

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ruge called the special meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Alicia Ramirez, City Secretary, certified a quorum with the following Council Members present:

Mayor Todd Ruge
Council Member Angela Kennedy
Council Member Wiley Hopkins
Council Member Jose Montoya
Council Member Eileen Altmiller

Kenneth Williams, City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Lane and Council Member George Haehn were absent from the meeting.

City Staff in attendance: Assistant City Manager Brian La Borde, City Secretary Alicia Ramirez, City Engineer Stanley Fees, Finance Manager Sidonna Foust, Planning Director Chance Sparks, Chief of Police Bo Kidd, Library Director Melinda Hodges, Tourism Director Lysa Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director Drew Wells, Public Works Director Mike Beggs, Water Specialist Brian Lillibridge, and Executive Assistant Isabel Fernandez.

ADOPTION OF A FIRST AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN SUPPORT OF THE BONDS; APPROVING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS; AWARDING THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS (#2015-07)

Assistant City Manager Brian LaBorde, Jennifer Douglas of Specialize Public Finance, Inc., and Richard Donohue of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton Bond Counsel presented background information.

Council Member Haehn arrived to the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Council Member Haehn commented on the ten-year clause noting increases due to property value should be utilized to pay off existing debt.

Motion, to introduce adopt the Ordinance, awarding to BOSC, Inc. of Dallas, TX, at the low interest rate of 2.78557% , as presented, was made by Mayor Ruge and seconded Council Member Montoya. AYE: Ruge, Kennedy, Hopkins, Montoya, and Altmiller. Nay: Haehn. Motion carried 5-1.

UPDATE ON 2014 BOND PROGRAM

Assistant City Manager Brian LaBorde and ECM Representatives presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

Mayor Pro Tem Lane arrived to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

General discussion was held on the Bradfield Park Trail, tree relocation costs, and project contingency funds.

Mayor Ruge suggested staff proceed with the project and to present their findings regarding the tree relocations.

PRESENTATIONS

OVERVIEW

City Manager Kenneth Williams provided an overview of the budget process and related matters

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON GROWTH TRENDS, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND PROJECTIONS

Planning Director Chance Sparks presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON CITY OF BUDA'S FY 2015-2016 FINANCIALS, FY 2014-15 2ND QUARTER FINANCIALS AND YEAR-END BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Finance Manager Sidonna Foust presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2015-2016

City Manager Kenneth Williams presented background information. The following goals were expressed by the Mayor and Council Members:

Mayor

- Ability to provide employee salary increases
- Dog park
- Market the website "Notify Me" feature

Mayor Pro Tem Lane

- Referring to Capital Improvement bar graph, completing existing bond program project first and not advocating new projects.
- Concurred with Mayor regarding employee salary increases
- Stagecoach Park: market and advertise the park and trails, thereby shifting usage from City Park
- Replacement of aging equipment, fleet, and technology
- Improve workforce and provide tools to complete job

Council Member Kennedy

- Community Development Plan for affordable housing; proactive approach
- Trail system on the west side was not included in CIP presentation and may assist with utilization of overall trail system.
- Water conservation goals: allocating monies for education and incentives, turf replacement, on-going studies, e.g. brackish desalinization.

Council Member Altmiller

- Providing for prevailing wages

- Drainage
- Transit not addressed in budget proposal
- Allocate more funds to water initiatives
- Completing all projects correctly the first time
- East side of the city
- Installing additional speed/radar signs

Council Member Haehn

- To be aware and ahead of issues; transparency
- Issue bonds to begin projects; accelerate projects
- Payoff old and existing debt with excess funds
- Freeze project at existing level; sticking to the basics
- Relay all information

Council Member Hopkins

- Water issues and related concerns
- Safety: supportive of the police department and growth patterns
- In support of competitive salaries and benefits, specifically due to additional services provided by staff
- Planning and Development of Solar Energy concept: establish criteria to encourage usage; add to projects; residential and commercial
- History of Main Street and former landfill property.

Council Member Montoya

- Citizen involvement in projects
- Water/Wastewater conservation and securing resources
- Selective in economic development selections
- Citizen communication: website, include messages in utility statements, e.g. project updates, etc.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES AND ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES

Water Specialist Brian Lillibridge presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

General discussion was held on the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency (HCPUA) Phase 1-A approval of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) funding and application process, project cost, contract amendment required to revise the cost percentages, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) system transfer, City of Kyle and San Marcos non-water usage reservation payment to GBRA and offsetting the non-usage fee by sharing the water, securing the infrastructure clearance, and moving forward with the plan and speaking with the various partners.

In conclusion, Mayor Ruge commented on the Council's strong desire to be creative in presenting their ideas.

General discussion was held on the Direct Potable Reuse concept and facility site visit.

DISCUSSION REGARDING WASTEWATER PROJECTS

City Engineer Stanley Fees presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FY 2015-2016

Assistant City Manager Brian LaBorde presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

General discussion was held on the various transportation projects; addressing portions within the city limits in relation to outside the city limits; design elements being minimized, providing an opportunity to comment on roadway designs; the need for a traffic signal at FM 1626 near Elm Grove Elementary but not scheduled until after the roadway construction is completed; and traffic calming concept.

Further discussion was held on a potential dog park location at Whispering Hollow subdivision, issue with the mesquite trees and parking noting the Sportsplex was a more suitable location; and the funding allocated for the park trail system.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAND USE REGULATION & ANALYSIS, ECONOMICS AND APPROACHES BUDA CAN EMPLOY TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM AFFORDABILITY

Planning Director Chance Sparks presented background information. *A copy of the presentation is part of the supplemental minute record.*

General discussion was held on assisting the developer conduct more public hearings, further outreach engagements, and leveraging city funds to incentivize such developments.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE DISCUSSION REGARDING DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Ruge, Council postponed the item until the next budget retreat.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF A SALARY SURVEY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Ruge, Council postponed the item until the next budget retreat.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER, MAYOR, AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion, to adjourn the meeting, was made by Mayor Ruge and seconded by Council Member Montoya. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

THE CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Todd Ruge, Mayor

Alicia Ramirez, TRMC
City Secretary

In accordance with Article III, Section 3.10, of the Official Code of the City of Buda, the minutes of this meeting consist of the preceding Minute Record and the Supplemental Minute Record. Details on Council meetings may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, or video of the entire meeting may be downloaded from the website. (Portions of the Supplemental Minute Record video tape recording may be distorted due to equipment malfunction or other uncontrollable factors.)