

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council – Special Meeting
September 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Wyman Williams, Council Members Anthony Henry & Beckey Thompson

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Gene Lockhart & Council Member Stephanie Muller

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Ned Muse, City Attorney Charles Anderson, City Secretary Molly Jacobsen

ABSENT:

1. Call to order:

Mayor Wyman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Receive a Report, hold a Discussion and Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.82 per \$100 of assessed valuation as of January 1, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2021.

Finance Director Jamie Campbell stated the proposed tax rate is the same as last year at \$0.82/\$100 of assessed valuation and covers an 8% M&O increase but also gives the City capacity for additional debt in the coming years.

The public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. No one came forward. The public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

3. Consideration and Possible Action on an Ordinance Adopting the Tax Rate of \$0.82 per \$100 of assessed valuation as of January 1, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Council Member Anthony Henry stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.820000 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 10.07% increase in the tax rate." The motion was seconded by Council Member Beckey Thompson and the vote carried unanimously.

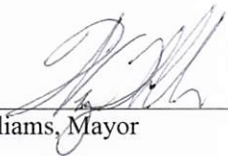
4. Consideration and Possible Action on an Ordinance Ratifying the Property Tax Increase Reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

Finance Director Jamie Campbell stated that the City must adopt the tax rate and then ratify the property tax rate increase, even though there is no increase in the tax rate. This is a result of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget requiring more revenue from property taxes than the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. As such, Texas Local Government Code requires a separate vote from the governing body to ratify an increase in property tax reflected in the 2021 budget as compared to the 2020 budget.

Council Member Beckey Thompson moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anthony Henry and the vote carried unanimously.

5. Adjourn.

Council Member Beckey Thompson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Council Member Stephanie Muller seconded the motion, resulting in a unanimous vote to adjourn.

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