

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**January 24, 2017**

**MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kirk Jones declared a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:        Kirk Jones                    Mayor  
                  John Champagne, Jr.    City Council Place # 2  
                  T.J. Wilkerson            City Council Place # 3  
                  Rebecca Huss            City Council Place # 4  
                  Dave McCorquodale    City Council Place # 5

Absent:         Jon Bickford                City Council Place # 1

Also Present:  Jack Yates                    City Administrator  
                  Larry Foerster             City Attorney

**INVOCATION**

John Champagne gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS**

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. Council may not discuss or take any action on an item, but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

Mayor Jones recognized some members of a Boy Scout Troop that were present, and asked them to introduce themselves.

Mr. Barry Arnette from Troop 772 and Mr. Cate Sampler from Troop 772 introduced themselves.

There were no other comments made.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Matters related to the approval of minutes for the public hearing and regular meeting held on January 10, 2017.
2. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:  
  
A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS SEEKING DESIGNATION AS A MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT; PROVIDING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE UPON PASSAGE.
3. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:  
  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION IN 2017.
4. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:  
  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, PLACES 1, 3 AND 5; APPROVING ELECTION SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.
5. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the Election Services Agreement by and between the City of Montgomery and Montgomery County, Texas.
6. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the Joint Election Agreement and Montgomery County Elections

7. Consideration and possible action authorizing the execution of construction contracts with Big State Excavation, Inc. for construction of Water and Sanitary Sewer to serve Pizza Shack.

Dave McCorquodale moved to approve the Consent Agenda items (1-7) as presented. Rebecca Huss seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

8. Consideration and possible action on Department Reports.

- A. Administrator's Report - Mr. Jack Yates, City Administrator presented his report to City Council. Mr. Yates advised that he wanted to report on two items that were not included on his written report.

Mr. Yates advised that he was in the process of trying to find out when Kroger's is going to open. Mr. Yates said that he had emailed the corporate office of Kroger in Cincinnati, Ohio, which he thought would be the ultimate place to find out that information. Mr. Yates said that as soon as he finds something out, he will advise City Council.

Mr. Yates said that something else, which he would like to discuss with City Council, is the situation at the mobile home park at the end of Old Plantersville Road. Mr. Yates said that the situation is there are old lines that run into the mobile home park, with City meters at each of the mobile homes. Mr. Yates said the lines that lead up to the mobile home park and between the meters and the homes are defacto public lines. Mr. Yates said that he is proposing that he will work with the City Attorney, City Engineer and the Mobile Home owner to set a Master Meter right off of the City line that runs down Old Plantersville Road, and the lines inside the Mobile Home Park are the owner's responsibility, which is how it has always been.

Rebecca Huss said that the Mobile Home Park is platted as a single private property, multi-family residence, so it would be just like how they have treated the apartment buildings in the City. They would have a large meter at the curb, and the property owner would own everything on the inside. Rebecca Huss said that it was her understanding that the lines were not installed by the City, nor have they been maintained by the City, nor are they up to City standards. Mr. Yates said that was correct. Mr. Yates said that there was a leak a couple of months ago, and it took them two weeks to fix the leak, which they did promptly repair when the City notified them.

Mr. Yates said that there was a fair amount of water that was lost. Mr. Yates said that he wanted to make sure that City Council was aware that he was going to be working on that matter. Rebecca Huss said that it made sense to her, because they are requiring everyone to pay for the water that they use, and they are trying to minimize the water that the City uses. Mr. Yates said that the Mobile Home Park will have to work something out with their tenants regarding the water bill. Mr. Yates said that they could also trade out the meters that they had at the Mobile Home Park for older meters, if the owner wanted to continue to charge the tenants based on their consumption.

John Champagne asked whether Kroger was waiting on anything from the City regarding their progress. Mr. Yates said no, and stated that he did not think that there had been any action at Kroger since mid-December. Mr. Yates said Kroger does not have their coolers, which will take a fair amount of time, along with installation of the shelves and getting the store stocked. John Champagne asked whether Jones & Carter had been in touch with Kroger.

Mr. Fleming, City Engineer, said that he meets weekly with Kroger on Wednesday morning, on site, and any delays that they are experiencing are internal and due solely to the Kroger Corporation. Mr. Fleming advised that they are approaching completion of the public utilities project to service the retail out parcel.

John Champagne said that, so everyone will know, the indication is that Kroger plans to open in what month. Mr. Fleming said that their opening date might have slid into summertime. Mr. Rick Hannah, City Building Inspector, advised that he goes by Kroger weekly to do inspections and monitor the construction. The construction superintendent has told Mr. Hannah that Kroger has a single crew that goes around the country opening Kroger stores, and this particular store is scheduled for August 2017, which means they will finish construction in July. Mr. Hannah said that he did not know about the schedule for the fuel center.

John Champagne asked to confirm that Kroger's default date regarding their agreement with the City was January 1, 2018. Mr. Yates said that was correct. John Champagne said that they will come in just under the deadline.

Mr. Yates said that they will also have to look at the City's budget, and will have to cut back on some of our expenses. Rebecca Huss said that the City is \$200,000 - \$150,000 under in projected revenues. Mr. Yates said that they were about \$170,000 under, but

they also have \$170,000 in property tax coming in the next couple of months. Mr. Yates said that the City was also down quite a bit on expenses. Mr. Yates said that the General Fund was at a positive \$82,000. John Champagne said that maybe at the next meeting they can discuss an amended budget. Mr. Yates said that he would bring information back to City Council.

A. Public Works Report – Mr. Mike Muckleroy, Public Works Manager, presented his report to City Council. Mr. Muckleroy stated that they had planted 11 trees at Cedar Brake Park. John Champagne asked what kind of trees were planted. Mr. Muckleroy advised that there were 7 different types of trees, but none of them were cedar trees.

B. Police Department Report – Chief James Napolitano, presented his report to City Council. Chief Napolitano said that on December 6, 2016, an individual had robbed the Compass Bank just outside the City limits. Officer Hernandez and Officer Riley were instrumental in apprehending the suspects and bringing the call to an end 26 minutes after the robbery occurred. Chief Napolitano then introduced Officer Riley, stating that the robbery occurred on his second day of work. Chief Napolitano advised that Officer Riley is an experienced officer and they welcome him to the department.

Chief Napolitano also recognized Officer Tim Bauer for his work on a burglary of a building on the north side of the City. Officer Bauer, with help from his colleagues, was able to develop three main suspects and the District Attorney's office is working to issue the warrants. Chief Napolitano said that Officer Bauer put together a great case and now they are going to put three people in jail. Chief Napolitano said that all three of the individuals live in the City of Conroe and have a long history of burglaries and other crimes.

C. Court Department Report – Ms. Rebecca Lehn, Court Administrator, presented her report to City Council. Ms. Lehn said that usually December is a slow month for warrants, but this was a good month for them.

Rebecca Huss asked if the Court had cleared the back log of cases, because she noticed that citations had fallen, and asked if that made things easier for the Court. Ms. Lehn said that citations have fallen, which caused revenue to drop. The warrant officer is able to work the warrants. Ms. Lehn said that they are only running one court per month right now, through the calendar year.

D. Utility/Development Report – In the absence of Mrs. Ashley Slaughter, Utility Billing Clerk, Mr. Yates presented the report to City Council. Mr. Yates said that the monthly charge for utilities is up due to the water rate. Mr. Yates said that there were six new water accounts and there are 557 active accounts. Mr. Yates said there were 27 permits issued for \$12,000.

Dave McCorquodale asked about the monument sign that was part of the agreement with Kroger, and asked if there was any recent discussions on the matter. Mr. Yates said that just today Mr. Wade Nelson emailed the Mayor and they will have a meeting on Thursday morning to discuss the monument. Mr. Yates said that Mr. Wade had advised that Spirit Bank was close to getting serious about the monument. Mr. Yates said that he has had a plan from Milestone and Kroger, for about nine or ten months waiting for Spirit Bank to come through. Spirit Bank wants to do a monument as large as, or larger than what Kroger was going to do. Mayor Jones said that Milestone will still contribute the \$50,000 that they had set aside for the monument to Spirit Bank.

Rebecca Huss asked if this was the same Spirit Bank that is in Conroe with the replica of the White House, and asked if the City would have some control over how flamboyant the monument is. Mr. Yates said that City Council will review and approve the ultimate plan for the monument. Mr. Yates said that in their discussions it was the City of Montgomery monument, not the Spirit of Texas monument. Mayor Jones said that the monument that they saw, in preliminary drawings, seemed very appropriate. Mayor Jones said that the building will also be smaller than the Conroe site, in order to fit on the property.

Mr. Foerster said that it was his understanding, while he can't confirm this, is what the Spirit of Texas wants a statue that shows one twin sister of San Jacinto there, which will probably be very appropriate because James Wade, who was from Montgomery, was manning the twin sister candidate in the battle of San Jacinto. Mayor Jones said that originally they had something with Charles B. Stewart handing over the flag.

E. Water Report – Mr. Mike Williams, with Gulf Utilities presented his report to City Council. Mr. Williams advised that this month there were a total of eight district alerts, with all of them being resolved. Mr. Williams said that the totalizer reading was for almost a complete month with the new totalizer, which shows an increase of 47 percent

versus the last total. Since installation of the totalizer, the average flow was 148,000 gallons.

Rebecca Huss said that she could not help but notice that on December 4, 2016, they had a reading of 388,000 gallons, while they are only permitted for 400,000 gallons, and asked if that meant that they were at a high risk for an excursion. Mr. Williams said the permit is based on average monthly flow, not daily flow. Rebecca Huss said that what this is saying is the infiltration is significantly worse than what they have been working off of. Mr. Williams said that was correct. Mr. Williams said that he has seen systems, when they have a large rain event, completely exceed the permitted level. Mr. Williams said that Mr. Muckleroy is working on the matter. Rebecca Huss said that was a lot of money down the toilet. Mr. Williams said that there were no excursions for the month of December with over 5 inches of rain. Mr. Williams said that there was an overall accountability of 98 percent.

John Champagne said the utilization of Well 3 seemed to be a lot better. Mr. Williams said that they had to utilize Well 3 more within the year because they ran very short on the permit for Well 4, and they did not want to incur any additional fees. John Champagne said that in January they should see a difference in the usage. Mr. Williams said that they would see a difference with Well 4 being utilized more, along with Well 2. Mr. Williams said that Well 2 is currently being underutilized because of the current balance that they are receiving at the plant, which they are working with Entergy to repair. Mayor Jones said that they have been working with Entergy for many months on that issue and asked if they had made any progress. Mr. Williams said that he believed Mr. Muckleroy had reported that there was a fix for that matter, and they are working on running some new equipment out there to fix the balance.

Rebecca Huss said regarding the utilization of Wells 2 and 3, since the City is no longer paying MUD 3 & 4, it should not matter how much they use that as long as they stay within the City's permitted value. Rebecca Huss asked if the City was going to stick to a relatively even use of water between the wells for the entire year, or are they going to see big fluctuations, because it does matter to people, given the difference in the water from the Catahoula Well. Mr. Williams said that he has been working with the City Engineer and City Staff, during the weekly conference calls, regarding that matter. Mr. Williams said that, currently, they are going to try and utilize each well similarly.

Mayor Jones said that there should be a balance that would be most economic to operate.

John Champagne asked if the communications and weekly meetings were good, things being implemented, and information being shared. Mr. Williams said that they had an upper hand with the communications that they have within the City. Mr. Williams said that he feels that everything is being taken care of in a timely manner.

- F. Engineer's Report – Mr. Glynn Fleming presented his report to City Council. Mr. Fleming said that he was pleased to report that they have reached completion of the Mobility Study. Mr. Fleming advised that he had reviewed a final draft of the Study last week, which he had a few comments that they are working to address internally. Mr. Fleming said that Mobility Study should be ready for the last City Council meeting in February.

Mr. Fleming reported that the Kroger contractor was making nice progress. They are underway and nearing completion of the waterline construction. Mr. Fleming said that they will begin paving construction possible as early as late next week. Mr. Fleming said that their original contract completion date was February 13, 2017. The contractor was awarded a total of 8 days at this point, due largely to rain. Mr. Fleming said that the current contract completion date is February 21, 2017.

Mr. Fleming advised that the bids for the Pizza Shack project were received on January 4, 2017 and the bid was awarded to Big State Excavation, as the low bidder. Mr. Fleming advised that the contracts are currently out with the contractor for execution.

Mr. Fleming advised that they had received one preliminary plat review for a commercial development, just west of Pizza Shack's development that was accepted by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Rebecca Huss asked if they had just approved a Feasibility Study for Montgomery First at the last Council Meeting, and asked if the completion of the study would be before they accept their plat. Mr. Fleming said that should be completed and delivered to City Council within two weeks from tonight.

Dave McCorquodale asked what the consensus was on the embankments of the bridge in terms of what system the City Engineers felt would be the best for the job. Mr. Fleming said that he was still moving forward with the gabion baskets, which he felt would be the best and most permanent solution for the bridge. Mr. Fleming said that



they have been given two recommended local authorized contractors. Mr. Fleming said that they have requested both of the contractors to come out and take a look at the site, to help them establish the magnitude of the cost for their work, and then they will be wrapping up some numbers on drainage and construction. Mr. Fleming said that he understood that FEMA was in town last week, and they are having some personnel turnover up the ladder. Mr. Fleming said that it sounded like the original project coordinator that has been working with the team is remaining intact, which is good. Mr. Fleming said that FEMA had advised Mr. Yates that they would like to see a complete submission by February 2017, which is the timeline that they are working on. Rebecca Huss asked if Mr. Fleming thought that the construction project would result, at least in the short term, in additional material being deposited in the canal. Mr. Fleming said that he did not believe that it would. Mr. Fleming said that at some point there will be a project to go in and clean that canal, which he envisioned as a joint endeavor between upstream and downstream landowners and the City. Mr. Fleming said that whatever work the City undertakes, there would be some environmental permits that would mandate certain measures to ensure that they do not add more material to the canal.

Mr. Fleming said that Hills of Town Creek, Section 2, the contractor has reached completion and they have completed all the punch list items, and they are on the agenda for their Certificate of Acceptance. The Lone Star Bend and Lone Star Parkway east improvements are both moving forward and the County Engineer has plan sets from the City Engineer for both and they are awaiting their comments.

Mr. Fleming said that as stated by the City Administrator, it looks like they are in the homestretch with the Texas Water Development Board funding. The next Board Meeting to be held in Austin is on February 23, 2017 and the City's loan applications are on that agenda for consideration for commitment of funds.

Mr. Fleming said that the West Side at the Park, a small residential development across the street from City Hall, held a second and final inspection back on January 10, 2017. They delivered the punch list items to the contractor, the developer and the developer's engineer, which are being addressed and should be brought back to City Council for acceptance next month some time. Dave McCorquodale said that he stopped over there last week to check the design change in the drainage, and said that it looked to him like

it was the right change when City Council let them go to the grass ditch as opposed to the bulkhead. Dave McCorquodale said that the drainage looked like it was working well.

Mr. Ed Shackleford, City Engineer, advised that City Council had a memo placed before them, advising that Mr. Fleming has tendered his resignation to go to another engineering firm in North Carolina. Mr. Shackleford said that Mr. Fleming will be moving, primarily to be close to family and his Dad. Mr. Shackleford said that Mr. Fleming's resignation is effective January 31, 2017. Mr. Shackleford said that they understand Mr. Fleming's reason for his decision.

Mr. Shackleford said that fortunately they have a young engineer at their office by the name of Chris Roznovsky, who has recently passed his engineering State exam and will receive his P.E. stamp very shortly. Mr. Shackleford said that Mr. Roznovsky has agreed to help him out, because as you know, this is more than a full time job for Mr. Fleming. Mr. Shackleford then introduced Mr. Roznovsky to City Council and said that he has been in meetings with Mr. Fleming, Mr. Yates, Mayor Jones and himself, on a couple of occasions over the last couple days and last week, and is becoming familiar with Montgomery. Mr. Shackleford said that Mr. Roznovsky is familiar with the area because his family has property around the lake since he was a child. Mr. Shackleford said that they are happy that Mr. Roznovsky has agreed to step in and help out. Mr. Shackleford said that they are sorry to see Mr. Fleming go, but they were glad to have him for the short time that he was with them.

Mayor Jones, said to Mr. Fleming, on behalf of the City, that they would like to thank him for what he has done for the City and wish him well on his new endeavor. Mayor Jones said that they had something that they would like to send with Mr. Fleming. Mayor Jones stated to Mr. Fleming that with the time he spent at the birthplace of the Texas Flag, he presented him with a Texas Star Pillow engraved with the date of the birth of the Texas Flag. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Fleming to think of Montgomery when he uses the pillow. Mr. Fleming thanked City Council and the City.

- G. Financial Report – Mrs. Cathy Branco, Financial Consultant, presented her report to City Council. Mrs. Branco advised that this is the first time, in a very long time, that all the accounts have a positive balance. Mrs. Branco said that interest rates have increased a little bit, so they will need to be looking at some more investments. Mrs.

Branco advised that work had begun on the Audit and they should be coming into the City to do the remainder of the work. Rebecca Huss asked whether the Auditor was supposed to be here in December. Mrs. Branco said that was correct. Mrs. Branco said that the Auditor said that January 16, would be their starting date.

Mrs. Branco said that they have collected an additional amount of sales tax, which is not shown on the report, in the amount of \$145,000. Mrs. Branco said that there are funds available in all of the accounts totaling \$2,282,500, of that, investments are at \$880,000. Mrs. Branco said that she would be working on the budget.

Rebecca Huss moved to accept the Departmental Reports as presented. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

9. Consideration and possible action regarding a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Montgomery, Texas and Tom Cronin.

Mr. Yates advised that this lease was reviewed by the City Attorney and also recommended by the Montgomery EDC. Mr. Yates said that it was a Lease of the Tom Cronin property, south of the Cozy Grape, all the way to Colonel Laughter's property. Mr. Yates said that the Montgomery EDC intends to pay for the paving of the lot. Mr. Yates said that the lease will be \$1.00 per year for 20 years. Mr. Yates said that the lease does not require the paving. The property will be used for parking and City parking for special events.

John Champagne moved to approve the lease as presented. Dave McCorquodale seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rebecca Huss said that she would just like to reiterate, that when they go to pave the other section of the lot, she would prefer more than a one year lease, because she feels this 20 year lease works very well for the certainty of their investment, if they do keep it, it will benefit the City for years to come, as opposed to the other one. Rebecca Huss said that she understood that they had talked to Colonel Laughter's son, but she would rather have it in writing. Mr. Yates said that he understood.

The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

10. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:

A Resolution By The City Council Of The City Of Montgomery, Texas, Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Intention To Issue Certificates Of Obligation For Sanitary Sewer System Projects; And Approving Other Matters Incidental Thereto.

Mr. Jonathan Frels, Bond Attorney, presented items 10 and 11 together. Mr. Frels stated that as indicated by the City Engineers earlier, the City has been in the process of borrowing funds from the Texas Water Development Board for some time. Mr. Frels said that last fall City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding from the Texas Water Development Board, both under the Clean Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program and the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program. Mr. Frels said that they have received every indication from the Water Development Board that they intend to approve those applications at their February 23, 2017 meeting. Mr. Frels said that would mean, soon after that approval, they would borrow funds from them with the Issuance of Certificates of Obligation.

Mr. Frels said that in talking with Mr. Jim Gilley, the City's Financial Advisor, and Mr. Yates, they came to the conclusion that the City wanted to move fairly quickly on this project. Mr. Frels said that what they have before City Council this evening is the Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates of Obligation. Mr. Frels said that by adopting this now, it will allow the City to move forward with the process to Issue the Certificates of Obligation, so that they could be ready for the sale at the second meeting in March, 2017.

Mr. Frels said that because they are doing this process in advance, they are adopting the maximum amount authorized under the Resolution that the City submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for funding. Mr. Frels said that the City does not have to issue that amount. Mr. Frels said that the preliminary numbers that they have seen are slightly lower than the amount of what they see listed in the Notification.

Mr. Frels advised that one of the Resolutions is for the Sanitary Sewer Project under the Clean Water Revolving Fund, and the Water System Projects are under the Drink Water Revolving Fund, which is why they have two separate Resolutions.

Rebecca Huss, asked from a legal perspective, whether everyone on City Council needed to be present at the second meeting in March, because that is Spring Break. Mr. Frels said that at the March 28, 2017 meeting, they will need 2/3 majority of City Council present. Mr. Frels said that the vote does not have to be unanimous, they just need 4 of the 5 members present.

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Gilley what the rates are currently. Mr. Gilley said that it appears the interest rate will be in the low to mid 1% range.

Rebecca Huss moved to adopt a Resolution By The City Council Of The City Of Montgomery, Texas, Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Intention To Issue Certificates Of Obligation For

Sanitary Sewer System Projects; And Approving Other Matters Incidental Thereto. Dave McCorquodale seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

11. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:

A Resolution By The City Council Of The City Of Montgomery, Texas, Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Intention To Issue Certificates Of Obligation For Water System Projects; And Approving Other Matters Incidental Thereto.

Rebecca Huss moved to adopt a Resolution By The City Council Of The City Of Montgomery, Texas, Authorizing Publication Of Notice Of Intention To Issue Certificates Of Obligation For Water System Projects; And Approving Other Matters Incidental Thereto. Dave McCorquodale seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

12. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS REGARDING STAR OF TEXAS SENIORS LTD AT LONE STAR PARKWAY FOR SUPPORT AND LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDING.

Mr. Yates said this Resolution is to support the Star of Texas Seniors Ltd., which is a business that builds senior housing. Mr. Yates said that this is a request for a Resolution in support of their application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to receive housing tax credits and to receive a \$2,000 reduction toward water and sewer tap fees.

Mr. Wade Bienski, developer, presented drawings to City Council. This development is a senior citizen development, ages 55 and older, with approximately 48, 1-2 bedroom units, with amenities and management staff on property. Mr. Bienski advised that the units would be single story four-plexes.

Rebecca Huss asked how the subsidy would be received, such as tax rebates, etc. Mr. Bienski said that the State issues tax credits, and the credits are sold to investors, which is how they get the equity back. Mr. Bienski said that they would also get a bank loan.

Rebecca Huss asked how this compared to what Blazer is doing, because she thought their second section was specifically this type of development, and it states in here that they can only have a certain number of them within a certain area. Mr. Yates said that he did not know about the certain number in a certain area, but he contacted Blazer before the meeting, and they said that they were not sure they were going to apply. Mr. Yates said that he thought it was because the competition is so stiff, that they did not think that they could get more than two or

three of these developments for the entire region. Mr. Bienski said that it is a point system, and as of now, they are number one on the list. Mr. Yates said that action was primarily to help get their points up for the application.

Mr. Yates said that his thought was the Montgomery EDC could bear the cost of the \$2,000 credit for the water and sewer tap fees, so it would not affect the water and sewer utility fund. Rebecca Huss said that it would be the same as the matter that they discussed at the last Council Meeting, where the funds do not go out, it just stays in house as a credit for that account. Mr. Yates said that was correct.

Dave McCorquodale asked the developer to give some information on their background. Mr. Bienski said they have been with this program since it started in 1988. Mr. Bienski said that they have 1,000 plus units in production. Mr. Bienski said another senior facility they have, similar to this, is in Huntsville on Montgomery Road with over 120 units, all single story four-plexes. Dave McCorquodale asked if they did the managing of the property. Mr. Bienski said they do their own management and they are all here local, not out of State.

Rebecca Huss said that one of the attractive things about Blazer, was they had a contract with their financing partners where they commit to 15 years, ownership and management of the property versus an out of state investor. Rebecca Huss said that if they are going to commit for 15 years, obviously from a City perspective, it is probably a better quality development, and asked if there was any way that they could give the City assurances that they will continue to own this property for some period of time. Mr. Bienski said that it would be 15 years, plus another 15 years on top of that to comply with affordable housing and with the existing ownership, which he confirmed was included in the contract with the State.

Mr. Foerster stated, for the record, that he would expect that waiving any connection fees or anything of that sort, would be a public benefit accrued by this development by coming in to serve those who are 55 and older, that otherwise might not be available to the residents of Montgomery.

Rebecca Huss said that it is clear that they have discussed this before, affordable housing is something that Montgomery does lack. Rebecca Huss said that she did not think that she had an issue with the point of this, especially if it is managed on a commercial basis. Rebecca Huss said that it made sense to her, from a personal perspective, to do things that work in the real world.

Mayor Jones said that he has seen some similar projects in Conroe that were nicely done and managed. Mr. Bienski said that they have restrictions on the property, which they enforce.

T.J. Wilkerson asked if Mr. Fleming had seen the project and asked whether it would affect the Baja Road drainage. Mr. Fleming said that it would not affect Baja Road, and said that this development would front onto Lone Star Parkway. Mr. Fleming said that the initial plans that the developer has shown calls for onsite detention, with a pretty sizable onsite detention pond.

Mayor Jones said that it was immediately adjacent to the Lone Star Community Center.

Dave McCorquodale moved to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montgomery, Texas regarding Star of Texas Seniors LTD at Lone Star Parkway for support and local political subdivision funding. Rebecca Huss seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

13. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF A TOTAL OF 14.5003 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS; SETTING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF SAID PROPERTIES BY THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE CITY ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN.

Mr. Yates advised that the area is located north of the area between Pizza Shack and the northeast corner of Lone Star Parkway and SH 105.

John Champagne moved to approve calling the Public Hearings for consideration of the Petition for Annexation from Kenneth Ray Vaught, Jr. and Rocky Del Papa for property inside the extra-territorial jurisdiction area of the City of Montgomery.

Mayor Jones asked if this motion would set the dates for the Public Hearings. Mr. Foerster said that, for the record, he would recommend two Public Hearings, one on February 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., and the second one on February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Foerster said that those dates and times would concur with the next two City Council Meeting dates and times.

John Champagne amended his motion to call the Public Hearings to be held on February 14, 2017 at 6 p.m. and February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Rebecca Huss said that looking at the backup information for this item it has the retail along SH105, but that is not what they are talking about. Rebecca Huss said they are talking about the second set of maps, and the main parcel remaining is 14.9 acres, and asked if that was the area. Mr. Yates said that was the area. Rebecca Huss said it looked like this property did not have any frontage of its own. Mr. Yates said that was correct. Mr. Yates said that the property is the area north of the strip of land that was annexed earlier between Lone Star Parkway and Pizza Shack. Rebecca Huss said that Dave McCorquodale said that it might be the Right of Way that touches the parcel rather than the actual road.

Mayor Jones said that Mr. Fleming has an explanation for the property. Mr. Fleming said that when he mentioned earlier in his report, that they had received the preliminary plat that went before the Planning and Zoning Commission last night. Mr. Fleming said that the total acreage for the property is 20 acres or just a little over. Mr. Fleming said that a portion of the property is already in the City limits, which are the parcels along the SH 105 frontage that is zoned as commercial. Mr. Fleming said that the easiest way to describe the location of the property is that it sits between the Pizza Shack development and the commercial shell that is under construction by Lone Star Parkway. Mr. Fleming said that just north of that area, there is another 14 acres that abuts the tributary of Stewart Creek, which is not in the City limits, but is in the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction. Mr. Fleming said the preliminary plat that was submitted encompasses the entire area, and what they are doing tonight is to begin the annexation process so the property will all be inside the City limits.

Rebecca Huss asked whether the zoning for the property had been requested. Mr. Fleming said that he did not know if it had been established or requested as of this date, but the initial indications are that it will be mixed use commercial. Mayor Jones asked whether access to the property would be off of Lone Star Parkway. Mr. Fleming said that they had not gotten that far yet, but said that in talking with the developer, there will probably be an application for a curb cut out onto SH105, and there has also been talk about a driveway onto Lone Star Parkway. Mr. Fleming said that he has already advised the developer of the potential complications, or crowded nature of that, given that they already have two existing driveways coming out from Kroger and one additional driveway for the commercial shell. Mayor Jones said that there is also a bridge. Mr. Fleming said that was correct. Mr. Fleming said that they will be taking all that information into consideration and they look at their land plan.

The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)



14. Consideration and possible action regarding Greenbelt Separation between Heritage Apartments and Shopping Center.

Mr. Yates advised that this project has been an intention of the Montgomery EDC for the past two years, without any promises being made. Mr. Yates said that the thought was to provide a visual barrier to the apartment residents to the backside of the shopping center and to generally improve the appearance of Flagship Boulevard. Mr. Yates advised that the Montgomery EDC would provide the funding for the project, with the expectation that the Heritage Apartments would possibly provide part of the funding in the shopping center. Mr. Yates said that annual maintenance cost would be borne by the City, in part, because the Montgomery EDC funds cannot be used for maintenance.

Mr. Yates provided plans for four areas, with the intent to plant area one and two now, which would involve the cost of \$7,000. Mr. Yates stated that Montgomery EDC has it in their budget, and since it is under the \$10,000 it does not require City Council action, but it will require maintenance through the years, so he wanted to see if City Council was okay with the project. Mr. Yates said that he estimated the cost of the maintenance to be \$1,900 for the first year, which allows water and some City staff maintenance costs. Mr. Yates said that it would be \$2,400 maintenance costs for the second year, \$3,300 for the third year, as they add the other areas.

Rebecca Huss asked if this would be planted on City owned right-of-way because, it is her understanding that there is not a lot of current grass or dirt back there. Mr. Yates said that he believed there was a 70 foot City right-of-way and asked Mr. Fleming to confirm that. Mr. Fleming said that he believed that was correct. Mr. Fleming said that there is 80 feet around the corner on the east side of Brookshire Bros. Mr. Yates said that the City's waterline is located to the north edge of the right-of-way.

Dave McCorquodale said that he looks forward to the day when they combine stormwater projects in with this type of work and alleviate a little bit of storm sewer capacity and water quality issues, but he is in favor of more planting than less. Mr. Yates said that he would be asking the shopping center and the apartments for contributions. Mr. Yates said he knew the apartments would contribute some. Mayor Jones said that the apartments have planted some on the south side of the road. Mayor Jones said that it will be nice to see a tree lined drive.

Dave McCorquodale moved to approve the planting plan and to allow for City maintenance, as presented. John Champagne seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

15. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10, DATED AUGUST 25, 2015, AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2011, DATED AUGUST 25, 2015, BY AMENDING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE CITY INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AFTER PUBLICATION.

Mr. Yates advised that this ordinance is a result of the Building Code Review Committee, which City Council appointed several months ago. The Committee consisted of Rick Hanna, Building Inspector, Mike Ogorchock, Builder, Brian Solomon, Electrical Contractor, Bill Simpson, Roofing Contractor and Glynn Fleming, City Engineer.

Mr. Hanna advised that the City adopted the International Code and the National Electric Code as written, and these are some amendments that make the requirements a little more stringent. Mr. Hanna said that the contractors that have been building in the City have already been meeting these standards, other than upgrading the electrical wiring. Mr. Hanna said that the amendment calls for a better quality of piping. Mr. Hanna said that in the electrical portion that are asking to require that all wiring being copper, and not allow aluminum wiring, and stated that 12 gauge wire would be the smallest gauge of wiring, because right now the Code allows a 14 gauge wire. Mr. Hanna said that fire people say that 12 gauge is safer, because it does not restrict the electrical flow. Mr. Hanna said that that cost is an additional 25-50 cents. Mr. Hanna said that the other cities in the area, Huntsville, Conroe and Tomball all use these amendments, so they are not doing anything out of line. Mr. Hanna said that those cities had several other amendments, but the Committee did not feel that they wanted to be that strict.

Dave McCorquodale asked about the drain lines that are schedule 40, and asked if that would be for yard drains, area drains, etc. Mr. Hanna said that it would not, the Building Code covers the building itself and three feet out away from the structure, not irrigation lines. Dave McCorquodale asked about gutter downspouts. Mr. Hanna said that again, that would be outside the building, they were only looking at under the building and in the structure.

Mayor Jones asked if any electricians used aluminum wiring. Mr. Hanna said that he had not had anyone in Montgomery use aluminum, but since it was in the Code someone could come along and use it. Mr. Hanna said that he was just trying to prevent someone from moving in a structure that used aluminum wiring or installing aluminum wiring. Mr. Hanna said that the service fees that utility contractors bring in have aluminum wiring in them, but he was talking about once it hits the meter and enters the home, they wanted it to be copper.

Rebecca Huss said that she appreciated the Committee going through this information, because City Council does not have the expertise of this information, but it sounds like it is really important for the safety and quality of the homes in the City. Mr. Hanna said that the changes are minor, but will produce a safer home.

After discussion, John Champagne moved to approve the following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10, DATED AUGUST 25, 2015, AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2011, DATED AUGUST 25, 2015, BY AMENDING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE CITY INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AFTER PUBLICATION. Rebecca Huss seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

16. Consideration and possible action regarding a variance request for Waterside Estates for lot width, lot depth, side building line and minimum residential lot area.

Mr. Fleming said that there was a conceptual land plan, along with some variance requests, submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 174 lot development to be placed on the north side of Lone Star Parkway, just west of the dental office. Mr. Fleming said that after some deliberation, the Commission chose to table action on the variance requests and asked the developers engineer to come back with some revisions to their site plan.

Mr. Yates said that he did not think that any action needed to be taken since the Commission tabled the action on the item. Mayor Jones said that City Council needs to hear what the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended. Mr. Fleming said that the Commission was leery of the proposed density of the project, which is 174 lots on a 60-acre tract. Mr. Fleming said that he noted that the compensating greenspace did not appear to be a one to one match as

provided by the City's Code of Ordinances. Mr. Fleming said that there were questions about how the site drainage would play out, and the conceptual land plan only showed one point of egress that was out onto Lone Star Parkway. Mr. Fleming said that the Commission did not like the density of the lots or that there was only one way in and out, because it abuts the canal. The Commission asked the developers engineer to make some revisions to the site plan and to come back next month.

Mr. Yates also said that he is working with the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman on a plan for areas of high and low density development. Mayor Jones said that it would be a planning tool that could reduce the number of variance requests.

Rebecca Huss said that when they looked at this matter before there were issues about the waterline extension under the bridge, and now there are issues with the bridge, all of which are outstanding and they weren't interested in going forward until they cleared the backlog of outstanding issues. Rebecca Huss said that the issues are still exactly the same as they were six months ago, or however long it has been since they discussed this before. Mayor Jones asked if Mr. Bowen was the developer. Mr. Fleming said that was correct, he is the owner of this particular parcel of land.

Rebecca Huss moved to follow the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and table this matter until another time. John Champagne seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

17. Consideration and possible action regarding Certificate of Acceptance for water, sanitary sewer, drainage, and paving improvements to serve Hills of Town Creek, Section Two.

Mr. Fleming advised that this is a 50-lot, single family development located on SH 105 west and Lone Star Parkway that has completed all their water, sanitary sewer and paving, and have posted all their necessary bonds and final plat, which has been approved and is getting City signatures at this time. Mr. Fleming said that he is recommending approval of the Certificate of Acceptance which starts the time period for the one year warranty.

Rebecca Huss moved to approve the Certificate of Acceptance for water, sanitary sewer, drainage and paving improvements to serve the Hills of Town Creek, Section Two. Dave McCorquodale seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

18. Presentation regarding Camillo 33-acre tract located next to the eastern City limits.

Mr. Bob Devillier, Land Development and Acquisition Manager for Camillo Properties said that he wanted to introduce their company to the City. Mr. Devillier advised they were currently in the feasibility study stage with the 33-acre tract directly behind Pizza Shack. They are looking at putting in 50 ft. by 120 ft. lots. They are located outside the City in the ETJ and they would be looking at annexation into the City. Mr. Devillier said that he felt a 75 foot lot would not be marketable. They are building homes in Walden and Cape Conroe, 250K homes, 3-4 bedroom homes measuring 2400 square feet, not small but an average size home.

Mr. Devillier said that he wanted to see if the City had any problem with the lot size that they were interested in and they also wanted to see what the costs outside their site would be.

Rebecca Huss said that Jones and Carter had prepared a Feasibility Study for that property and asked if Mr. Devillier had looked at that report. Mr. Devillier said that was done a couple years ago and some of the items have changed since it was prepared. Mr. Fleming said that had been prepared either very late 2014 or early 2015. Mr. Fleming said that at that time the utility picture was not very clear and they were just beginning work on the system wide analysis of water and wastewater and whether there was utility available. Mr. Fleming said that both of those reports are complete and they rely heavily on them as a planning tool. Mr. Fleming said that the utility extensions on the north side of SH 105 have now come to fruition and they are ready for the contracts to come back and construction to begin.

Mayor Jones said that as he recalled the City upsized the line to Pizza Shack with the expectation that this development would come. Mr. Fleming said that the line would also serve other commercial frontage on the south side of SH 105.

Rebecca Huss said that she felt, personally, that higher density housing on the east side, right by a large apartment building definitely makes sense. Rebecca Huss said that she felt that the Planning and Zoning Commission's comment from last night's discussion regarding only having one location to enter and exit for such a large subdivision might be more difficult to deal with or accept. Rebecca Huss said that she was wondering about the compensating greenspace, and asked how much of that is actually located in the Flood Plain. Mr. Devillier said that what is shown in green will definitely be in the Flood Plain. Rebecca Huss said that it would not really be compensating greenspace but junk that you can't build on. Rebecca Huss said, to her, compensating greenspace would be visual and usable space, so this would allow what is built on the other side of the canal to be visible because you would not have a lot of visual barrier. Mr. Devillier said that the land plan being presented is very conceptual, and was

not meant to be set in stone, but simply a guideline to use. Mr. Devillier said that he was familiar with what they would need for the greenspace, so that would be something that they would have to consider. Mr. Fleming said that there was no prohibition in the City Code to prohibit using Flood Plain land from being used as greenspace, and on the surface he did not know that he would offer any objection, and he felt that the developer would have the incentive to make the area visually pleasing, given the number of lots that would back up to the canal.

Dave McCorquodale asked about the greenspace and said that he had read several articles about building trails on Flood Plain land. Dave McCorquodale said that if there was a way to manage a biking, walking or golf cart path on that greenspace to connect to Kroger that would allow people to use the path and not have to use their cars that would be an asset to the City. Regarding lot sizes, he did not see a 75 foot lot going in there seeing the connecting area. Mayor Jones said that this area would definitely be a higher concentration area. Mr. Devillier said that regarding the single entrance, he felt that they could lose a lot and add another entry. John Champagne asked about the size of the homes. Mr. Devillier said the houses range from 2,400 to 3,000 square feet. Rebecca Huss said that the \$250,000 price range seemed a little high for that location.

Mr. Devillier said that they would start out with 8-10 homes for a couple months, and then add four houses per month. Mr. Devillier said that they would also need a lift station on site. Mr. Fleming said that they would have to go back and revisit the Feasibility Study to compare with the current utilities. Mayor Jones asked what their original density was when they did their first request. Mr. Fleming said that it was very similar.

Mayor Jones said that the purpose of this item was for Mr. Devillier to make a presentation to let the City know what he is thinking, and for Mr. Devillier to hear the concerns that the City might have. Mayor Jones said that the City has invested monetarily in something going in at that location. Rebecca Huss said that residential properties do not really give a lot of return for the investment outlay in utilities.

Dave McCorquodale said that to him in the City, the guiding principal that they try and base their decisions on is the quality of life of the people that are about to become residents of the City. Dave McCorquodale said, to him, things that demonstrate a care for what the folks are going to buy these homes, how their life is improved by what the developer does, speaks a lot to him in terms of the decision and serves as a good guidepost for why you did what you did. Dave McCorquodale said that in terms of the land plan, he is a strong believer that space makes

quality of life happening. He does not think that that anyone is against someone making a living, but good quality of life, no matter whether in the Historic District or the outlying areas.

19. Consideration and possible action regarding requested driveway spacing variance from Living Savior Lutheran Church.

Mr. Fleming advised that this was a variance request, as submitted by the engineer for the Living Savior Lutheran Church, regarding a waiver of the driveway spacing requirements in the City Code. Mr. Fleming said that this particular tract does not provide adequate space to allow the proper distance required. Mr. Fleming said that, after review, he does not have any objection from an engineering design standpoint.

Mr. Fleming said that he thought it was important to note that the lot in question, while it is currently unpaved, is already used as a service lot for church events and some other events that take place downtown. Mr. Fleming said that the plan calls for the lot to be paved, and to cut a second driveway out on to Louisa Street. Mr. Fleming said that as he said, he does not have any inherent objections to this plan, but once they get to the engineering design phase and plan review, there would be a real onus on the developer and the developer's engineer, to take a look at the feasibility of the driveways going out onto what is designed as minor residential street with only 14-16 foot paving width on the road. Mr. Fleming stated that there were also very shallow roadside ditches on that street. Mr. Fleming said that when they pave an area of that size, it has the intention of being a game changer in terms of drainage and runoff into the ditches. Mr. Fleming said that there definitely were some things that needed to be looked at during the plan review phase. Mr. Fleming said that as far as the variance request itself, he offered no objection to the request.

Mayor Jones said that for the most part activity would occur twice on Sunday morning there might be a little traffic. Mayor Jones said that the location of the drive on Caroline Street would remain the same. Mr. Fleming said that was correct.

Mr. Fleming said that this item did go before the Planning and Zoning Commission yesterday evening, and they had a few questions about the request, but they did act favorably on the item. Mr. Fleming advised that Jonathan White, with L Squared was present and available to answer and questions.

Mr. Yates said that he met with the Living Savior Lutheran Church representatives and Mr. Bob Peel at 1:30 p.m. today. Mr. Yates said that while all this information was new to Mr. Peel, they were able to reach a settlement with the addition of a gravel parkway that will lead

off of the circular drive on Church Street. Mr. Yates said that the church is willing to add a gravel driveway to give Mr. Peel access to his gravesite area that he is concerned about. Mr. Yates said that he believed that there was going to be an easement that will assure Mr. Peel, who was not present tonight. Mr. Yates said that Mr. Peel stated that "he asked for something in writing, and if he received that then he would not stick around for the Council Meeting."

Rebecca Huss said that the background on this item is that Mr. Peel's enthusiasm for the original plan was significantly overstated at the last meeting.

Mr. Krenz, with Living Savior Lutheran Church, said that Mr. Peel really did not have a problem with the set back variance, but had a problem with access to his cemetery. Mr. Krenz said that Mr. Peel has been parking on their property, and with them removing the asphalt, it removes his ability to park there, which was really the issue, which has been resolved with Mr. Peel, by putting in the limestone. Rebecca Huss asked if Mr. Krenz had given Mr. Peel something in writing. Mr. Krenz said that he did and said that he could show Rebecca Huss the signed document. Rebecca Huss said that Mr. Peel is fine with it, or he would be present.

Mr. Krenz said that he had his architect prepare a conceptual draft of some landscaping for the church property and shared the drawings with City Council. Mr. Krenz said that the City minimum for parking spaces is 9 feet wide, but they are making them 10 feet wide for ease of parking. Mr. Krenz said it would not look like a grocery store parking lot. Rebecca Huss said that she appreciated Mr. Krenz putting plants on the plans for the parking lot, because the heat radiating from the parking lot, visually that will help soften the impact of moving from a field to a paved surface. Mr. Krenz said that the property is not very attractive right now. Rebecca Huss said that depends on your perspective because grass is better than asphalt to some people. Mr. Krenz said that they are good citizens and they will do whatever makes good sense to make this beautiful. Rebecca Huss said that she hoped that it would not cost very much and would be low maintenance. Rebecca Huss said that she had looked at the Rumpy crepe myrtles on the east of town, and said that was actually a really neat and nice barrier.

Mayor Jones asked what was going to be located in the middle of the islands. Mr. Krenz said that he believed they were shrubs with light posts for the parking lot. Mayor Jones asked about the trees around the perimeter, and whether most of them would be existing trees. Mr. Krenz said that the trees that are currently there are scrub trees and not in good shape. Mr. Krenz said that they will be putting in new trees.



Dave McCorquodale stated that in looking at the medians between the parking isles, it looked like the drainage was going into the medians with a bio-swale. Mr. White said that he would mention it to the architect, because they like doing green projects. Dave McCorquodale said that would be a great thing to do. Dave McCorquodale said that one other thought that he had regarding the egress, he knew that they had one on Caroline Street that they are going to use now, but said that as the church body grows, if they could engender a sense in the congregation to turn right, and leave the neighborhood as quietly and quickly as possible. Dave McCorquodale said that when the Cowboy Church decided it was easier to open a back drive exit out of the church that it was to deal with the backups on SH 105, the result was about 1,000 cars on a Sunday morning coming in front of about two dozen homes. Dave McCorquodale said that it was a thought he had and was not something that he would hold their feet to the fire. Mr. Krenz said that it would be a change, because the front lot will be dedicated to handicapped parking and the new entrance will be on the west side, not the east side, which will take a while for people to get the flow of the traffic. Mr. Krenz said that he appreciated the comments and they would provide some counsel to everyone how best they think they can manage the traffic. Mr. Krenz said in all reality, is initially they will 100-120 people at each service, two times on Sunday, so they won't have a full parking lot.

Rebecca Huss said that, back to the bio-swale, might go with what they talked about at the last meeting, where it might be more expensive, but better for the City to work with Montgomery EDC on doing something that is innovative and better for the community in a number of different ways. Mayor Jones said that would be something to consider. Mayor Jones asked what direction the water naturally drained on the property. Mr. White said that it drains south from the church, and then back towards SH 105. Mr. Krenz said that the ditch has standing water in it. Mr. White said the ditch on Church Street is larger than the other ditches around town.

Rebecca Huss moved to approve the requested driveway spacing variance from Living Savior Lutheran Church. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real

property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas. (No current items at this time.)

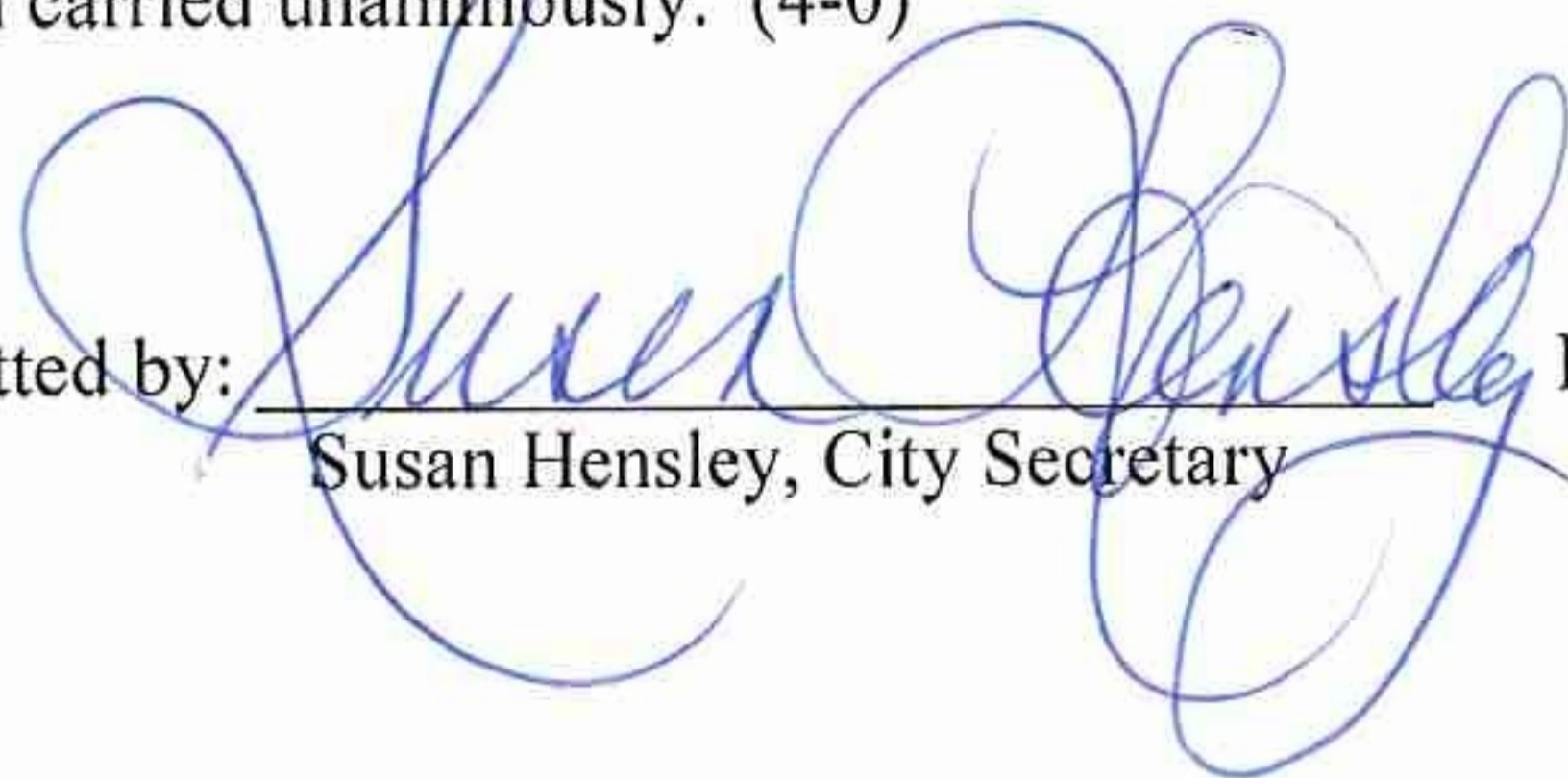
**COUNCIL INQUIRY:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

**ADJOURN**

John Champagne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Rebecca Huss seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Submitted by:



Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved:

02/14/17



Mayor Kirk Jones

