

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE SCOTT  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER  
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY  
POLICE CHIEF AVIN CARTER  
ASST CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK  
EMERGENCY MGT CORD JAMES MYRICK

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JOE ASHTON-EXCUSED (WORK RELATED)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

**2. INVOCATION**

Member Scott gave the Invocation.

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

Member Scott led the Pledges of Allegiances.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 TAX RATE PROPOSAL OF \$0.800000/\$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE**

At 7:01 pm, Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

CS Gregory stated the 2015 tax rate is \$0.852309/\$100. The 2016 effective tax rate is \$.772843/\$100. In order to provide the same amount of revenue, it is suggested to adopt the 2016 tax rate at \$0.800000/\$100 which on an average home the property taxes would be \$607.57. In 2015, on an average home the property tax value was \$579.43 at the tax rate of \$0.852309. If the city approves this year's proposed tax rate of \$0.800000 the projected revenues at 98% collection rate would be \$1,999,379.

Taxable values increased from \$187,902,335 to \$210,945,517 which is a 12.3% increase. When values go up, the effective tax rate goes down. This will be about a 3 1/2% increase over the effective rate. You can adopt a rate less than the \$0.800000 but no more.

At 7:14 pm, Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

**5. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: SCHEDULE THE DATE TO VOTE ON THE 2016 TAX RATE**

Board agreed to schedule the next 2016 Tax Rate Meeting for August 23, 2016.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

**6. 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**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**7. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(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:**

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**NONE**

**9. ADJOURN**

**At 7:14 pm, Member Holland moved, seconded by Member Gordon to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".**

**APPROVED:**

  
Herman Earwood, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Marvin Gregory, City Secretary