

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 1, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR DARREN HOUK
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER BRENT FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER LEIGH ANN TURNER
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JEREMY BELL
POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Houk called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Rodriguez delivered the Invocation.

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

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

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; 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 THAT ISSUE, AND NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

NONE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

5. DISCUSS 2023 TAX RATE, TAKE RECORD VOTED.

Items #5 & #6 were discussed together. The proposed budget has been filed in the City Secretary's office. It is recommended to go with the no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval rate and not the de minimis rate. The recommended voter rate of \$0.677621/\$100 will bring in \$3,441,762.00 in property tax revenue. That is the maximum rate we can go but we can go down from that without an election. If we approve the voter-approval rate, the general fund will have a deficit of \$44,240.00.

Council Members went over some items in the budget. The Fire Department step plan is based on 3%. The Police Department has presented a new step plan. The General Fund has about \$270,000.00 more in revenues due to EDC helping. Expenses are up about 5% mainly due to inflation and personnel costs. We are starting to see good things with the Enterprise Lease Program. Getting vehicles is and has been an issue and the vehicles have increased in price. There are four Public Works vehicles that have not been sold and there are a few in the Police Department. We have proposed \$215,000.00 of revenue in vehicle sales. Council would like to have Enterprise meet with them and let us know how we are doing compared to what was expected.

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Houk went into Executive Session under Section 551.074.

At 9:19 p.m., Mayor Houk reconvened into Open Session.

CM Forester moved, seconded by CM Holland to publish the voter approval tax rate of \$0.677621/\$100 as presented by the City Manager. All voted "Aye".

WORKSHOP/ACTION FROM WORKSHOP:

6. WORKSHOP: DISCUSS THE FY 2024 CITY OPERATIONAL BUDGETS.

This item was discussed with Item #5.

7. ACTION FROM WORKSHOP, IF ANY.

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 deliberation regarding real property; a government body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.
- 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

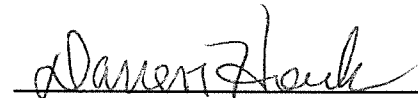
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ADJOURN:

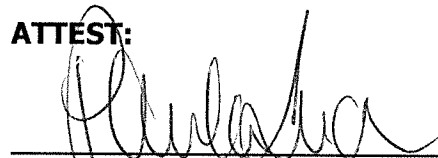
10. ADJOURN

At 9:29 p.m., Mayor Houk adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:


Darren Houk, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary