

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Special Meeting on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

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| BOB HERRINGTON | : | MAYOR |
| KATHI MASONHEIMER | : | COUNCILMEMBER |
| VERNON DENMON, JR. | : | COUNCILMEMBER |
| VICKEY L. CHIVERS | : | COUNCILMEMBER |
| STEVE PRESLEY | : | COUNCILMEMBER |
| R. DALE BROWN | : | CITY MANAGER |
| JANELLE WILLIAMS | : | CITY SECRETARY |

Councilmembers Baird and Yelverton were absent; a quorum of the City Council was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herrington called the special meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PALESTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Herrington presented a Palestine Chamber of Commerce Week Proclamation to Councilmember Masonheimer.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EARLY HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP WITH PALESTINE ISD AND TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to adopt **Resolution No. R-26-09** as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Herrington announced that Council will go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 51.072 regarding real estate at 4:05 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Acquisition of Real Estate

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

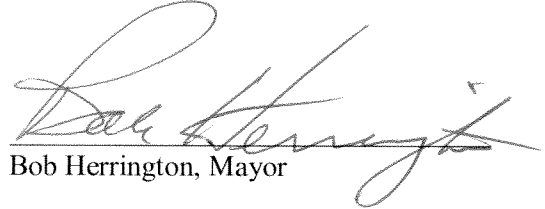
Council reconvened into regular session at 4:55 PM.

Based on the need for space for Texas State Technical College to open their campus for education of our local students, and based on the need for space for our Library that has recently closed, and based on the need to accomplish these goals without increasing tax rates, a motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to authorize the City Manager to execute a formal offer for the purchase of Palestine Mall for the sale price of \$3.5 million with \$100,000 down payment, a 30 day feasibility period, subject to Attorney General

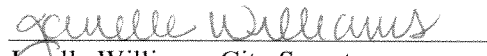
approval, and closing to be on or before forty five days after the execution of a contract. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.


Bob Herrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janelle Williams, City Secretary