

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE ASHTON-7:20 P.M.
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GORDON SMITH
FD CONSULTANT RUSSELL SHELLEY
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER

ABSENT:

NONE

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THE ISSUE. **NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED**

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Herman Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Claridge delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

CM Claridge led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING:

4. PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

The city recently had an inspection by the EPA and the EPA is recommending that we hire two new sewer department employees who will clean sewer lines, do an inventory of lines and also report annually to the EPA. Currently we do not have enough employees who can 100% dedicate themselves to the sewer lines.

5. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1244-2019 ADOPTING THE RIVER OAKS OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Claridge to approve Ordinance #1244-2019. All voted "Aye".

6. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADOPTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE AT THE TAX RATE OF \$0.674516/\$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 7.54% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

Recommending is to approve the tax rate of \$0.674516/\$100 of property value for fiscal year October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. The projected revenues at a 99% collection rate would be \$2,066,657 plus tax ceiling revenue proposed at \$364,931 for a total revenue projection of \$2,431,588.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

7. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1245-2019 AFFIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AT A RATE OF \$0.674516 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 7.54% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

CM Holland moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve Ordinance #1245-2019 adopting the tax rate of \$0.674516 per \$100 of property value. All voted "Aye".

CM Holland-regarding the prior year funding balance: CM Gregory needs to meet with the city auditor on how to present this in the future.

CM Claridge-questioned Tarrant County Fire Alarm for next year. Fire Consultant Shelley said the plan for this coming budget year is that Tarrant County Fire Alarm will accommodate us. Lake Worth and Saginaw will not be using Tarrant County Fire Alarm in this coming budget year. We might be looking at dispatching out of the City of Fort Worth in the future but not sure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071 Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek advice from attorney:
- b. Section 551.072 Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate:
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel matters – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

NONE

RECONVENE:

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

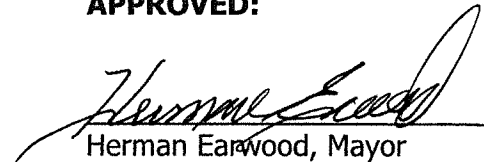
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ADJOURN:


10. ADJOURN

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary