

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
9:00 AM

Chairman Eric Neal called the Special-Called meeting to order in the Commission Chambers, City Hall at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Eric Neal, District 3

COMMISSIONERS:

Michael Mitchell, District 2
Vernia Calhoun, District 5
Ed Smith, District 7

LaDarius Carter, District 4
Garrett Boersma, District 6

ABSENT: Gloria Moon, District 1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Agnor, City Manager
Jack Redmon, Support Services Director
Wes Morrison, Planning & Development Director
Debbie Manuel, Acting City Secretary/Finance Director
Sarah O'Brien, Director of Tourism & Promotions

Todd Fitts, City Attorney
Eddie Campa, Police Chief

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Carter

322. **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Michael Smith, 4739 Harris Lake Rd., read a letter from Audrey & Louis Kariel supporting the Harrison County Historical Museum military exhibits being located in Memorial City Hall. He stated that he believes this is a good project, that people will see that the City values the commitment that our Veterans made and that he thinks that the memorials to Veterans should be kept in Memorial City Hall.

Jean Birmingham, 2107 Spring St., President of the Harrison County Historical Museum Board, spoke on behalf of the board regarding Memorial City Hall being used for the military exhibits of the museum. She stated that the museum and the Commission should work together on finding the best place in Memorial City Hall for the exhibits.

Martha Robb, 3301 Victory Dr., spoke regarding a compromise between the Harrison County Historical Museum and the City Commission. The Harrison County Historical Museum will compromise by giving up the second floor for rotating exhibits space. The second floor would be used for reception hall. The rotating exhibits could be moved to the basement. The City's part of this compromise is to allow the museum to continue to use the third floor, and that the museum will pay for the additional cost to prepare the third floor space to the maximum of \$88,000 and will pay the cost attributed to their use of the building, such as electricity. The Historical Museum offers to fund the cost of finishing out the third floor to meet their needs and install a nearly \$400,000 excellent military museum.

Richard Fluker, 21 Linwood, stated that he would like to see the building renovated but he also thinks that the City Commission should honor previous commitments and keep a military museum in the plans.

Narcie Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, spoke regarding her support of the museum being in Memorial City Hall, but not on the 3rd floor.

Jack Canson, 3109 Victory Dr, believes that the needs for the museum and performance venues are not compatible, and that he is not comfortable with exhibits of war sharing a space with a performance venue.

Sandi Parks, 405 Linoak St., spoke in favor of the Memorial City Hall facility being used as a performance venue and asked that the City consult the people who will be actually using it to make sure that it is something that they will be able to completely access.

William Halliday, 604 Country Club Dr., asked the Commission to consider all of the facets of the ramifications that will take place if they renege on previous Commission's commitments that the City Council had made.

Tony Crosby, 211 N. Bolivar, stated that he is an architect and his opinion is that the museum acted prematurely if they already had the exhibits designed and therefore may have to have them redesigned. He also feels that the compromise discussed by the museum board doesn't appear to be a compromise.

REQUESTS FOR CITY COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

323. **DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF SPACE TO THE HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT THE MEMORIAL CITY HALL FACILITY.**

Lisa Agnor, City Manager, asked for John Flowers, Architect for Memorial City Hall, to come forward and present his plans on the project.

The Commissioners asked questions of John Flowers regarding this agenda item.

Commissioner Carter made a motion to allocate space for the Harrison County Historical Museum in the basement, second floor, and the wall exhibits in the lobby area of Memorial City Hall. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion.

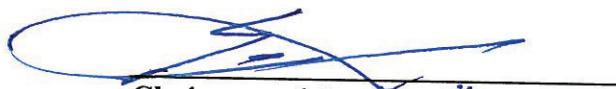
The Commission engaged in discussion regarding this agenda item.

The motion passed with a vote of 6:0.

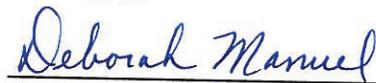
324. **ADJOURNMENT**

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