

City Council
City of Hillsboro, Texas
Special Meeting
September 26, 2023

The Hillsboro City Council and City Staff conducted a City Council Special Session Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. The meeting was held at Historic City Hall, 127 E. Franklin Street in Hillsboro, Texas at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:

Scott Johnson, Mayor	Megan Henderson, City Manager
Eric Fleming, Councilmember	Tony Cain, Assistant City Manager
Larry Lloyd, Councilmember	Jasmine Guy, City Secretary
Dana Robinson, Council Member	Richard Reinhardt, Planning Official
Jay Jolly, Councilmember	
Christi Ward, Communications & Executive Assistant	

Councilmember Leann Richmond and Councilmember Frances Zarate were absent.

Others present:

Shannon Cottongame, Reporter
Sergeant Jefferson, Hillsboro Police Department

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

Hear Statements from Persons Wishing to Address Council

There were none

(Agenda Item #03)

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

Finance Director, Dale Snyder provided Council with a draft of the ordinance and Annual Budget for 2023-2024 in the Special Meeting Packet. City Manager, Megan Henderson spoke on behalf of the Finance Director in his absence. She provided that the following item was brought up for consideration during the previous meeting held last week. All information will remain the same. She reviewed the revenues (sales tax, property tax, fine and forfeitures) and expenses (salary increases, maintenance, and property abatement.)

With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:01p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:02p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Fleming and second by Councilmember Robinson the ordinance was accepted and approved.

On roll call, the following votes were cast:
Ayes: Fleming, Lloyd, Robinson, Jolly
Nays: None Absent: Zarate and Richmond
Ordinance No. O2023-09-19

(Agenda Item #04)

Hold a Public Hearing Second Reading, Deliberate and Act on an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Finance Director, Dale Snyder provided Council with a draft of the ordinance and Annual Budget for 2023-2024 in the Special Meeting Packet. City Manager, Megan Henderson presented the agenda item in the absence of Finance Director, Dale Snyder. City Manager Henderson explained that the overall budget exceeds last year's budget. All funds within the budget are balanced. She explained to council about the meaning of a balanced budget. The proposed budget is based on the proposed tax rate of \$0.806400 per \$100.

With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:03p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:04p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Robinson and second by Councilmember Jolly the ordinance was accepted and approved.

On roll call, the following votes were cast:
Ayes: Fleming, Lloyd, Robinson, Jolly
Nays: None Absent: Zarate and Richmond
Ordinance No. O2023-09-20

(Agenda Item #05)

Hold a Public Hearing, Second Reading, Deliberate and Act on an Ordinance Adopting a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Finance Director, Dale Snyder provided Council with a draft of the proposed ordinance in the Special Meeting Packet. City Manager, Megan Henderson presented the agenda item in the absence of Finance Director, Dale Snyder. The details surrounding this item was presented during the last meeting. Property tax consist of of approximately 30% of the general fund revenue. The tax rate is proposed at \$0.8064 and has been this rate or higher for the past 20 years.

With no further questions or comments from the Councilmembers, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:05p.m. No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:06p.m.

On a motion by Councilmember Lloyd stating the following: **"I move that the property tax rate by increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.806400/\$100 which is effectively a 12.109 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: Fleming, Lloyd, Robinson, Jolly
Nays: None Absent: Zarate and Richmond
Ordinance No. 02023-09-21

(Agenda Item #6)

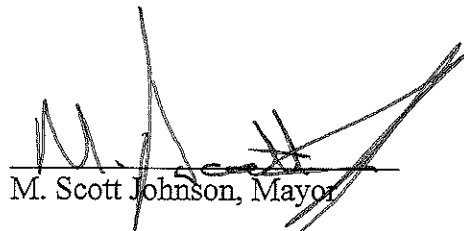
Deliberate and Act to Ratify Adoption of a Tax Rate that Exceeds the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (NNR) but Does Not Exceed the Voter-Approval Tax Rate (VAR).

Finance Director, Dale Snyder provided Council with the completed Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form as prescribed by the Texas Tax Code §26.06(b-2). City Manager, Megan Henderson presented the agenda item in the absence of Finance Director, Dale Snyder. The money received in taxes with the new proposed tax rate will be higher than last year which will cause a tax increase. The City has adopted a rate that does exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.7353 but is below 0.8767 voter-approval rate. Due to this, a second vote must be taken to ratify it.

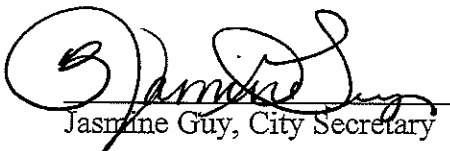
On a motion by Councilmember Lloyd and second by Councilmember Jolly the adoption was approved.

On roll call, the following votes were cast:
Ayes: Fleming, Lloyd, Robinson, Jolly
Nays: None Absent: Zarate and Richmond

With no further questions or business to address, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:08p.m.


M. Scott Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jasmine Guy, City Secretary

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