

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
December 11, 2024**

A regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, was held Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, Tyler, Texas, with the following present:

Mayor:	Don Warren
Mayor Pro Tem:	Stuart Hene
Councilmembers:	Brad Curtis (Absent) Shirley McKellar Petra Hawkins James Wynne Lloyd Nichols
City Manager:	Edward Broussard
Deputy City Manager:	Stephanie Franklin
Asst. City Manager:	Heather Nick
Asst. City Manager:	Keidric Trimble
City Attorney:	Deborah G. Pullum
Deputy City Attorney:	Steve Kean
Senior Asst. City Attorney:	April Earley
Director of Organizational Development:	Regina Y. Moss
Planning Director:	Kyle Kingma
Chief Information Officer:	Benny Yazdanpanahi
Police Chief:	Jimmy Toler
City Engineer:	Darin Jennings
Project Engineer:	Cody Bain
Project Engineer:	Jacob Yanker
Director of Utilities:	Kate Dietz
Director of Parks & Recreation:	Leanne Robinette
Director of Solid Waste, Transit:	Leroy Sparrow
Senior Management Analyst:	Blake Cathey
City Clerk:	Cassandra Brager

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Nichols.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Wynne to approve the September 11 and September 25, 2024 minutes; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

AWARDS

A-1

Request that the City Council consider recognizing the following employees for their years of service and commitment to the City of Tyler. They represent 95 years of service with the City of Tyler.

Deborah Pullum, City Attorney, 20 years of service
Robert Hassell, Lake Supervisor, 20 years of service

Patrisha McKee, Deputy Court Clerk, 20 years of service
Steven Kean, Deputy City Attorney, 35 years of service

A-2

Request that the City Council consider accepting the Bergfeld Park Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association Great Places in Texas 2024 Designee for a Public Space Award.

Leanne Robinette, Director of Parks – Stated that the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association designated the City of Tyler's Bergfeld Park as a great public space of the State Chapters Great places in Texas program. The award was presented and received in March of 2024. Bergfeld Park joins the Tyler Rose Garden as the second great place in Texas to be designated in the City of Tyler.

ZONING

Z-1

PD24-028 SOUTHEAST TEXAS CLASSIC REAL ESTATE, INC. (2650 WEST SOUTHWEST LOOP 323)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from 'C-2', General Commercial District and 'M-1', Light Industrial District to 'PCD', Planned Commercial District with a final site plan. (O-2024-102)

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-2

S24-009 AAMINA CORPORATION (712 WEST HOUSTON STREET)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow for a Tobacco/Vape/Smoke Store for a one-year period of time. (O-2024-103)

Councilmember Hene – Asked Kyle if in his opinion, does the vape shop adversely affect the character of this neighborhood?

Kyle Kingma, Planning Director - Stated that's unknown at this time without knowing if there's any. So, I think one thing we might evaluate in a year, if this work can be approved for a year, is calls for service, you know, for Police, if there are any code issues, trash, debris, things like that. And if those things are present, then that might indicate that it might be inappropriate.

Councilmember Hene - Asked if this vape shop adversely affects the general welfare of this neighborhood?

Kyle Kingma, Planning Director - I don't know. So, the staff, I mean, we reviewed it. And so, some of the things were, whether it's kind of what the feedback we received, so with a special use permit, they are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and largely that involves the public. You know, they are notified. Adjacent properties are notified. And so, from the lack of feedback that we received, I wouldn't characterize it as being out of character.

Councilmember Hawkins - Stated Yeah, because there are two low-income apartments right across the street, and then down by there's another set of low-income apartments. So, not that it does, but they're already up and running, from my understanding, since, you said, September.

Councilmember Nichols: So, Kyle, in the first part of the narrative, did you state that they chose, they were notified initially that they needed SUPs. They went ahead and opened the business, ran the business, didn't look for the SUP until they were called out, and then they applied for them. So they chose to operate, even though they knew without a special use permit.

Kyle Kingma, Planning Director – Stated, Yes.

Councilmember Hawkins – Stated that as she understood it, they did not know that they needed the SUP. They opened up with the CO, correct?

Mayor Warren – Stated that it was his understanding, they understood they needed the SUP, but they were granted a certificate of occupancy prior to getting the SUP, which is probably our bad on the City's behalf on issuing the CO without the SUP.

Kyle Kingma, Planning Director – Stated they requested the information to know whether they could operate, or what they would need zoning wise to operate, and they were provided that information. So, I'm saying yes, that they had the information they needed to do this, to get the special use permit prior to operating.

Councilmember Hawkins – Asked if the owner was here?

Councilmember Nichols – Stated, So, forgiveness versus blessing.

Councilmember Hene: I think all that is a moot point because the Unified Development Code, those two questions that I've asked, those are two of the elements that have to be satisfied. If we can't satisfy those elements, we can't grant a special use permit. And so, I think some of these questions are moot if we can't satisfy those two elements.

Mayor Warren – Asked if the applicant could come up. Can you state your name and address for the record, please?

Hassan, 1717 Shiloh Road – Stated that in reference to the certificate of occupancy, so when we were applying, we went to the office daily asking about what was needed, quality inspections that were needed, and they gave it, and we did not get anything in the mail of a special use permit, and then in October, like at the end of last month, we got something in the mail, and as soon as we got it, we went to their offices the very next day to talk about it, to apply for it. But before then, we had no clue what it even was. And then when we got the certificate of occupancy, we were basically informed that we have everything needed to start investing. So, we invested all the money. I was in the military, so all the money I had saved up, and my cousin too. So, we had already got everything ready, and then a month after, we got the special use permit in the mail saying that we need this in order to run, operate.

Councilmember Hawkins – Asked if he shut down during that time?

Hassan, 1717 Shiloh Road – Stated that they went to the offices the very next day and said, "that we're in a situation where we have to pay the inventory. We got it, like, half of it. We got like a loan. We have to pay it back. So, we asked them if for the time until the meeting, for this meeting, if we could continue operating just so the financial burden doesn't affect us

that much. And at that time, they approved it. They said that if anything, if any, the person who I was talking to, he said I'll have to talk to my higher ups. And if anything comes up, I will notify you. I gave them my number, my contact information. So, they knew that we were operating. And they said that if anything happens, he would contact me about if I had to close it for the time being."

Councilmember Hawkins – Asked, what types of products do you have, vapes, CBD and THC? She knows there's a legal amount of THC that can be in those vapes. Councilmember Hawkins asked if he had both of those in his shop?

Hassan, 1717 Shiloh Road – Stated, "Yes, ma'am. We have tobacco products mostly. We have vape products. We do have CBD. And we do have like THC as well. But there's also a gas station in walking distance across from us that has all those same products as well. It's in a C1 location, too. It's the same zoning as us and they have the same. There's not one product that we don't have at the gas station that's also walking distance from where we are, doesn't have.

Councilmember Nichols – Stated, so, to the Mayor's point, we issued a CO, reviewed all the CO, they made the investment, they opened their business, then we came back looking for the special use permit.

Mayor Warren – Stated, that's the way I understand it. Is that correct?

Hassan, 1717 Shiloh Road – Stated, yes, sir.

Councilmember Nichols – Stated, so you made the investment, you have a CO, and you made the investment to do your business.

Hassan, 1717 Shiloh Road – Stated, yes, sir. I have the CO. I have a picture of it, the occupants, the letter that the certificate of occupancy that I have gotten. I also applied for all the licenses and the City also approved for the name. It was a tobacco shop name. That was also approved by the City. So as soon as I got every single license that was needed, I started the investment.

Mayor Warren – Stated, "You know, I'll say it, I don't like vape shops. I don't like them in Tyler. I don't like them by schools. I don't like them by a church, I don't like them period. But I'll say this, the manner in which this all occurred did make it to where you went out of pocket to buy your inventory. And personally, I don't want you to be, I don't want you to lose that investment because of the way this all worked out. But if you do get the special use permit for a year, it could be revoked at any time prior to that one-year period. So, if there's behavior or things that occur there, you can come back to Council and that SUP is revoked and you still lose that money you spent on inventory. But I think the fact that a certificate of occupancy was issued, that happened. And it's up to the will of the Council on what we do."

Councilmember Hawkins – Stated, I concur. I mean, he went by what he was told, so. And it's only for a year, but I don't want or like vape shops either.

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 4 - 2 & approved as presented. (Mayor Pro Tem Hene and Councilmember McKellar were against the request).

Z-3

Z24-036 BLAS MURILLO (1523 WEST LOLLAR STREET)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from 'R-MF', Multi-Family Residential District to 'R-1D', Single-Family Detached and Attached Residential District. (O-2024-104)

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-4

Z24-037 HOLLYWOOD THEATRES, INC (1250 SOUTH SOUTHWEST LOOP 323) Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from 'M-1', Light Industrial District to 'C-2', General Commercial District. (O-2024-105)

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember Wynne; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-5

PD24-029 KNAKEDODGE CAPITAL, LLC (6450 OAK HILL BOULEVARD)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a 'PMF', Planned Multi-Family District final site plan amendment. (O-2024-106)

Motion by Councilmember Hawkins; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-6

PD24-031 SHACKLEFORD CREEK LAND COMPANY LLC (986, 989, 990, 994, 995, 998, 999, 1002, 1003, 1006, 1007, 1010, 1042, 1046, 1060, 1064, 1068, 1072, AND 1076 MARSH FARM ROAD)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from 'R-1A', Single-Family Residential District to 'PUR', Planned Unit Residential District with a site narrative. (O-2024-107)

Motion by Councilmember Wynne; seconded by Councilmember Hawkins; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

Z-7

PD24-033 MAJESTY EVENT CENTER (900 WEST BOW STREET)

Request that the City Council consider adoption of an Ordinance approving a zone change from 'M-1', Light Industrial District to 'PMXD-1', Planned Mixed-Use District 1 with a site narrative. (O-2024-108)

Ed Thompson, 3351 Cascade Court, Unit 304, Tyler, Texas – Stated that they had it as an event center. And we have shut it down in October to get ready for this expansion. We're teaming with a company out of Colorado that specializes and does the treatment center approach. And they kind of specialize in trying to help all recoveries. But we're kind of focusing on special emphasis on veterans because the status, if you look it up, there's 23 to 28 veterans every day that commit suicide. Tyler is a big veteran center. We have a lot of veterans here and a lot of people that need help, not only in Tyler, but

the surrounding community. And currently, you only have one facility in Tyler that is a residential. You have a lot of outpatient treatment centers, but there's no, but one at Cenikor up on Gentry Parkway. And their only capacity is 35 people, for the size of Smith County is not near enough. So, we had a lot of options that we could do with this building. Nightclub and stuff being one, but I'm 60 plus, I'm not planning to be in a nightclub. And I don't think Tyler needs a nightclub at this point. So, the company, we're finalizing all our details. We're just waiting on the zoning. We have to get to the zoning has to be in place first before we can move forward with the rest of it.

Councilmember McKellar - Thanked Mr. Thompson for his work and for always looking out for veterans. She appreciates that. With that being said, and if no one else has anything else...

Councilmember Hawkins - Asked what the capacity would be?

Ed Thompson - Stated like the Mayor said, "I'm a lifelong resident of Tyler, love Tyler. Love spending my dollars in Tyler, and I'm just glad to see Tyler going in the direction that it's going, with new ideas coming in and stuff like that."

Councilmember Hawkins - Asked what's the plan for capacity?

Ed Thompson - Stated we're going to be anywhere from 60 to 80, but it's probably going to be more around 50, but we have the capacity. We're going to retool the building for the full capacity, but we don't plan, for operational reasons, to probably go over the 50.

Councilmember Hawkins - Stated you're going to have to have a whole lot of bathrooms.

Ed Thompson - Stated, yeah well, we've got 24 in there right now, and we've got to add each bedroom that has to have its own bathroom.

Councilmember McKellar - Asked how many employees are you looking at in that facility?

Ed Thompson - Stated It's going to be upwards to 50 to 60 employees at full capacity.

Motion by Councilmember McKellar; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

RESOLUTION

R-1 **Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local On-System Agreement (LOSA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the 2024 Pedestrian Access Improvement Project. (R-2024-46)**

Motion by Councilmember McKellar; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

ORDINANCE

O-1 Request that the City Council consider adopting an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to provide funding to complete various construction projects, motor vehicle purchases, and other purchases not completed by September 30, 2024, as anticipated. (O-2024-109)

Motion by Councilmember McKellar; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS

M-1 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Capital Improvements Project contract in the amount of \$5,941,570.00 with Insituform Technologies, LLC for the Greenbriar Force Main Sliplining Project (Buyboard Contract #730-24) and adopt a Resolution reserving the right to reimburse expenditures with proceeds of future debt. (R-2024-47)

Motion by Councilmember Wynne; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

M-2 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Reynolds and Kay, LTD., for the construction of the 2025 Asphalt Enhancement Project in the amount of \$3,706,950.84.

Motion by Councilmember Wynne; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

M-3 Request that the City Council consider awarding the Medical and Pharmacy Stop-Loss contract to Voya for the calendar year starting January 1, 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Nichols; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

CONSENT

(These items are considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asks for separate consideration of an item.)

C-A-1 Request that the City Council consider declaring Lot 11A Block: 249A surplus property and authorize the City Manager to dispose of this property.

C-A-2 Request that the City Council consider declaring tracts 4.2 and 22 on C R 1185 surplus property and authorize the City Manager to dispose of this property.

C-A-3 Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to ratify an expenditure in the amount of \$132,692.90 for the Mandated Annual Water Quality Assessment Fee to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

C-A-4 Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution casting votes to elect candidates to serve as members of the Smith County Appraisal District Board of Directors. (R-2024-48)

City Manager, Edward Broussard – Stated that so for C-A-4 for the Council consideration, adopting a resolution, casting the votes to elect the candidates to serve as members of the Smith County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Senate Bill 2 that was approved by the Legislature at the last legislative session did change somewhat the way that we have been doing this where in the past the council said hey this is our candidate and each of the different major taxing entities had their candidate that was then put on the Appraisal District. This time around there's a slate of candidates and the different entities put their votes towards those, and you have five slots that represent the taxing entities of Smith County. I've been discussing with our other entities, our major entities on how their votes went down and where they put theirs as far as who they voted for. We saw that for Tyler Junior College they did put votes towards Dr. Glenn Elliott Junior and Mark Whatley. Smith County cast their votes for Annie Dyer and Mark Whatley and then Tyler ISD cast their votes for Reverend Orenthia Mason and Jonathan Wolf. So that kind of started to get then kind of the five people that we saw as the candidates for that. The Council has 76 votes that they are distributing amongst the candidates they wish to see. You can put all 76 candidates towards or votes towards one candidate or you can kind of split them up amongst the different candidates. You have Mark Whatley has been the candidate that the City has put forward for multiple years and has served as really kind of Tyler's voice on the Appraisal District although all of these people ultimately represent Tyler in their own way and so that's ultimately kind of the decision point. With the change typically this kind of goes through Council would just like I said with the change that happened in waiting to see how the votes came down with our other major entities in the County we want to give information to you for y'all's consideration.

Mayor Warren – Stated, “thank you.” You know in the past as Ed said we've had a designee on that board which has been Mr. Whatley and it would have if we had 76 votes or 149 votes he is just our designee. So, as we go forward with the change in legislation you know we do have the 76 votes, personally I don't see any reason to try to figure out you know whether you give Mark 40 and somebody else 36 or just give them all to Mark and be done with it with all due respect. I mean and that would be my position, it's just you know, it's up to y'all, but yeah, I would support just giving Mark all the votes and show our support and move forward.

Councilmember Hene – Asked out of curiosity, what was the magic number of votes to receive to be on the Appraisal District Board?

City Manager, Edward Broussard – Stated from my understanding of this and this can be completely wrong it's just as far as majority rule, so which of these five, I think there may be eight candidates, the top five then are put on. Then the way this has also changed is that there are, I believe three that were elected back in May of 2024 that

represents kind of the general public and so you have those, you have five representing different entities, taxing jurisdictions, three that are at large and then one the ninth non-voting member is the Appraisal District, the Chief Appraiser.

Councilmember Nichols – Stated, so, if we move to approve the 76 votes, that give Mr. Whatley 200 altogether.

City Manager, Edward Broussard – Stated, that would be correct, yes sir.

Councilmember Hawkins -Asked, how long has Mark served?

Councilmember Wynne- Asked Mr. Whatley how long has he served?

Mark Whatley -Stated, since prior to leaving Council.

Councilmember McKellar -Asked if he were still interested in serving?

Mark Whatley – Stated, to answer your question yes, I'll serve at the pleasure of the Council. I've learned a lot about the importance of that role, and I've talked to Mayor Warren and the previous Mayor that I'm happy to serve as long as the Council will have me in serving that role. We've got a good slate of board members now. To Ed's discussion, there's eight people up for election. Five of them will be elected. Three of them were elected during this latest election that the State mandated. So, we've got three elected members and then we'll have five members that are from the community.

Mayor Warren – Stated, Well and I think this is a board that you have to be careful. You have to make sure that the people that are on there are representing the citizens and representing the taxing jurisdictions and that represents everybody in a fair and equitable manner, and I think the group that's on here is that great.

Mark Whatley – Stated that people need to understand too that we're basically doing exactly what the State Law asks us to do. This is not the review board. We're not setting values or anything. We're just the Governing Board over the Appraisal District, which is greatly dictated by State Law what we can and can't do.

Councilmember Hene- Stated that he moved to approve to allocate all 76 votes to Mark Whatley.

Councilmember McKellar – Stated, Second.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hene to approve to allocate all 76 votes to Mark Whatley; seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

C-A-5

Request that the City Council consider ratifying the expenditure of \$90,743.10, for the mandated Public Water System Fee to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

C-A-6 **Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a new Lease Agreement with the United States Government for TSA lease space in the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport Terminal Building**

C-A-7 **Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 3 to KSA Engineers, Inc., to add basic services, including design, bidding, construction administration, and closeout phase services for the engineering services for the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement project for an increase from \$33,254.00 to \$213,260.55 (\$+180,006.55) at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.**

C-A-8 **Request that the City Council consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement with Granicus, which is a Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) vendor under DIR- TSO-3631, 3948 and 3149, for the Service Cloud Advanced solution, including website hosting and service requests management software. The total agreement cost on all the software listed is \$1,328,543.44. Funds are allocated in PEG fund.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hene to approve the rest of the consent agenda items C-A-1 through C-A-8 except C-A-4(see motion above for C-A-4); seconded by Councilmember McKellar; motion carried 6 - 0 & approved as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mayor and Council, a quick note from Keidric The projected ending fund balance for the health fund is at \$4.2 million. So, he was able to get that piece of information for us.
2. You know it's tis the season and Tylerites know not to drive down South Broadway at this time of year. But an interesting piece of note that came out yesterday was the Texas top 100 congested road segments that South Broadway is not on the top 100 list anymore. The most recent top 100 congested segment roadways in Texas South Broadway Avenue is missing. The data for the year 2023 has South Broadway Avenue ranked at 102 down from 87 in 2022 and the rank of 47 in 2021. Data as reported by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute did show increases in traffic volumes by about 3% as well as traffic delay by 1.8% over the previous years. However, the Texas congestion index, commuter stress index and planning time index for the corridor has remained level or improved over the previous past two years. We understand that during peak travel times it is still congested corridor and causes frustration and delays. However, the fact that Tyler continues to see growth along with the rest of Texas and we are moving out of top 100 most congested roadways is a testament to investments the city has been and continues to make in our traffic signal system and the hard work our traffic operations staff have to maintain our system at a higher level of operations. The city has continued its evaluation of improvements in the area through the South Tyler Mobility Study and we continue to partner with Texas Department of Transportation for future improvements on South Broadway Avenue itself and for parallel corridors of Paluxy Drive, Old Jacksonville Highway and Rhone's Quarter Road. If you want to go out in depth, just make the drive down to South Broadway and see how far you can go. You can now and know that you're not on the top 100 worst road as far as congestion in Texas. That is actually a big piece of it just the fact that the work of Cameron, Council, the investment the Council, the Half Cent Sales Tax Board made you do start to see improvements like this and we appreciate the support that the council has given towards those type of projects.
3. Also, of note on Tuesday afternoon we had several members of the Council there. The Governor's office visited Tyler to award the City with the Tourism Friendly Certification. We are the third City in the State of Texas to become a tourism friendly Texas certified

community. So, we appreciate Visit Tyler for their efforts to lead on that. For our own staff for the incredible work, they do and making this such a tourist friendly community.

There are all the different events and just amenities that we have here in our community.

4. Since the season of giving and to go with that as well we have our 2024 Smith County United Way Drive results. Our employees participate each year in fundraising drive-in conjunction with the Smith County United Way. This year our employees raised \$23,525 in pledges and donations to benefit those in need of Tyler and Smith County. We give a special thank you to Andrew Erbaugh and Prentice Butler for leading this year's United Way Drive with the organization. We also thank all of our employees who gave and are giving to make this a better place for our neighbors in the greater Tyler area.
5. And most of all, thank you to all, we were able to participate in the parade recently. And so, with the lighting of the tree on the Square just was a beautiful event. But a big thank you is to our hardworking parks crews and staff for assembling and decorating that beautiful tree that we have on the Downtown Square with over 2000 ornaments over the course of two days they were able to get it up before Thanksgiving. And it turned out that it was beautiful. You drive by the square at night. It really kind of you know, it touches your heart and really puts you in the right framework and mindset for the holidays.
6. And then finally, speaking of the Christmas trees, I do want to kind of give a special shout out for our Parks Department own Debbie Isham. As you walk around our different facilities, whether it be City Hall up here, as you made your way up from the first floor to the second floor and saw the beautiful Christmas trees, you go to all the different City facilities and see the Christmas tree. Debbie Isham has been dressing up the facilities for the holiday season for over 22 years now. For this year, the Goodman LeGrand Museum, Rose Garden Center, and Garden and City Hall have been decorated by her. She's also held through the years the Downtown Square tree, Harvey Convention Center back in the day, the Municipal Court tree and Neighborhood Services tree. This year, fully decorated 11 trees that she did. With the help of several volunteers in each location the facility is now dressed for holiday festivities and so Debbie has always kind of especially for Christmas, you'll see her kind of leading up to it with her working on the trees around City Hall. She has such a passion for making sure that, again, we talk about kind of being in the right mindset, having being kind of present for the holidays, creating that environment. And so, we are especially grateful for Debbie for the hard work she does on that.

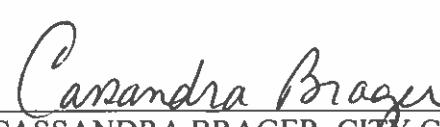
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember McKellar to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am; seconded by Councilmember Nichols; motion carried 6 - 0 & meeting adjourned.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

