

Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem
Sean Skipworth
Walter Wilson

MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Wally Deats
Louis Decker
William H. King III
Chris Heard, City Administrator

February 11, 2020

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **REGULAR MEETING** on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. City Secretary Alun Thomas called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Suderman, and Council Members Sean Skipworth, Walter Wilson, Wally Deats, Louis Decker, and William H. King, III. Also present were City Attorney David Olson, City Administrator Chris Heard, Interim Director of Public Works Ron Sullivan, Police Chief Ron Morales, Fire Marshal Burt Heddles, Court Administrator Irma Rivera, Library Director Julianne Lane, Assistant to the City Administrator Kerilyn Bascle, Assistant Library Director Kathy Soehl, and Assistant to the Director of Public Works Andrew Crawford.

ITEM 2.) INVOCATION

Pastor Sowell from Mount Olive Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ITEM 3.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Skipworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 4.) PROCLAMATIONS

A.

ITEM 5.) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Council Comments.

- Welcome and thank you to all for attending the meeting.
- The Knights of Columbus will host weekly fish fries from February 28 through April 3.
- New trash carts are being delivered now ready for the new service provider to take over in late March. A town hall meeting about the change will be held at City Hall on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- Bayou Animal Services' new shelter will be open soon.

- Welcome back to Council Member King, who has recently spent many days in the hospital. Council Member King thanked Council for its support and said that after three surgeries and 22 days spent in three hospitals, he is glad to be back.
- Friday, February 14 is the last day to apply for a position on the City's General Election ballot.
- Thank you to Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 for fixing a sewer blockage on Tanglebriar Drive.
- Council Member Decker encourages property owners to trim their trees and bushes that overhang the City's ditches.
- Mount Olive will celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the founding of its "Sister Saints" program tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. The community is invited to attend.
- University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) will host a ribbon-cutting event at its new facility on February 18.
- On March 6, there will be a ribbon-cutting event held at Paul Hopkins Park for the new bridge.

ITEM 6.) REPORTS:

- A. Update on Public Works Projects (Interim Director of Public Works Ron Sullivan).

Mayor Masters said that this meeting will be Interim Director of Public Works Ron Sullivan's last day at the City and she thanked him for his service. Mr. Sullivan thanked Council and said that Dickinson has come a long way during his tenure as Interim Director of Public Works. Mr. Sullivan then addressed questions regarding the pumps on Mariner's Mooring, which he believes to now be fixed.

- ITEM 7.) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** At this time, any person with city-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, The City Council may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

H Scott Apley, 4905 East 34th Street, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Apley noted that the last meeting of Council had the public comments item at the end of the agenda. He believes that it should be at the beginning of the agenda to make it more consistent with state law. Mr. Apley also suggested that the City make it clearer that members of the public are encouraged and welcome to speak at any time during open meetings. Finally, he welcomed Council Member King back.

Karen Post, 4527 East 29th Street, Dickinson, Texas – Ms. Post thanked Mayor Masters for saying "Jesus Christ" during the invocation in the Council's last Regular Meeting.

John Harris, 3711 Rau Drive, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Harris thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for their service and for working to correct the solid waste collection issues in the city. He then expressed his concern with the quality of the work being done on the ditches in the Bayou Crest subdivision, remarking that it may fix the drainage but that the workers do not clean up after themselves. He said that we all need to pick up trash in the rights-of-way.

Chris Tucker, 2304 Hughes Road, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Tucker agreed with Mr. Harris that people should pick up their trash. He then encouraged Council to place the proposition concerning term limits on the May 2, 2020 ballot so that Dickinson's voters can choose whether or not to implement term limits for Members of Council. Mr. Tucker said that term limits have been shown to be beneficial and that they bring forth more new candidates for office.

Kevin Edmonds, 4136 Gum Drive, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Edmonds is a candidate for Council Member Position 2. Mr. Edmonds said that currently, only Council's voice is heard and that the voters of the Dickinson should get to decide the City's direction. He encouraged Council to consider adding another proposed Charter amendment to the May 2, 2020 ballot to require that all future amendments proposed by a Charter Review Commission go on the ballot for voters' input.

ITEM 8.) CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

The following items are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion on these items unless a Council member requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and discussed after the consent agenda.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2020.
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 4, 2020.
- C. Resolution Number 1819-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE AERIAL SPRAYING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF MOSQUITOES OVER AND WITHIN THE CITY OF DICKINSON BY THE GALVESTON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- D. Resolution Number 1820-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN**

THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS (“CITY”), DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (“DISD”), AND GALVESTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (“WCID#1”) FOR A JOINT ELECTION FOR THE MAY 2, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 9.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Resolution Number 1821-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Skipworth made a motion to approve the Resolution, and Council Member King seconded the motion. Council Member Wilson asked if all of the necessary work has been conducted at the library, such as soil samples and checking to ensure that the bell-bottoms are present on the foundation. City Administrator Chris Heard briefed Council on the proposed project. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 10.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Resolution Number 1822-2020 – **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A**

CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION SERVICES PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND COURT FINES AND FEES WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §2254.1032; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the Resolution, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. Council thanked Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for the good work that it has done for the City in the past. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

ITEM 11.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Ordinance Number 949-2020 – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, TO SUBMIT PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL; PROVIDING AN ESTIMATE OF THE ANTICIPATED FISCAL IMPACT TO THE CITY IF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE APPROVED; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.** (Second of Three Readings)

Following a brief discussion, Council decided to go through the proposed Charter amendments individually.

Proposition A: “Shall the Charter be amended to adopt the Council-Manager form of government?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Deats, Decker, King)

1 NAY (Wilson)

MOTION PASSED

Proposition B: “Shall the Charter be amended by to provide Council the power to provide for approval of subdivision plats and to carry out plans for areas destroyed by disaster?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition C: “Shall the Charter be amended to require a person to be a resident of the city for at least twelve months immediately preceding their election to the City Council?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition D: “Shall the Charter be amended to permit the City Council to appoint a person to fill a vacant Councilmember position within one year of a regular election?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition E: “Shall the Charter be amended to permit publication of ordinances, notices and other matters as authorized by State law?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member King seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson remarked that the proposed addition of “or as otherwise permitted by state law” to the end of Section 12.03 of the City Charter is very useful. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition F: “Shall the Charter be amended to require an amendment relating to the administration of the City’s finances including requiring earlier submission of budget and publication of the budget as permitted by state law?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition G: “Shall the Charter be amended to increase the amount of the City’s disaster contingency fund?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member King seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson confirmed that the proposed amendment would not currently cause a financial impact, noting that the change makes a current ceiling into a floor. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition H: "Shall the Charter be amended to provide for the contract and purchase of goods and services consistent with state procurement laws?"

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition I: "Shall the Charter be amended to allow the appointment of Councilmembers to serve on boards, commissions and committees where permitted by State law?"

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member King seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson said that currently, members of council (and only up to four members of council, per state law) can only serve on the board of Dickinson Economic Development Corporation without specific permission. Chris Tucker (2304 Hughes Road, Dickinson) asked if the appointment of a member of council to a board would make them a voting member of the board, and Mayor Masters confirmed that it would. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition J: "Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit any City officer or employee from participating in any vote or decision in which the person has a personal interest?"

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson addressed questions regarding who would be considered an officer of the City, noting that state law defines that term. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition K: “Shall the Charter be amended to require the periodic review of the Charter by a Council appointed Charter Commission?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member King seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson said that the ten-year requirement for the establishment of a Charter Review Commission does not preclude Council from establishing such a Commission at any other time; the requirement simply sets a minimum time period for establishing the Commission. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition L: “Shall the Charter be amended to permit the publication of the report of the Charter Review Commission on the City’s website?”

Council Member Suderman made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the motion. City Attorney David Olson confirmed that the previous typographical error has been corrected. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition M: “Shall the Charter be amended to provide for gender neutral terminology and to correct other terms, spelling and capitalization without making any substantive changes?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition N: “Shall the Charter be amended to conform to the general laws of the State of Texas?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition O: “Shall the Charter be amended to permit Council to renumber and rearrange the sections of the Charter by ordinance?”

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Deats seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition P: “Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit a former Mayor or Councilmember from holding any compensated appointive office or city employment within ten (10) years after the expiration of the term?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the motion.

City Attorney David Olson said that this proposition extends the prohibition of a former mayor or councilmember from holding a compensated appointive office or city employment from one year following their departure from City Council to ten years following their departure from City Council. Council discussed whether the Charter should clarify that that meant employment with the City of Dickinson. Mr. Olson said that that was not necessary. Council Member Skipworth said that five years might be more appropriate than ten years, and several members of council agreed.

Council Member Deats amended his motion to instead approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented but with the limitation changed five years, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Skipworth seconded the amended motion. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition Q: “Shall the Charter be amended to prohibit an active employee from serving on any City board, commission or committee?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. Mayor Masters expressed her

opposition to the proposition, saying that it would effectively restrict a future Council. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition R: “Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the Mayor Pro Tem becomes the Mayor in the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor?”

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Decker seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

City Attorney David Olson said that in the last Council meeting, Council Member Skipworth had asked that a proposition be added to the ballot for consideration of allowing non-binding referendums to be held: “Shall the Charter be amended to allow for nonbinding referendums?” That proposition, if approved, would be Proposition S, and would involve a text amendment to Section 6.01 of the City Charter.

Proposition S: Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the placement of the proposed Amendment, as presented, on the Special Election ballot, and Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Council Member Skipworth said that since the City cannot move its election to November, this amendment, if approved by the voters, would allow the City to call a non-binding referendum. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Proposition T: Council Member Deats made a motion to include a Proposition T on the Special Election ballot, with the Proposition being the same as that considered by Council as then Proposition C during its January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting: "Shall the Charter be amended to limit the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers?" There not being an immediate second to the motion, Council Member Deats reurged the motion. Council Member Skipworth then seconded the motion.

H Scott Apley, 4905 East 34th Street, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Apley thanked Council Member Deats for allowing Council to reconsider adding this Proposition to the ballot. He remarked that incumbents on Council have been able to use their positions to establish networks and accumulate funds, and that by simply being on Council they also enjoy an information advantage over potential challengers. Last meeting, Council said that voters should be trusted, but now it is considering withholding this Proposition from voters. This, he said, is unacceptable.

Matt Sabatier, 2818 Greenbriar Street, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Sabatier agreed with Mr. Apley, and said that the citizens of Dickinson deserve the opportunity to vote for or against term limits.

Trey Rusk, 5304 Lazymist Court, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Rusk supports letting voters decide whether to impose term limits on members of Council, and he thanked Council Member Deats for addressing the issue. He asked what percentage of voters are needed to overturn an action of Council. City Attorney David Olson said that, for ordinances, that 20% of the number of people who voted in the last election. For a recall election, Mr. Olson said, that percentage raises to 35%. Mr. Olson added that citizens cannot petition to put a Charter amendment on the ballot.

Chris Tucker, 2304 Hughes Road, Dickinson, Texas – Mr. Tucker said that this is not a time for Council Members to help themselves, and that voters should decide whether to implement term limits.

Scott Shrader, 3719 Kellner Road, Dickinson, Texas – Dr. Shrader was a member of the Charter Review Commission. He believes that the success of a City is more to do with its City Administrator or City manager than

it is with its form of government. He also believed that the voters be allowed to decide on whether to adopt term limits for Council.

Mayor Masters expressed her opposition to the imposition of term limits and said that the majority of Council agrees with her on the matter. Council Member Deats reiterated his support for including the Proposition on the ballot. Council Member Suderman expressed his support for putting every proposition on the ballot for the voters. Council Member King said that he opposes term limits; Dickinson needs the best people on Council, and the best people win elections. Council Member King then said that most members of Council live on the West side of Dickinson, and that adopting Council districts would help to correct that imbalance. Council Member Skipworth said that although the arguments heard concerning term limits are earnest, the current increase in the number of people running for office in Dickinson is not due to term limits – it is due to decreasing apathy in the public. He said that incumbency advantage at the local level is not great and could actually be a disadvantage. Additionally, Council Member Skipworth said that the argument about voter disenfranchisement is not valid; voters can vote people out of office. Voters who vote for term limits, he said, are unfairly forcing their political views on others. Council Member Wilson expressed his opposition to term limits, saying that voters who want to keep good, long-term members of Council should be allowed to. Mayor Masters said that many cities that had adopted term limits, such as Webster, subsequently removed the limits because they do not work and are only good on paper.

Council Member Skipworth said that the 2013 start time for term limits bothers him, as he does not wish for any term limits to be retroactive. He moved to amend the date to make it effective as of the date of approval, not as of June 2013. Council Member Decker seconded the motion to amend. Council Member Wilson briefly left the meeting from 8:35 p.m. until 8:37 p.m. Upon Council Member Wilson's return, and there being no discussion on the motion to amend, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

3 AYES (Skipworth, Wilson, Decker)

3 NAYS (Suderman, Deats, King)

There being an equal number of Council Members for and against the motion, Mayor Masters broke the tie by opposing the motion.

MOTION FAILED

There being no further discussion on the motion to include the above Proposition T on the Special Election ballot, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:
5 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker)
1 NAY (King)

MOTION PASSED

Proposition U: Council Member Deats made a motion to include a Proposition U on the Special Election ballot, with the Proposition being the same as that considered by Council as then Proposition E during its January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting: "Shall the Charter be amended to provide for compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers not to exceed \$75 per meeting or \$1,800 per year, whichever is less?" Council Member King seconded the motion. Council Member Deats explained that the Proposition was a recommendation from the Charter Review Commission and although he takes no position on the Proposition, he believes that voters should have the ability to vote on it. There being no further discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:
5 AYES (Suderman, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
1 NAY (Skipworth)

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Masters said that, although she did not get to vote on the motion, she also opposed it.

Council Member Deats made a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended, and Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:
6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

Mayor Masters said that she would like an informational flyer to be prepared regarding the Propositions, and City Attorney David Olson agreed.

ITEM 12.) EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will now hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in:

A. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation and matters in which the duty of the City Attorney requires to be discussed in closed meeting.

Mayor Masters recessed the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ITEM 13.) RECONVENE

Mayor Masters reconvened the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m.

ITEM 14.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Matters Discussed in Executive Session.

None.

ITEM 15.) ADJOURN

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., and Council Member Deats seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

VOTE:

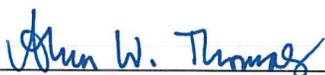
6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

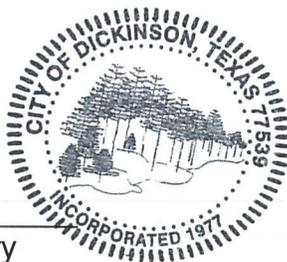
0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 10th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:


Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary




Julie Masters, Mayor