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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

AUGUST 30, 2021
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clay Morris called the meeting to order.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

Alderman Sherwood Green led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flag.

ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN

The following Councilmember's were present:

*Mayor Clay Morris
MPT Russell Rupertus
Alderman Sherwood Green
Alderman Gil Madray
Alderwoman Taz Jones
Alderwoman Marci Kurtz-Hoffman – by phone*

The following staff was present:

*Interim City Administrator Brad Helman
City Secretary Debbie Nesbitt
Interim Police Chief John Auction*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON)

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

At this time, any person may speak to Council concerning the proposed tax rates for 2022. To express concerns each interested person must sign up at the meeting, or notify the City Secretary at 409-737-1142.

None

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Discussion and consider for action to approve the bids received for the Street Improvement Project and approval of the options as presented by The Galveston County Engineer as awarded by the Galveston County Commissioners Court.

Motion was made to discuss by Alderman Gildray, seconded by MPT Rupertus. After discussion Mayor Morris called for a vote.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Jones, Madray, Green, Hoffman, Rupertus)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED TO EXCEPT THE BASE BID FOR \$ 375,924.00.

2. Discussion and consider for action to approve the 2022 FY Property Tax Rate as established by the Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector at the No-New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.1548149 (per \$100.00 value) or the Voter-Approved Tax Rate of \$0.170497 (per \$100.00 of value).

Interim City Administrator Brad Helman asked the Mayor to see if anyone wanted to discuss the motion, or had comments either in person or by phone, no one spoke.

Motion to discuss was made by MPT Rupertus, seconded by Alderman Green. City Secretary Nesbitt explained the proposed tax rates, from Galveston County and that Council needed to choose which rate to be approved for FY 2022. Mayor Morris called for a vote.

VOTE:

4 AYES - Voter-Approved Tax Rate – (Rupertus, Madray, Jones, Hoffman)

1 NAY - No-New Revenue Tax Rate (Green)

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE VOTER-APPROVED TAX RATE OF \$0.170497/\$100

3. Discussion and consider for action to approve a group health benefit package supplied by the City extending benefits for all City elected officials to become effective on or about October 1, 2021.

Motion made to discuss by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderwoman Jones.

After discussion Mayor Morris called for a vote.

VOTE:

0 AYES

5 NAYS (Green, Madray, Jones, Rupertus, Hoffman)

MOTION FAILED

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

For the purpose of deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluating, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (§551.074 Personnel Matters) of the Police Chief / Interim City Administrator, or City Secretary, or other City Department Heads or Directors

Mayor Morris read above caption before Council convened in Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

RECONVENE: INTO OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

MPT Rupertus made the motion to appoint Ana Mondragon to the position of Director of Operation with a starting salary of \$55,000.00 which would include funding needed to obtain her Certified Public Managers Certificate within two years, with a probation period of six months and also would have two evaluations during that time. She would also need to complete her Open Meetings Act and Public Information Training within six months. Seconded by Alderman Madray.

Mayor Morris Called for a vote

VOTE:

5 AYES (Green, Rupertus, Madray, Jones, Hoffman)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED TO APPOINT ANA MONDRAGON TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.