax Credit applications. In addition, State-mandated deadlines have become more abbreviated and the time for City Council to adequately consider these applications has become an issue.

As such, staff is recommending that December 1st of each year be established as the deadline for any requests of City Council to consider any type of acknowledgement or support of a project as it relates to the Housing Tax Credit Program.

Approval of the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Mouton moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE STATEMENTS AND FINDINGS SET OUT IN THE PREAMBLE TO THIS RESOLUTION ARE HEREBY, IN ALL THINGS, APPROVED AND ADOPTED AND THAT THE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE DEADLINE FOR ANY REQUEST OF CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ANY TYPE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT OF A PROJECT AS IT RELATES TO THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 16 - 189

7. Consider authorizing a lease agreement with amendments as requested by the City with Enterprise FM Trust for the lease of thirty-one vehicles.

The City of Beaumont's fleet includes 415 vehicles that are considered to be light or medium size vehicles. These vehicles range in age from new to more than 30 years old with the average age being eight (8) years; 25% are more than ten (10) years old and 13% are more than over fifteen (15) years old. Each year during the budget process, all fleet vehicles are looked at for age, mileage, maintenance and repair cost, and priority in providing city services to determine if it is in need of replacement.

Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.'s (EFM) fleet management program provides a solution to this problem of aging light and medium duty vehicles through equity leases and resale. The equity lease is typically for a term of five years. At the end of the lease term the City can either purchase the vehicle for the residual value or can have Enterprise Fleet Management sell the vehicle through auction whereby the City receives the net sales proceeds. At that time the City can either keep those proceeds or use them to put another new vehicle under lease. The advantages to this program include the creation of a replacement cycle for the vehicles that tend to be left behind, improved fuel efficiency, reduced maintenance costs, higher resale return through a broad and well established resale network and more properly matched vehicles to the needs of the operation. There are no wear and tear penalties or mileage restrictions built into this lease.

Thirty-one (31) vehicles have been identified to be replaced through an equity lease. The average age is twelve (12) years with models ranging from 1998 to 2009. These vehicles were identified based on mileage, age, maintenance expense to date, and parts availability. The thirty-one (31) vehicles will be new vehicles ordered by Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., leveraging government discounts with all manufactures.

The Texas Local Government Code Chapter 791 allows a governmental agency to enter into a joint purchasing agreement. The City is entering into the lease agreement with Enterprise FM Trust through Region VIII Education Service Center, The Interlocal Purchasing System or TIPS which awarded a competitively bid contract.

Approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **APPROVE A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY MANAGER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EQUITY LEASE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND ENTERPRISE FM TRUST FOR THE LEASE OF THIRTY-ONE (31) VEHICLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.** Councilmember Guidroz seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Resolution 16 – 190

8. Consider amending the FY 2016 Budget related to the Capital Reserve Fund.

In accordance with Article VI of the City Charter, the City Manager shall strictly enforce the provisions of the budget as specified in the ordinance adopting the budget. He shall not authorize or approve any expenditure unless an appropriation has been made in the budget ordinance adopting the budget, and there is an available unencumbered balance of the appropriation sufficient to pay the liability to be incurred. Approving the proposed amendment will ensure that expenditures are within the approved budget.

The details of the amendment are as follows:

On August 23, 2016, City Council approved the payoff of The Beaumont Yacht Club, Inc.'s Small Business Administration loan in the amount of $464,677.92. The payment will be offset by the proceeds from the sale of the property. The Capital Reserve Fund needs to appropriate $465,000 of additional expenditures to account for the payment. There is sufficient fund balance to cover this proposed amendment.

Capital Reserve Fund	Original Budget	Proposed Amendment	Amended Budget
Total Expenditures	$ 4,088,800	$ 465,000	$ 4,553,800

Approval of the ordinance.

Councilmember Samuel moved to **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL.** Councilmember Pate seconded the motion.

AYES: **MAYOR AMES, MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON, COUNCILMEMBERS GUIDROZ, GETZ, WRIGHT, PATE AND SAMUEL**

NAYS: **NONE**

MOTION PASSED

Ordinance 16 – 050

WORK SESSION

* Review and discuss the City's Emergency Management Plan

Mike Custer, with the Emergency Management Department reviewed and discussed the City of Beaumont's Emergency Management Plan in regards to the Government Code 418, which has been posted on the City website for several years. The Emergency Management personnel contact information is on the EM webpage for questions or feedback regarding the plan. The Code requires the City to have a plan in place, it also requires an annual public review of non-sensitive portions of the plan. Mr. Custer, discussed the Emergency Management involvement incidents such as major incidents, major events and exercises along with grant management. There were several exercises that were done, such as the Regional Notification Exercise, and the Citywide Hurricane Exercise.

The planning for Emergency Management will involve updating multiple annexes to the Emergency Operations Plan. There is current work with the SETRPC and regional partners to complete the 5 year Hazard Mitigation Plan, with a completion of December, 2016. Focus for FY2017 is planning the CIKR protection and continuity of operations. There will be community wide planning teams, significant outreach programs that encourage preparedness and cell phone registrations. Provide and/or host training in aspect of the EM Plan, including: hazmat, explosives, radiological, incident command system, web management system, and other training to City and non-City personnel from around the State. Public Information Workshops have occurred with 50+ classes and 800+ students so far in 2016. Facilitated after action review of major incidents, events and exercises will also take place. The City has implemented emergency notifications and awareness such as incident related information be posted to beaumonttexas.gov public safety website, access to online free FEMA training, emergency planning templates, and other direct links posted on the Emergency Management webpage. There is cell phone registration, as well as citizens having the ability to call 311 or click on the webpage link. There are Community Awareness Programs available to include: Skywarn; Community Active Shooter; Emergency Information and Planning; Public Safety Awareness; Shelter-in-Place; Bomb Threats and General Emergency Management. There are emergency plan templates and samples available, evacuation checklist and tips, go kit checklist as well as household insurance inventory available on the EM webpage.

PUBLIC HEARING

* Receive comments related to the City's Emergency Management Plan

Open: 2:22 p.m.

None

Close: 2:22 p.m.

WORK SESSION

* Review and discuss the possibility of constructing a hard surface soccer court at Central Park

Kyle Hayes, City Manager discussed with Council the possibility of constructing a hard surface soccer court, potentially at Central Park. Mr. Hayes gave a brief summary in regards to the soccer court. Many months ago a citizen by the name of Marco Hernandez approached Council about a potential place to play what is called Futsal, which is an abbreviated form of soccer that was founded back in the 1930. When Mr. Hernandez, approached Council he and others were playing soccer on a tennis court at Central Park. This form of soccer is played on a hard surface with five against five. Councilmember Guidroz worked with the group to try and find a place that could be repurposed. There were several areas that were looked at, unfortunately none of those areas worked out. Mr. Hayes passed out a budget, with more discussion in regards to the type of court that would be constructed. It was stated that the court size would be 80 x 40, with a concrete foundation, the fencing would be a 10ft proposed fence. The lighting would be the most expensive to do, the estimated cost of the Futsal court with lighting would be approximately $110,000.00, without lighting the cost would be around $65,000.00. Mr. Hayes stated that as they were working on gathering all information associated with this proposed soccer court the budget had already been prepared and submitted, this project would not be a part of the budget. There are several pieces of property that the City owns that could be used to create the Futsal Court. Also, Mr. Hayes stated that there's cash available and most of the work will be contracted out, some of the small items can be done in-house. At this time he's looking for direction from the Council. Mr. Hayes did make mention that this is an item that won't come back to Council, as most of the work will be done by different contractors and will not exceed $50,000.00.

COMMENTS

* Councilmembers/City Manager/City Attorney comments on various matters

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GUIDROZ - STATED THAT IT WAS A GREAT WEEKEND IN BEAUMONT, ALL HOTEL ROOMS WERE FULL DUE TO A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES GOING ON, VISITORS WERE HAVING TO GO TO PORT ARTHUR TO GET ROOMS, COMMENTED ON MENTAL ILLNESS, THANKED AMANDA BEARD WITH SPINDLETOP MHMR AND THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM, AS WELL AS POLICE OFFICERS THAT ARE EXPERTS WHEN DEALING WITH MENTAL ILL PATIENTS

COUNCILMEMBER GETZ - COMMENTED ON THE COLLECTION PROCESS THAT HE SPOKE ABOUT ON LAST WEEK, STATED THAT HE MENTIONED THAT THE CITY MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER CONTRACTING OUT

WITH A THIRD PARTY LAW FIRM TO TAKE OVER ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS, WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITY TO CONSIDER THAT THERE ARE COMPANIES OUT THERE THAT WILL BUY THOSE ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES UP FRONT, THEY WILL ACTUALLY GIVE US A SUM OF MONEY FOR ACCOUNTS THAT ARE IN COLLECTION STATUS, IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE OF THE CITY TO LOOK INTO THIS, SPOKE REGARDING EVENTS HELD OVER THE WEEKEND, THE 55 AND OVER USTA SANCTION TENNIS TOURNAMENT, THE 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL HELD AT THE EVENT CENTRE ON SATURDAY, THE BEER FESTIVAL WAS SOLD OUT AGAIN, ANNOUNCED THAT STAYING ALIVE, WITH JOHN TRAVOLTA, WILL BE PLAYING AT THE JEFFERSON THEATRE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

COUNCILMEMBER WRIGHT - (LEFT MEETING AT 2:39 P.M.)

COUNCILMEMBER PATE - COMMENTED ON LAMAR UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL, THE 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL, IT WAS A GREAT EVENT AND WELL ATTENDED, COMPLIMENTED MARCO HERNANDEZ AND HIS FRIENDS THAT BROUGHT FUTSAL SOCCER TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, THIS COULD TURN OUT TO BE SOMETHING BIG AND COULD ULTIMATELY BRING FUTSAL TOURNAMENTS TO THE CITY IN THE FUTURE

COUNCILMEMBER SAMUEL - COMMENDED MARCO HERNANDEZ, THANKED HIM FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE, CONTINUE TO DREAM BIG AND WORK TOWARDS MAKING YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE

MAYOR PRO TEM MOUTON - THANKED MARCO HERNANDEZ FOR STANDING UP AND SEEING HIS DREAM AND BRINGING IT TO COUNCIL TO SEE IT THROUGH, ALONG WITH THE REST OF HIS GROUP, COMMENTED ON ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT OCCURRED OVER THE WEEKEND, ON SATURDAY THE GREATER SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP BLOCK PARTY WAS HELD, THE TYRRELL PARK OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK, AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND THE CASA SUPER HERO RUN AT PARKDALE MALL, ON SUNDAY, THE 14TH ANNUAL PRAY BEAUMONT PRAYER DRIVE, ALSO STATED THAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016, AT 7:00 A.M., WILL BE THE JULIE RICHARDSON PROCTOR 5K COLOR RUSH WITH THE GIFT OF LIFE

CITY ATTORNEY COOPER - NONE

CITY MANAGER HAYES - REPORTED TO TWO ITEMS THAT WERE REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS, THE FIRST WAS IN REGARDS TO I10 AND HWY 69, PARTICULARLY THE SECTION ON 11TH ST., STATED THAT THERE IS A TEAM OF EIGHT THAT ARE WORKING TO GET THAT AREA CLEANED UP, THOSE AREAS ARE THE

RESPONSIBILITY OF TXDOT, STATED THAT HE AND STAFF HAVE MET WITH TXDOT, DISCOVERED THAT THEY ARE MOWING, BUT ONLY THREE TIMES A YEAR, ALSO LEARNED IN THAT MEETING THAT THE MOWING HAS BEEN CONTRACTED OUT, HE AND STAFF ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH TXDOT ARE SPENDING ON THE MOWING CONTRACTS, WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THEM AGAIN TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY ARE SPENDING ON CONTRACTING THE MOWING OUT AND IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER PAYING THE CITY IF WE WERE TO TAKE THIS PROJECT ON, AT THIS TIME THE TAX PAYERS OF THE CITY ARE PAYING STAFF TO CUT AND CLEAN THE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS THAT TXDOT SHOULD BE DOING BUT AREN'T, STATED THAT AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS THAT ARE HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ARE MAKING SURE THOSE AREAS ARE MOWED AND CLEANED OF ANY DEBRIS, ALSO IN REGARDS TO THE CITIZEN THAT CAME TO COUNCIL ON LAST WEEK INQUIRING ABOUT PAPERLESS WATER BILLS, STAFF IS WORKING ON TRYING TO GET THE PAPERLESS WATER BILLS IN PLACE FOR THOSE CITIZENS THAT WOULD LIKE TO GO PAPERLESS

MAYOR AMES - ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND TAKE PART IN THE JULIE RICHARDSON PROCTOR 5K COLOR RUSH, WITH THE JULIE ROGERS GIFT OF LIFE AT THE BEAUMONT CIVIC CENTER, AS WELL AS ATTEND THE FIRE FESTIVAL AT THE BEAUMONT FIRE MUSEUM

Public Comments (Persons are limited to three minutes)

Godfrey Leggett **185 Marceline** **Beaumont TX**

Stated that the City of Beaumont has lost a long time resident who passed away but had moved to Vidor, he moved to Vidor because of Old Town restrictions, stated that the home he lived in was located in Old Town, he built a carport at that home, he received a visit from the Code Enforcement Department that told him he couldn't have the carport and that he needed to tear the carport down, he was really upset about having to tear it down, so he packed up and moved away, stated that there has to be something that can be done about Old Town and the restrictions, stated he hates Old Town and that it needs to go away

Samuel Lavador **1159 S. 11th St.** **Beaumont TX**

Spoke in support of Marco Hernandez and the hard ground soccer court, stated that he and most of his friends that play soccer after hours all work late, the lights are needed, it would also make the court safer and better for them to play, thanked all of Council for considering the lights and for making this court a reality

Marco Hernandez **2556 Angelina** **Beaumont TX**

Thanked Council for the soccer court and all that they have done, stated that he has a meeting with some citizens from Old Town in regards to the restrictions of the neighborhood

There being no Executive Session, Council adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Audio available upon request in the City Clerk's Office.

Becky Ames, Mayor

Tina Broussard, City Clerk