NOTICE OF REGULAR
CONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 300 WEST DAVIS ST.

CONVENES: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 – 2:00 P.M. - RECESS
RECONVENES: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – 6:00 P.M. - ADJOURN

EXECUTIVE SESSION At any time during the WORK SESSION or ACTION AGENDA the City Council may announce it will go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this agenda. Prior to any such closed session the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the section or sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

CALL TO ORDER
CALL OF ROLL

WORK SESSION

A. Discuss recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Development Grant Program. M. Riggens
B. Discuss recommendation for Feasibility Study Services for The Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center. M. Riggens
C. Discuss 2018 CVB Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grants. S. Overby
D. Discuss an amendment to Sec. 90-28, Downtown District Sign Regulations, City Code of Ordinances, to cover individual business or structure lighting in the downtown. N. Mikeska
E. CIP Update. T. Woolley
F. Discuss an across-the-board cost of living increase (COLA) for City employees. S. Williams
G. Discuss approval of Bond Counsel. S. Williams
H. Discuss recommendation to proceed with the firm Garfield Public/Private LLC to conduct feasibility study for the Conroe Event Center. P. Virgadamo
I. Recess Open Meeting in order to conduct Closed Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071, 551.074 and 551.086 relating to:
   • Financial incentives to attract a business prospect to locate within the City
   • Performance Evaluation of the City Secretary
   • Discuss appointment of Director of Engineering
   • Discuss appointment of Executive Director of Economic Development
   • SJRA GRP Contract Litigation
   • Litigation with Lone Star Groundwater Conservation on District Rules

Reconvene Open Meeting

Mayor Powell

Briefing – The Council will be briefed on and may discuss any item on the Action Agenda.

Council Members Inquiry Time – Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code Sec. 551.042 the Mayor or Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a 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 the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

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INVOCATION/PLEDGE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES – NOT TO EXCEED 30 MINUTES
Citizen inquiries are limited to 3 minutes per person, three speakers to a subject. Preference is given to speakers addressing agenda items. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision by Council shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Workshop 2018 CVB Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grants.  S. Overby
2. Workshop Consider approving an amendment to Sec. 90-28, Downtown District Sign Regulations, City Code of Ordinances, to cover individual business or structure lighting in the downtown.  N. Mikeska
3. Workshop Consider approval of Bond Counsel.  S. Williams
5. Ordering City of Conroe General Election for May 5, 2018.  S. Gorjón
6. Workshop Consider recommendation to proceed with the firm Garfield Public/Private LLC to conduct feasibility study for the Conroe Event Center.  P. Virgadamo

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Workshop Consider recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Development Grant Program.  M. Riggins
8. Workshop Consider recommendation for Feasibility Study Services for The Oscar Johnson, Jr. Community Center.  M. Riggins
10. Consider approval of an across-the-board cost of living increase (COLA) for City employees.  S. Williams
11. Consider contract with William Craft and wife, Valerie Craft authorizing the purchase of certain real property adjacent to McDade Park and authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to complete the purchase in accordance with the contract.  M. Winberry
12. Payment of statements.  S. Williams

Adjourn.
I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, 300 West Davis, and in other places accessible to the public on the 2nd day of February 2018.

Soco M. Gorjón, City Secretary

Agenda Items: Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this agenda in an order considered to be convenient to the public and Council. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency.

It is the policy of the City of Conroe to afford disabled persons maximum access to all public meetings. The City of Conroe will make reasonable accommodations to address the needs of persons with vision or hearing impairments or other disabilities, including the provision of readers or sign language interpreters when requested reasonably in advance.