

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
JULY 17, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
MAYOR PRO-TEM JOE CREWS
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN GORDON
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY
POLICE CHIEF AVIN CARTER
FIRE CHIEF RON SHORT
OFFICE MANAGER PAULA LUCK
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES HATLEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Earwood called the Special Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Public Works Director Hatley delivered the Invocation.

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

Fire Chief Short led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. WORKSHOP: 2012-2013 FY OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Earwood opened the workshop by mentioning that the Finance Committee met yesterday and went over the budget.

GENERAL FUND:

CS Gregory said there were some changes made in the General Fund Revenues after the Finance Committee met. Permits (electric, building, plumbing, and mechanical), Warrant Fees, and Jail Pay Phone Income were increased. The proposed revenue is \$4,201,204.

As far as the General Fund Capital, most can be expended thru the departments \$1 Donation Fund. The Tasers and Radars in the Police Department can be expended thru the Seizure Fund. But the State Law states anything being paid out of the Seizure Fund has to be approved by the City Council, like our \$1 fund. The computers & cameras can be expended out of the Crime Control Fund. The barricades in the Street Department Capital have been moved to a Street Department Supply account.

With all the changes above, General Fund has a surplus of \$20,860 assuming the Property Tax Rate stays the same and the Salaries are left at a zero increase.

In Code Compliance, Greg Stockton will be removed as an employee. The Contract Labor in the Street Department has all been moved to the Sanitation Contract Labor. As far as the Animal Control contract for animals, we do not know for sure what is going to happen with that. If we get approved for the Recycling Grant, there is \$110,000 inserted in the Revenues; and there is an expenditure account in the same amount to offset it.

Mayor Earwood stated the Finance Committee will need to meet with the Fire Department in regards to their Personnel Capital needs.

CS Gregory stated if there is a 3% salary increase, the GF budget will be about a \$13,000 deficit. The City Council is thinking of a 2% increase. All the figures in this budget are realistic numbers. CS Gregory said the unknown figures at this time are the TML Insurance Rates, Property Taxes and Permits.

WATER SEWER:

CS Gregory stated the Revenues are \$2,759,205. The Expenditures are \$2,650,385 which includes Capital. That leaves a Surplus of \$108,641.

The employee that has been paid by the EDC Fund, will be moved to Water Distribution. The Water System Improvements have been increased to \$150,000. The Sewer System has been increased to \$200,000. The Chemicals in the Water Treatment Plant account has decreased due to the fact we do things differently now.

STORM WATER:

CS stated the Revenues are \$163,444 and the Expenditures are \$163,444 which is a Zero balance.

Council agrees for staff to enter a 2% pay increase into the budget. The next Budget Workshop will be Thursday, July 26th, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Member Gordon mentioned there is an issue with the Fire Department. We need to find a solution to protect the citizens and the Fire Department. We need to look at a long term solution, not a short term solution. We also need to look at different alternatives.

Fire Chief Short explained the budget proposals in the Fire Departments budget.

5. ACTION IF ANY FROM WORKSHOP

NONE.


6. **ADJOURN**

At 8:05 pm, Member Holland moved, seconded by Member Gordon to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


Herman Earwood, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary