

Results of the Commissioners Court Meeting of 09-24-19  
All agenda items approved as presented with the following exceptions:  
Harris County Commissioners Court  
Exceptions to September 24, 2019 Agenda

Page	Item	Department	Exception
9	4.b	Budget Management	Change date to "August 30, 2019"
11	8.f.1	Community Services	<p>The Operational Procedures for the Harris County Project Recovery Program (HCPRP) as developed by the Community Services Department are adopted by Harris County.</p> <p>The Executive Director of the Harris County Community Services Department, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to sign any documents or agreements for completed repairs, homeowner repair, elevation and reconstruction for the purpose of facilitating reimbursement to Harris County homeowner eligible applicants that qualify and are approved for assistance from the award of disaster recovery funds for homes damaged by the 2016 Floods and/or by Hurricane Harvey.</p> <p>The Harris County Purchasing Agent is authorized and directed to issue purchase orders, on behalf of each eligible, qualified and approved homeowner, to competitively procured contractors/vendors following execution of homeowner agreements and certifications pursuant to the HCPRP.</p> <p>The Executive Director of the Harris County Community Services Department, or his designee, is further hereby authorized and directed, subject to Harris County Attorney review, to sign any documents or agreement on behalf of eligible, qualified and approved homeowners according to the revised Harris County Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP) Guidebook and Procedures Manual (effective October 1, 2019) to the extent consistent with the Operational Procedure for the HCPRP.</p>
12	8.h	Community Services	Withdrawn

12	8.i	Community Services	<p>Change amount to “\$16,710,000</p> <p>Withdraw Brinshore Development , LLC, for North Lake Houston Apartments, all other items approved</p>
14	15.c.	County Attorney	<p>The Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the extension of the contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair &amp; Sampson, LLP for the collection of fees, fines and other debts owed to Harris County under Chapters 118 or 233 of the Texas Local Government Code as authorized by Chapter 103 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and amounts owed to Harris County in civil cases as authorized by Section 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code, on a month-to-month basis; and</p> <p>The Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the establishment of a working group convened by the Harris County Attorney’s Office, comprised of representatives of each member of Commissioners Court and representatives of the following County departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Harris County Attorney’s Office</li> <li>b. Office of Budget Management</li> <li>c. Justice of the Peace Courts</li> <li>d. Commissioners Court Analyst’s Office</li> <li>e. Harris County District Clerk’s Office</li> <li>f. Universal Services.</li> </ul> <p>The working group shall report back to Commissioners Court on October 29, 2019 on (i) the feasibility of moving into the County the collection of fees, fines and other debts owed to Harris County under Chapters 118 or 233 of the Texas Local Government Code as authorized by Chapter 103 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and the collection of amounts owed to Harris County in civil cases as authorized by Section 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code, (ii) state and national best practices, (iii) an assessment of staff needs, and (iv) the potential budget impact.</p>

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14	15.e	County Attorney	<p>And that the County Attorney shall provide Comm. Court with a quarterly update on the status of the legal actions taken in response to violations of the Floodplain Management Regulations that have been referred to the County Attorney's Office.</p>
16	19.b.26	Travel & Training-In Texas	<p>Change to "1 employee"</p>

29	21.d.19.d	Purchasing	Withdrawn
30	22.b.1	Commissioner, Precinct 1	The Harris County Community Services Department (CSD) is hereby authorized to convene a committee comprised of representatives of each member of Harris County Commissioners Court, the Harris County Budget Management Office, Harris County Public Health Services, and others deemed appropriate by the Community Services Department's Executive Director, to (1) create an initial Healthy Food Financing Initiative program description to be housed in the Community Services Department, (2) map out the program grant application process to be administered by CSD and (3) report on the budget implications of the proposed program.
31	22.c.1	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Withdrawn
31	22.c.2	Commissioner, Precinct 2	<p>The Harris County Office of Budget Management is authorized to review and evaluate, pursuant to an equity analysis, all ad valorem tax exemptions which are under the authority of Harris County Commissioners Court to adjust in order to provide greater relief for Harris County homeowners, which evaluation should (i) include the last time those exemptions were adjusted, (ii) provide options and impacts for adjusting same to better reflect inflation since the previous adjustment and (iii) include the impacts of indexing exemptions to important economic factors such as inflation and appraisal growth.</p> <p>The Harris County Office of Budget Management is further authorized to develop recommendations regarding how to identify demographics in communities for which exemptions are under-utilized and identify how best to encourage use of the exemptions.</p> <p>The Harris County Office of Budget Management shall report back to Commissioners Court within sixty (60) days regarding each of the foregoing items.</p>

32	II.1	Supplemental	<p>The Community Services Department (CSD) is authorized to use its currently available General Fund Resources to provide one-time emergency financial assistance related to utilities, temporary housing, or rent CSD may apply to Commissioners Court for additional resources in the event CSD General Fund Resources are exhausted as a result of this authorization.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Harris County employees working on designated projects are authorized to log their time as Special Overtime (Z) instead of Disaster Time (D) so that eligible employees can be reimbursed as opposed to accruing the time as part of their compensatory time balance.</p>
32	II.2	Supplemental	<p>The Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the extension of the contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair &amp; Sampson, LLP for the collection of fees, fines and other debts owed to Harris County under Chapters 118 or 233 of the Texas Local Government Code as authorized by Chapter 103 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and amounts owed to Harris County in civil cases as authorized by Section 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code, on a month-to-month basis; and</p> <p>The Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the establishment of a working group convened by the Harris County Attorney's Office, comprised of representatives of each member of Commissioners Court and representatives of the following County departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Harris County Attorney's Office</li> <li>b. Office of Budget Management</li> <li>c. Justice of the Peace Courts</li> <li>d. Commissioners Court Analyst's Office</li> <li>e. Harris County District Clerk's Office</li> <li>f. Universal Services.</li> </ul> <p>The working group shall report back to Commissioners Court on October 29, 2019 on (i) the feasibility of moving into the County the collection of fees, fines and other debts owed to Harris County under Chapters 118 or 233 of the Texas Local</p>

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32	II.3	Supplemental	<p>The Harris County Commissioners Court authorizes the extension of the contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair &amp; Sampson, LLP for collection of delinquent taxes, as authorized by Section 6.30 of the Texas Tax Code, on a month to month basis; and</p> <p>The Harris County Commissioners Court is authorized to establish a working group convened by the Harris County Attorney's Office, comprised of representatives of the County Attorney's Office, Tax Assessor-Collector, representatives of each member of Commissioners Court, Commissioners Court Analyst's Office, Harris County District Clerk's Office, and Universal Services to (i) report back to Commissioners Court on the feasibility of adjusting the Harris County's foreclosure valuation to \$150,000.00, (ii) report on including preferences on MWBE involvement in future contracts, and (iii) report on moving the collection of delinquent taxes into the County.</p> <p>The working group shall report back to Commissioners Court on all matters on October 29, 2019.</p>
32	II.9	Supplemental	The Harris County Office of Budget Management and the Harris County Engineering Department are authorized to conduct a study on (i) the centralization of County transportation and park functions, including the funding sources for those functions and (ii) County-wide standards for road projects and precinct owned building, such as energy efficiency and accessibility standards, and return the findings to Commissioners Court on October 29, 2019.
32	IV.	Tax Rates	No Action
33	V.3	Executive Session	Appointed Katherine Short