

City Council
City of Hillsboro, Texas
Special Session Meeting
September 27, 2022

The Hillsboro City Council and City Staff conducted a City Council Special Session Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. The meeting was held at Historic City Hall, 127 E. Franklin Street in Hillsboro, Texas at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:

Andy Smith, Mayor
Scott Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Dana Robinson, Councilmember
Frances Zarate, Councilmember
Larry Lloyd, Councilmember
Leann Richmond, Councilmember

Megan Henderson, City Manager
Tony Cain, Assistant City Manager
Dale Snyder, Director of Finance/HR
Christi Ward, Admin. Assistant
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary

Councilmember Eric Fleming was absent.

Others present:

Shannon Cottongame, Reporter

Mayor Smith called the Special Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address Council.

Mary Anne Comvalius, resident of 216 Smith Street, voiced her concerns for roosters disturbing the peace in the neighborhood. Ms. Comvalius was also concerned with the unsanitary living conditions of the chickens. Mayor Smith said there are several City (of Hillsboro) staff attending the meeting and noting her comments. The City Manager commented that the concerns will be investigated through City (of Hillsboro) staff and possibly other agencies. No additional persons addressed Council.

(Agenda Item #3)

Hold a Public Hearing, Second Reading and Deliberate on an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

[The Finance Director provided Council with the proposed ordinance and copy of the Annual Budget for 2021-2022.] The Finance Director said this item is for necessary fiscal year ending adjustments for the 2021-2022 budget. Sales tax revenue has significantly increased and there were some expenses for property purchase. With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m. The first public hearing took place on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin, Hillsboro, Texas.

Proposed Ordinance No. O2022-09-15

No action was taken on Agenda Item #3.

(Agenda Item #4)

Hold a Public Hearing, Second Reading, Deliberate and Act on an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

[The Finance Director provided Council with the proposed ordinance and copy of the Annual Budget for 2022-2023.] The Finance Director said this item is to set the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The total of all funds budgeted is \$22,024,725. The general fund which is the operations fund for the City (of Hillsboro) is increased by \$3,069,675 from last year (2021-2022). The increase included capital outlay items and a three (3) percent salary increase across the board. With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m. The first public hearing took place on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin, Hillsboro, Texas.

Proposed Ordinance No. O2022-09-13

On a motion by Councilmember Robinson and second by Councilmember Johnson, the ordinance was accepted and approved.

On roll call, the following votes were cast:

Ayes: Lloyd, Robinson, Zarate, Richmond, Johnson

Nays: None Absent: Fleming

(Agenda Item #5)

Hold a Public Hearing, Second Reading, Deliberate and Act on an Ordinance Adopting the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

[The Finance Director provided Council with the completed Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form as prescribed by the Texas Tax Code §26.06(b-2).] The Finance Director said there is a requirement to have a public hearing and the tax rate which is proposed at 0.8064 which is the same as prior years. The proposed rate does exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.7353 but is below 0.8767 voter-approval rate. With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 p.m. The first public hearing took place on September 20, 2022 at Historic City Hall, 127 East Franklin, Hillsboro, Texas.

On a motion by Councilmember Johnson stating **“I move that the property tax rate by increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.806400/\$100 which is effectively a 2.1665 percent increase in the tax rate.”** Councilmember Robinson provided the second motion. The ordinance was accepted and approved.

On roll call, the following votes were cast:

Ayes: Lloyd, Robinson, Zarate, Richmond, Johnson

Nays: None Absent: Fleming

The Mayor asked if there were any comments by Council. No comments were made. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Andrew L. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon McFadden, City Secretary

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