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City Council:
Bonnie Black Mayor Pro Tem
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MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting

July 10, 2017 - 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Announced a Quorum was Present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eric Hunter; Mayor Pro Tem Bonnie Black. Council Members: Billie Steele and Ken Parnell.

Absent: John Basham and Larry Trammell

Mayor Hunter said this meeting does require a 2/3 majority for a quorum because of a tax item that was asked to be placed on the agenda by council members therefore they do not have a quorum and this meeting is over.

Mayor Pro Tem Black asked Walt Leonard if she had an option.

Walt Leonard said the option depending on what you want to do. The section in the Local Government Code is 22.039 states: A majority of the number of aldermen established by Section 22.031 for the municipality constitutes a quorum. However, at a called meeting or at a meeting to consider the imposition of taxes, two-thirds of the number of aldermen established by that section constitutes a quorum unless provided otherwise. He said the question here is a weird one. He said he hasn't had a chance to research it. The council is aware that two members of the council called a meeting on the question of the re-vote on the Mayor's request to re-vote. He said that stood along on a specific item. He said this is not a special meeting it is a regular meeting. He said the item relating to taxes was added later. He said that creates an interesting question as to whether the meeting is separable if for example the council decides to not handle the tax item which they must not touch – you have a regular quorum. He said he it possible to go ahead on the two (2) other items that don't require a special majority. He said one (1) option he supposed that they would have would be to continue the meeting with the proviso that they check this to see if TML has ever encountered this. He said obviously the language in this section is for a meeting to address taxes.

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He said it does say, unless provided otherwise. He said our own rules provide otherwise for different types of meetings and different types of quorums so that puts this whole thing in a grey area and we need to check with TML. We could say never mind we will check later or you could provisionally go ahead with the meeting, do whatever they wish to do-

Mayor Hunter said Mr. Leonard he wanted to point out that the meeting is over.

Walt Leonard said based on the quorum

Mayor Hunter said he thinks we need to find out from TML first possibly before we violate the law.

Walt Leonard said that was up to the Council. He said if it is being done provisionally

Mayor Hunter said they can just bring it back on next week's agenda.

Walt Leonard said that was up to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Black said Mayor the Council was not even aware of this tax thing and they have no idea what it is. She said they haven't researched it. She asked if they have had time to research it because it's not that easy. She said it was thrown in after what they had requested. She said this meeting was not set to do taxes. She said they can table that and continue their business.

Mayor Hunter said they can't touch it.

Mayor Pro Tem Black said they aren't going to touch it they are going to Table it.

Mayor Hunter said the meeting is over. He said he would get with Mr. Leonard this week and they will find out from TML.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

*"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
One state under God, One and Indivisible"*

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Citizen Presentation and Public Input for Future Agenda Item

6. Action Items

1. Discussion and Action Adopting an Ordinance imposing a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) including the entire City of Reno's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) as allowed by Texas Tax Code Title Tax Code Title 3. Subtitle D. Chapter 351. Subchapter A. and in compliance with all adopted ETJ agreement with neighboring cities.
2. Discussion and/or action on consideration of Mayor's requirement for

2. Discussion and/or action on consideration of Mayor's requirement for reconsideration on vote relating to investigation of status of Police property and Property Room.
3. Discussion and/or action on key control policy.

7. **Adjourn**

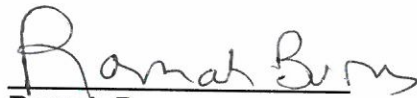
**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS
14th Day of August, 2017.**



**Eric Hunter
Mayor**



ATTEST:



**Ramah Burns
City Secretary**