

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
6:00 PM

Chairman Eric Neal called the Special-Called meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Eric Neal, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Moon, District 1
LaDarius Carter, District 4
Garrett Boersma, District 6

Michael Mitchell, District 2
Vernia Calhoun, District 5

ABSENT: Ed Smith, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Agnor, City Manager
Jack Redmon, Support Services Director
Wes Morrison, Planning & Development Director
Sarah O'Brien, Director of Tourism & Promotions

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Boersma

346. **SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING TO SEEK INPUT AND ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC REGARDING HOW THE PERFORMANCE VENUE AREA OF MEMORIAL CITY HALL MIGHT BE RENOVATED TO BEST ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF PERFORMING ARTISTS AND EVENTS.**

Inagene Bennett, 415 Gail Circle, stated that she wants the city to look at using the Gold Room in the Public Library for future events as well as Memorial City Hall.

Tom Webster, 604 Shadywood Drive, stated that he would like the acoustic, light and sound areas to be looked into in order to make sure they will work for all types of performances and asked that we consider what auxiliary equipment might be purchased. Mr. Webster thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak and said he would be thrilled to be an active participant.

Jack Canson, 3109 Victory Drive, agreed with Tom Webster in regards to the building needing to be able to accommodate all types of performances. He suggested that multiple flat screens be purchased and discussed the need for loading space from the street to the stage.

Steven Hayes, 13 Cherrywood Circle, stated that he concurs with all that has been said and believes there is a great need for a greater presentation of cultural arts in this area.

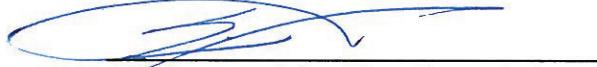
Sandi Parks, 405 Linoak Street, spoke regarding the seating and sound being adjusted for the different types of performances and suggested that a serious piano should be purchased. She stated that she and Don Parks are willing to lead a campaign to fund a Steinway B grand piano, or a really good quality Yamaha. She recommended that a designated manager position be put in place for the room in order for it to be properly overseen.

Commissioners engaged in discussion with City staff, John Flowers, Architect for the Memorial City Hall project, and participants regarding the ideas and suggestions presented.

347. **ADJOURNMENT**

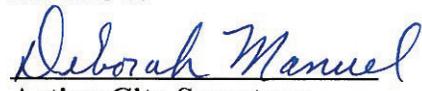
Commissioner Carter made a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6:0.

APPROVED:



**Chairman of the City Commission
of the City of Marshall, Texas**

ATTEST:


Acting City Secretary