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MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
116 ASPEN LANE  
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023  
5:00 P.M.

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meetings law of the State of Texas.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Councilman Matthew Acock  
Councilman Tom Doyle  
Councilwoman Allison Francis  
Councilman Greg Blasko  
Councilman Carl Register

**Members Not Present:**

**City Staff Present:**

City Administrator/Chief of Police, Frank Morales  
Permit Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Rafael Diaz

1. Call to order.

*Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

*Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

*The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council.*

3. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting and Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Workshop of July 20, 2023.

*Councilwoman Francis made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

4. Citizens to be heard.

*At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. However, the Mayor or the City Administrator may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry or recite existing policy in response to an inquiry. A time limit of two minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.*

*Roma Cook had concerns about her hidden driveway and asked if a "hidden driveway" or "slow down" sign could be posted to slow people down.*

*Melody McMahan asked if the speed limit could be lowered coming from Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village. Chief Frank Morales shared that the city has just received a radar trailer that will be put into use the following week.*

*Paul shared his concerns on the condition of the roads on Marmon Ridge. He also asked that the city park an officer on or near the road to deter potential speeders.*

5. Discussion and possible action on calling a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2023 on a proposition to reauthorize the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent for purposes authorized by Chapter 327, Texas Tax Code, including maintenance and repair of City streets and sidewalks and on adopting Ordinance Number 1290 calling a Special Election on such proposition.

*Councilman Blasko motioned to accept Ordinance Number 1290 as written. Councilman Register seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

6. Discussion and possible action on calling a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2023, on a proposition to repurpose up to \$3,000,000 in proceeds of general obligation bonds originally issued for the purposes of designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, and equipping certain City street, curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements for the new purpose of designing, acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new municipal building/city hall on property owned by the City on Aspen Lane and completing related landscaping and site improvements and on adopting Ordinance Number 1291 calling a Special Election on such proposition.

*Councilwoman Frances motioned to hold a Special Election on November 7, 2023, as well as adopting Ordinance Number 1291 with amended language. Councilman Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

7. Discussion and possible action on calling a Special Election to be held on November 7, 2023, on a proposition to authorize the City of Hill Country Village to sell as R-2 residential approximately 14 acres of property owned by the City generally bordering Bitters Road and Tower Drive currently zoned R-2 residential (the “*Bitters Road Property*”) because the City has abandoned the original purpose of acquiring the Bitters Road Property to construct the municipal building/city hall on the Bitters Road Property by virtue of the City Council having decided to have a new City Hall constructed on other City-owned property and on adopting Ordinance Number 1292 calling a Special Election on such proposition.

*Councilman Acock motioned to call the Special Election with amended language and motioned to adopt Ordinance Number 1292. Councilman Register seconded. Motion passed; Councilman Doyle abstained.*

8. Discussion and possible action utilizing remaining funds from the 2019 Streets and Drainage Improvements to supplement the existing contract with Austin Bridge and Road and allow ABR to finish the work left incomplete by the previous contractor for the 2019 project.

*Tabled for future discussion.*

9. Discussion on Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget of the Texas Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget of the City of Hill Country Village.

10. Discussion and possible action on a proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate for the City of Hill Country Village and authorizing publication of a Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas.

*Councilman Acock motioned to set a proposed tax rate of .145. Councilman Register seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

11. Discussion and possible action to set the date and time for the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate.

*Councilman Blasko motioned to set the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Property Tax Rate for September 5, 2023. Councilwoman Frances seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

12. Report by Mayor on matters of community interest.

*Mayor Durand-Hollis had nothing to report.*

13. Report by City Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.

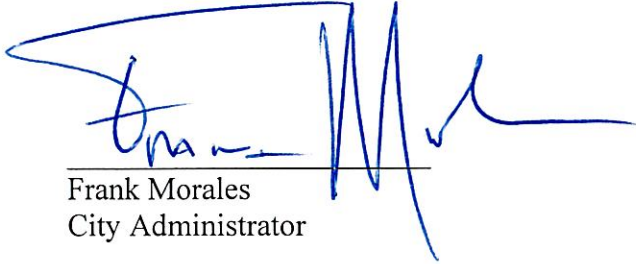
*Chief Frank Morales repeated the news of the radar trailer and explained how the city plans to utilize it.*

14. Adjourn.

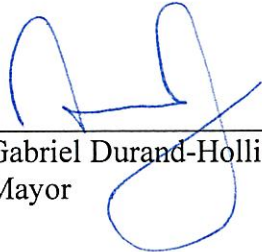
*Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.*

*The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in an open session. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development). No action may be taken in Executive Session.*

**APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023**



Frank Morales  
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis  
Mayor