

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 22, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD  
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE ASHTON  
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE  
COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK

**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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Mayor Herman Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

**2. INVOCATION**

CM Holland delivered the Invocation.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING:**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2019 TAX RATE PROPOSAL OF \$0.674516/\$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.**

At 6:33 p.m., Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

Changes was made on line 21 which changed from \$4,318,858 to \$2,529,402 by Tarrant County, making the ending result of the effective tax rate now being \$0.624553/\$100 instead of \$0.628215/\$100 and the roll back rate now being \$0.674517/\$100 instead of \$0.678472/\$100 as presented on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Recommendation is to lower the proposed tax rate to \$0.674516 which is a 7.99980% increase. An average net taxable value per residence in 2018 is \$95,866. The amount of taxes that would be imposed this year on an average home valued at \$95,866 would be \$646.63 calculated at the proposed tax rate of \$0.674516. The total ceiling amount projected revenue in 2019 has also been revised to \$364,931 from \$373,137 in 2018. If the city approves this year's proposed tax rate of \$0.674516 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 7:08 p.m., Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

5. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: SCHEDULE THE DATE TO VOTE ON THE 2019 TAX RATE.

No motions were made but agreed to schedule the date to vote on the 2019 Tax Rate for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FY 2020 CITY OPERATIONAL BUDGET (GENERAL FUND & WATER FUND) AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY MANAGER.

The General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Budgets were presented to the council. Presented is a 2% employee salary increase at mid-year. Some of the capital is paying the capital out thru Government Capital. There are increases in the sanitation rates, a 5.9% increase in sewer rates due to the additional two employees, and a 4% increase in water rates. After much discussion on water and sewer rates, CM Gregory will relook at the water rates on the apartments. As what is presented, the General Fund has a surplus budget of \$158.00. The Water & Sewer Fund has surplus budget of \$457.00.

7. 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**

**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

NONE

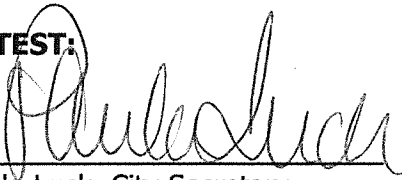
**ADJOURN:**

10. ADJOURN

**At 7:23 p.m. CM Claridge moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ashton, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".**

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Paula Luck, City Secretary

  
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Herman Earwood, Mayor