

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CALHOUN §
CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 5th day of September 2017, the City Council of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas, with the following members in attendance:

Jack Whitlow	Mayor
Jerry Smith	Councilman, District 1
Tim Dent	Councilman, District 2
Jan Regan	Councilwoman, District 3
Rosie G. Padron	Councilwoman, District 4
Jim Ward	Councilman, District 5
Ken Barr	Councilman, District 6, Mayor Pro Tem

And with the following absent: None

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Whitlow called the special meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. and presided.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A TAX RATE FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR SPECIFYING THEREIN THE DESIRED RATE AND PUBLISHING NOTICE THEREOF

Finance Director Mason advised Council that the proposed tax rate for 2017 will be \$0.7944 per \$100 value. She said that staff recommended placing a proposal to adopt a Tax Rate for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as an action item on the September 11, 2017 regular meeting agenda, with a desired rate of \$0.7944 per \$100 value.

Councilman Barr made a motion to pass the following:

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves placing a proposal to adopt a Tax Rate for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as an action item on the September 11, 2017 regular meeting agenda, with a desired rate of \$0.7944 per \$100 value and publishing notice thereof.

Councilwoman Regan seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

CONSIDER RESETTING TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

City Secretary Grant advised Council that at the August 14, 2017 regular meeting, two special meetings for public hearings on the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget had been recommended for the following dates and times:

- Monday, August 28, 2017 5:30 P.M.
- Monday, September 11, 2017 6:30 P.M.

Grant said that the August 28, 2017 special meeting had been cancelled due to the mandatory evacuation caused by Hurricane Harvey; therefore, the public hearings were to be reset.

Councilman Barr made a motion to pass the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves resetting meetings for public hearings on the proposed 2017-2018 fiscal year budget for the following dates and times:

- Monday, September 11, 2017 6:30 P.M.
- Monday, September 18, 2017 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Dent seconded this motion.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

CONSIDER RESETTING TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 TAX RATE

This agenda item was passed.

CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY EXECUTED BY MAYOR ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Mayor Whitlow advised Council he had signed a Disaster Declaration on September 1, 2017.

Councilman Dent made a motion to pass the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca on the 25th day of August, 2017 has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from Hurricane Harvey and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Port Lavaca has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Port Lavaca.
2. That the City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the City Council of Port Lavaca, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

Councilwoman Padron seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

Mayor Whitlow advised Council he had also signed an Extension of Disaster Declaration on September 3, 2017.

Councilman Dent made a motion to pass the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca on the 25th day of August, 2017 and continuing has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from Hurricane Harvey and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Port Lavaca has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

1. That a continuing state of disaster is declared for the City of Port Lavaca.
2. That the City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

Councilwoman Padron seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING HURRICANE HARVEY

Mayor Whitlow advised Council he had also signed an emergency order and immediate action for Aerial Spraying for Mosquito Control, with Calhoun County on behalf of the citizens of Port Lavaca, on September 3, 2017 and that action needed ratification. The order read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Port Lavaca has determined that due to the state of disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, is requesting aerial mosquito spraying for the city; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of mosquitoes from the extensive rains has caused a dire health risk for our population; and

WHEREAS, the extent of this situation is now a state of emergency and immediate action is necessary on behalf of the citizens of the City of Port Lavaca.

Councilman Ward made a motion to pass the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves ratification of the Mayor signing an emergency order and immediate action for Aerial Spraying for Mosquito Control, with Calhoun County on behalf of the citizens of Port Lavaca, on September 3, 2017.

Councilman Barr seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

City Manager Bradshaw requested Council waive fees on electrical permits due to Hurricane Harvey and authorize refund of electrical permits issued as of September 5, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

Councilwoman Regan made a motion to pass the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves waiver of fees for electrical permits due to Hurricane Harvey and also authorizes refund of electrical permits issued as of September 5, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

Councilman Barr seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

Mayor Whitlow asked for any comments from the public and the following spoke:

1. David A. Loewen Nautical Landing Marina (Boat Slip #18)
 - He reported being flooded out and needs assistance to pump water out. He was informed that the GLO and the Coast Guard were working with staff.
 - FEMA has also established an office at the Calhoun County Library.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) AND/OR BIDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISASTER DECLARATION RULES, FOR CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY, DEBRIS MANAGEMENT, DEBRIS COLLECTION, BRUSH CHIPPING, AND DISPOSAL OF THE STORM DEBRIS GENERATED DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR THE SAME AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY

City Engineer/Economic Development/Planning, Jody Weaver, advised Council she will soon be meeting with a representative from FEMA. James Griffin of Texas Disposal Systems was also in attendance and advised he was interested in submitting an RFP for disaster recovery related to Hurricane Harvey.

Weaver recommended Council authorize City Manager to solicit Request For Proposals (RFP's) and/or bids, in accordance with disaster declaration rules, for contracts for disaster recovery, debris management, debris collection, brush chipping, and disposal of the storm debris generated due to Hurricane Harvey and authorize City Manager to execute contracts for the same.

Councilman Barr made a motion to pass the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with the recommendation of staff, Council hereby approves authorizing City Manager to solicit Request For Proposals (RFP's) and/or bids, in accordance with disaster declaration rules, for contracts for disaster recovery, debris management, debris collection, brush chipping, and disposal of the storm debris generated due to Hurricane Harvey and authorize City Manager to execute contracts for the same.

Councilman Ward seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

Councilman Barr made a motion to adjourn the meeting

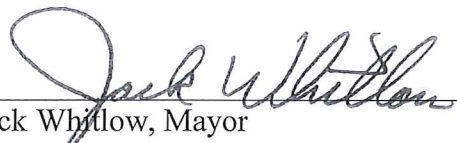
Councilman Dent seconded said motion

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Smith, Dent, Regan, Padron, Ward and Barr


NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.



Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mandy Grant, City Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE REGULAR MEETING PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT CITY HALL, 202 N. VIRGINIA STREET, PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THIS OR ANY OTHER MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL UPON THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR, ANY MEMBER(S) OF COUNCIL AND/OR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR THAT COUNCIL WILL RETIRE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY ON MATTERS IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE COUNCIL UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS MAY BE IN CONFLICT WITH CHAPTER 551 OF TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

(All matters listed under the Consent Agenda item are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.)

CALL TO ORDER

- CERTIFICATION OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING

AGENDA: (COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER/DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY)

1. CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A TAX RATE FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR SPECIFYING THEREIN THE DESIRED RATE AND PUBLISHING NOTICE THEREOF
2. CONSIDER RESETTING TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
3. CONSIDER RESETTING TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 TAX RATE.
4. CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY EXECUTED BY MAYOR ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.
5. CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING HURRICANE HARVEY.

ADJOURN

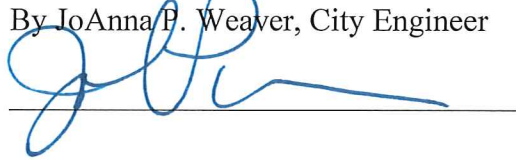
JACK WHITLOW, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS OF 5:30 P.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

MANDY GRANT,
CITY SECRETARY

By JoAnna P. Weaver, City Engineer



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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ADD SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM(S) FOR AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05 2017, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 202 NORTH VIRGINIA STREET, PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

AN EMERGENCY EXISTS BECAUSE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CITIZENS ARE AT RISK, DUE TO HURRICANE "HARVEY", WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) AND/OR BIDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISASTER DECLARATION RULES, FOR CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY, DEBRIS MANAGEMENT, DEBRIS COLLECTION, BRUSH CHIPPING, AND DISPOSAL OF THE STORM DEBRIS GENERATED DUE TO HURRICANE HARVEY AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR THE SAME AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY

JACK WHITLOW, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE

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MANDY GRANT,
CITY SECRETARY

