

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 3519 LIBERTY DRIVE, PEARLAND, TEXAS.**

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor	Tom Reid
Mayor Pro-Tem	Tony Carbone
Councilmember	Gary Moore
Councilmember	Derrick Reed
Councilmember	Keith Ordeneaux
Councilmember	Greg Hill
City Attorney	Darrin Coker
City Secretary	Young Lorfing

Others in attendance: Jon Branson Deputy City Manager; Trent Epperson Assistant City Manager; and Sue Polka City Engineer.

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

**Council Action – Resolution No. R2016-46** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute an Energy Procurement Advisory Agreement with Tradition Energy pursuant to the terms of the U.S. Communities Master Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Commercial Electricity Service Agreement with a retail electric provider as determined to be best the offer in the City’s electricity market pricing solicitation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carbone made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve Resolution No. R2016-46 as amended.

City Manager Clay Pearson reported Purchasing staff has had discussions with Fort Bend County, League City and La Porte, all Tradition Energy clients, and each report a high level of satisfaction with Tradition’s solicitation process and bidder pool, as well as Tradition’s ongoing customer service proficiency in working with both contracted retail electric providers (REP) and Centerpoint Energy, the predominant regional energy transmission and distribution company.

Deputy City Manager Jon Branson stated upon execution of the Energy Procurement Advisory Agreement, Tradition Energy will formally solicit electricity pricing from qualified and vetted retail electric providers, and provide respondent proposals to the City for consideration and subsequent execution of a Commercial Electricity Service Agreement to commence January 1, 2018. It is anticipated that this process can occur within the week of March 21, 2016 subject to favorable market conditions.

Discussion ensued between Councilmember Reed and Deputy City Manager Jon Branson regarding entering now into the agreement and securing power up to a 5-year time period once the current contract ends January 31, 2017.