

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL
July 20, 2017**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Schiff and Council Members Peterson, Nelson, Ennis and Jones. Officers present were City Manager Lynda Humble and City Deputy City Secretary Traci Chavez. Staff present were Planning and Engineering Director, Wesley Brandon; Chief Financial Officer, Tracy Waldron; and Managing Director of Public Works and Leisure Services, Trey Job.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. WORK SESSION

2A. Discuss overview of FY 2018 Budget process and the significant need to diversify revenue sources to reduce dependence on Sales Tax Revenue.
Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble.

2B. Discuss the proposed Water & Wastewater Capital Improvement Program and implementation schedule for setting required fees as outlined in recent Water/Wastewater Rate Study effective January 1, 2018.
Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble and Managing Director of Public Works & Leisure Services, Trey Job.

2C. Discuss the Bastrop Convention & Exhibit Center, its challenges and opportunities, and proposed operational changes intended to better leverage available resources to increase tourism in Downtown Bastrop.
Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble and Visit Bastrop Executive Director, Dale Lockett.

2D. Discuss strategy, including communication and rate development, regarding the establishment of a Municipal Drainage Utility System Fee to fund numerous drainage maintenance and improvement projects pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Local Government Code.
Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble.

Council Member Ennis suggested holding the Community Meetings at Tahitian Village, Hunters Crossing, Riverside Grove and North Bastrop; Mayor Schroeder also suggested Riverside Grove Intermediate School and possibly Kerr Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Schiff suggested having signage to announce the location, date and time of each community meeting. Council Member Nelson stated that Hunters Crossing did not have a venue large enough to hold a community meeting, Council Member Nelson will check out the availability of Best Western for a meeting room.

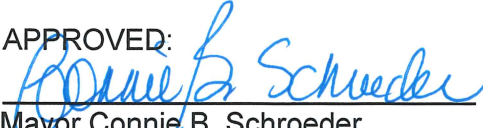
2E. Receive input from Council regarding additional budget priorities for FY 2018 budget.
Mayor Pro Tem Schiff stated that he was comfortable in that the City has a good start to the budget for this year.

Council Member Jones stated that she was thinking of the details that have been discussed and the details of making those things happen and the City's participation in making the details happen.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:



Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:



City Secretary Ann Franklin

The Minutes were approved on August 8, 2017, by Council Member Nelson's motion, Council Member Ennis' second. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.