



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 21<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a worksession at 6:00 p.m. and regular council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place thereof in the city hall there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Holton  
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell  
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery  
Councilman Chad Wilsey

And Councilwoman Smajstrla and Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted:

## **WORKSESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Holton called to order with a quorum at 6:06 p.m.  
Council discussed the proposed 2017-18 Budget.  
Mayor closed the Worksession at 6:54 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Citizens Comments:
  - Veshonda McClean – Meridiana resident. Concerned about street parking in the new Meridiana Subdivision. She is a Houston Police Officer, and works in the west side of Houston on crime prevention.
  - \* Requested the city adopt an ordinance to prohibit vehicles parking on the street. City Attorney to review the law and rationale for parking prohibition in that neighborhood.
  - \* Requested a speed limit reduction to 20 MPH from the Meridiana Marquis to past the school.
4. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the June 19, 2017 and August 14, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

5. Mayor's Reports: Mayor Holton reported the city closed on Fire Station property on Sierra Vista property on west side of SH 288. Requested to let City Secretary know if there are mowing issues on the ROW so they can do follow up. Appreciated the work of the staff on the budget. A lot of activity and a lot of construction going on throughout the city.
6. Council Reports: Councilwoman Cottrell thanked staff for all the work for the workshop for the budget and the taxes. Very understandable explanations. Citizens on CR 64 are still choking from the dust. Chief is patrolling and stopping people.

Councilwoman Bradbery reported next eclipse will be on April 8, 2024. Property behind city hall is slated as a city park and money is available. Thinking of turning that area into a natural area, rather than play area since the Meridiana park will be available. She proposed Texas native plants, bird sanctuary, butterflies, Hummingbirds, beasetc.

Councilman Wilsey proposd an amendment to the Sign Ordinance to accommodate a larger sign for acreage properties that are for sale. Ron will contact City Attorney for something on the agenda at the September meeting. Wants to add a section that proposes an exemption for realtor signs to not require a permit for the larger size depending on the tract size so the larger signs can be used without a permit. Thanked Ron and Dinh for response on ditch cleaning and drainage around sand pit on CR 81.

7. Staff Reports:
8. Consider proposing (not adopting) a tax rate for fiscal year 2017-18 by record vote, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to propose a tax rate of \$.4295/\$100. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Councilwoman Cottrell, Councilwoman Bradbery and Councilman Wilsey voted for the motion. Approved unanimously. Councilwoman Smajstrla and Councilman Byrum-Bratsen being absent.
9. Consider setting time, date and place for public hearing for proposed 2017-18 City Budget, Councilwoman Bradbery moved to set Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Approved unanimously.
10. Consider setting time, date and place of Council meeting to consider an ordinance adopting the tax rate for 2017-18, Councilman Wilsey moved to set Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to approve the ordinance setting the tax rate for FY 2017-18. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.
11. Consider ordinance amending the Design Criteria Manual, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve ordinance amending the Design Criteria Manual. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

12. Consider approval of the following plats, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- \* Meridiana Section 65 Final Plat
- \* Meridiana Section 71 Preliminary Plat
- \* Meridiana Section 74 Preliminary Plat
- \* Meridiana Section 80 Preliminary Plat
- \* Sierra Vista Section 1 Preliminary Plat
- \* Sierra Vista Section 2 Preliminary Plat

Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve all the above as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

13. Consider ordinance amending fee schedule, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve ordinance amending the fee schedule for Fire Marshal fees. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradberry. Approved unanimously.
14. Consider approval of TIRZ 2 Annual Report as recommended by TIRZ 2 Board, Councilwoman Bradbery moved to adopt the 2016 TIRZ Annual Report. Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Approved unanimously.
15. Being no further business, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF September 2017.

ATTEST:

  
Geraldine Frank, City Secretary

  
Michael Holton, Mayor