

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
CONROE CITY COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – 9:30 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER
CALL OF ROLL**

**PRESENT: Mayor Powell
Mayor Pro Tem Coon
Council Members, Gibson, and Snider
City Administrator Paul Virgadamo
City Attorney Marcus L. Winberry
City Secretary Soco M. Gorjón**

**ABSENT: Councilman Martin
Councilman Ham**

After a roll call by the City Secretary establishing a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Powell.

The meeting agenda, which was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, was presented.


Agenda folders containing data relating to agenda items had been furnished to Council Members prior to the meeting of the Council.

Agenda items were considered by the Council. The action taken concerning such item is shown on the official Council Action Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

After all business properly brought before the Council had been considered, City Council adjourned.


Toby Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Soco M. Gorjón, City Secretary

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Pastor Doug Peters – Grace Crossing Church

Mayor Powell recognized Officer Garcia for his service to the Police Department.

2018 CVB HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) GRANTS

CVB Manager Shannon Overby presented Council the revised 2018 CVB Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grants list totaling \$122,500. After a brief discussion with Mayor Pro Tem Coon and City Administrator Paul Virgadamo, Mrs. Overby presented the new revised list reflecting changes to the grant amount for the Friends of Conroe – Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival, Friends of Conroe – Sounds of Texas Music Series, and also to the Young Texas Artists – 34th Annual Competition described in (Exhibit "A").

Councilman Gibson made a motion to approve the revised 2018 CVB Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grants as discussed and presented. Mayor Pro Tem Coon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SECTION 90-28 DOWNTOWN DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

This item was deferred. City Administrator Paul Virgadamo informed that a committee was formed as previously requested by Council to discuss the proposed changes.

BOND COUNSEL

Mayor Pro Tem Coon made a motion to approve the proposed Bond Counsel as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Asst. City Administrator/CFO Steve Williams presented Council the December 2017 Monthly Financial Summary Report for their review and consideration.

Councilman Snider made a motion to approve the December 2017 Financial Summary Report as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDERING CITY OF CONROE ELECTION MAY 5, 2018

City Secretary Soco Gorjón presented Council for their review and consideration a proposed Ordinance ordering City of Conroe General Election for May 5, 2018 and providing Election Day and Early Voting locations.

Councilman Snider made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance ordering the City Election for May 5, 2018 as discussed and presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CONROE EVENT CENTER

Councilman Gibson made a motion to approve the proposed recommendation to proceed with the firm Garfield Public/Private LLC to conduct feasibility study for the Conroe Event Center as presented. Motion died for lack of a second.

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Coon made a motion to approve the recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Development Grant Program as presented. Councilman Gibson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 CVB Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant

Event Name	Dates	Total Attendees	Est Day Visitors /Local	Est Overnight/ Out of Town Visitors	Total Est Econ Impact (EIC)	2017 Grant	Grant \$ Amt Requested for 2018	\$ Amt Granted 2018
2018 CBR Conroe Texas Bullmania	6-Oct-18	2300	300	2000	\$ 140,323	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	
AJGA Preview at Bentwater	March 23-25, 2018	195 players +300 spectators	55	186	\$ 47,374	n/a	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Friends of Conroe - Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival	October 13-15, 2018	28000	26320	1680	\$ 805,189	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Friends of Conroe - Sounds of Texas Music Series	March 17, 2018 June 9, 2018 August 25, 2018	1000	600	400	\$ 2,626	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Heritage Museum Bus Tour	throughout the year	15 each tour	100	0	\$ 1,473	n/a	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Houston Money Show	January 17-19, 2019	1810	1670	140	\$ 151,230	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Oilman Texas Triathlon	November 4, 2018	900 athletes	45	855	\$ 196,502	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Rising Stars & Legends of Texas	March 4-10, 2018	5000	3500	1500	\$ 89,893	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500
Texans United for Freedom	November 9-10, 2017	2400	2040	1360	\$ 68,140	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Texas 10 - Conroe 10 Miller	2-Dec-18	540	40	500	\$ 52,981	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Young Texas Artists - 34th Annual Competition	March 8-10, 2018	435	300	135	\$ 16,279	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500
Heritage Museum - Vault Expansion								
Heritage Preservation							\$ 180,000	\$ 100,000

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Total \$122,500.00

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Exhibit "A"
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