

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS, HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 3519 LIBERTY DRIVE, PEARLAND, TEXAS.

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor	Tom Reid
Mayor Pro-Tem	Gary Moore
Councilmember	Tony Carbone
Councilmember	Derrick Reed
Councilmember	Keith Ordeneaux
Councilmember	Greg Hill
Councilmember	Trent Perez
City Manager	Clay Pearson
City Attorney	Darrin Coker
City Secretary	Young Lorfing

Others in attendance: Jon Branson Deputy City Manager; Matt Buchanan President of Pearland Economic Development Corporation; Kevin Byal Building Official; J.C. Doyle Police Chief; Trent Epperson Assistant City Manager; Michelle Graham Director of Human Resource; Lata Krishnarao Director of Community Development; Chris Orlea Director of Parks and Recreation; Cynthia Pearson Director of Finance; Kim Sinistore Executive Director of the Convention/Visitor Bureau; Eric Wilson Director of Public Works; Sparkle Anderson Communications Director; Michael Leech Assistant Director of Public Works; Richard Mancilla Interim City Engineer; John McCarter Management Assistant; Daniel McGhinnis Chief Information Officer; Rick Overgaard Assistant Finance Director.

Call to Order

Purpose of Hearing – Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016 Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 Budget.

City Manager Clay Pearson reported this is the 2nd Public Hearing on the tax rate, and Budget Discussion #5. He further stated that Budget Analyst Paulette Englund will be retiring soon. He thanked Paulette for all her hard work the nine years she has been with the City.

Staff Review – Proposed 2016 Tax Rate for the 2016 – 2017 Budget.

Deputy City Manager Jon Branson stated because of Council's due diligence staff is able to bring before Council a tax rate of \$.6812 cents per \$100 valuation.

Finance Director Cynthia Pearson gave a presentation of the Proposed 2016 Tax Rate for the 2016-2017 Budget.

Citizen Comments:

Mike Doleski, 2723 Manvel Road, addressed Council stating when he and his wife drive through Pearland they are extremely proud of what Pearland has become. He stated Council has the ability to soften the blow to the community, the \$.6812 has done that, it is a great compromise.

Woody Owens, 2117 Country Club Drive, addressed Council thanking Deputy City Manager Jon Branson for assisting the Green Tee Homeowners Association regarding the park in Green Tee. He also thanked Assistant City Manager Trent Epperson regarding flooding with some patio homes in Green Tee that will be taken care of by the developers. He stated his concerns regarding the water and sewer rates.

Suzanne Larson, 3614 Mahogany Trail, addressed Council stating anytime Council can lower the tax rate would greatly be appreciated.

Steven Mays, 2409 Londonderry Drive, addressed Council stating the tax rate should stay as it is or lower.

Council/Staff Discussion – Regarding the Tax Rate and Discussion #5, Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Councilmember Perez stated what Council is trying to do is find the balance to where the City will generate enough revenue to pay for the expenditures for the services the residents deserve.

Councilmember Hill stated if the tax rate stayed the same the residents would pay more because the appraised value has increased. Council is trying to offset that as much as possible.

Councilmember Ordeneaux stated he would like to increase revenue because the City is not investing in the maintenance and upkeep of the infrastructure. In the long run that is going to hurt the City. He further stated this is a good compromise, Council is able to lower the tax rate because the evaluations went up on property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Moore stated the compromise regarding the tax rate is the right thing to do for the City and residents.

Councilmember Reed thanked staff for putting together the presentation that is easy to see and understand for the public to view.

Councilmember Carbone stated Council talks about deficit and compromise, but Council has not talked about anything in terms of expenses that were questioned in the budget. He stated it is troubling to see that none of the memo's given to Council regarding the budget are not on the City's website for the residents to view. The question for staff is how going forward will this be a transparent process for all the citizens.

City Manager Clay Pearson stated Council is free to discuss or share anything that staff has given them in the Agenda packets. All the presentations that have been discussed in meetings are on the website.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding the budget, tax rate, expenses, and a transparent process for the public.

Councilmember Carbone requested staff to circulate a list of topics that have been brought up and any memo's from previous meetings to be included in the next meeting agenda packet for citizens to view.

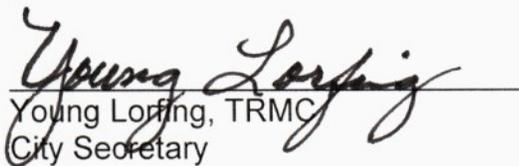
Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 19th day of September, A.D., 2016.



Tom Reid
Mayor

ATTEST:



Young Loring, TRMC
City Secretary



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