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City Secretary
Jenny Page

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Council Members
Allan Steagall
Ray Calfee
Andy Curry
Norman Funderburk
David Pierce

MINUTES
Humble City Council
Special Meeting
Budget Workshop
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM
City Hall Council Chamber, 114 West Higgins
Humble, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

Members Present: Mayor Merle Aaron, Presiding
Mayor Pro Tem Norman Funderburk
Councilmember Allan Steagall
Councilmember Ray Calfee
Councilmember David Pierce

Members Absent: Councilmember Andy Curry

Staff Present: City Manager Jason Stuebe, City Secretary Jenny Page, Finance Director Aimee Phillips, Public Works Director Barry Brock; Police Chief Delbert Dawes, Fire Chief David Langenberg; Civic Center Director Jennifer Wooden, Parks Director Jeremy Mittag; Court Administrator Sandra Elliot; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Arnold, Civic Center Operations Manager Jacob Schultz; Assistant Police Chief Ken Theis, Police Captain Melinda Bradshaw, Assistant Fire Chief Al Taska, Battalion Chief Wyatt Watkins, and Fire Marshall James Nykaza,

1. Call to order.

Mayor Merle Aaron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Norman Funderburk led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation, possible action, and discussion on FY 2019 City of Humble Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate.

City Manager Jason Stuebe presented for Council review the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2019 which included Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. Estimated Ad Valorem Tax revenue is based on the assessed valuation of \$1,850,649,986.00 less estimated protests and exemptions and computed on a tax rate of \$0.225471 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. 100% of the rate is assessed for maintenance and operation of the City. The proposed M & O rate is subject to Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Property Tax Code. Estimated expenditures provide for maintenance and operation of the city, employee salaries, benefits, and capital expenditures in various city departments.

Mr. Stuebe pointed out that when the finalized Certified Tax Rolls are received, he will likely be requesting an increase in the Ad Valorem tax rate commensurate with the increases seen in previous years so that the City can get closer to a balanced budget, diversify the general fund revenues by lowering the over-reliance on sales tax to subsidize our operations and strengthen our reserves as it relates to the General Fund.

Mr. Stuebe announced there will be two Public Hearings for the Tax Rate on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday September 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. However, this is contingent on receiving the Harris County Appraisal District Certified Tax Rolls by around August 20th. Finance Director Aimee Phillips indicated she had received word the Certified Tax Rolls would be sent by next week.

Mr. Stuebe proceeded by working through the Proposed Budget document by reviewing each department and answering Council questions as necessary. Items of particular interest were:

Mr. Stuebe indicated the Fire Department would be hiring 6 new positions and handed out a copy of the proposed step plan pay schedule which was not included in the Council packet or Proposed Budget binder (Exhibit A).

Mr. Stuebe proposed moving the Museum to 601 Higgins Street next to the Bender Center and then demolish the existing building. Repairs to the building would total more than the value of the building. He asked Council if they felt strongly concerning this matter. There was no further discussion.

Mr Stuebe added there would be a 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for employees this year. In the past staff had received a 3% COLA and he appreciated their continued hard work, commitment, and understanding with this year's decision. His vision going forward would be looking at the overall workforce market with responsibility and sustainability.

Mayor Aaron thanked staff for their hard work and stated this budget was about keeping reserves in place and more about needs vs. wants.


4. **Council and Staff will adjourn for lunch and travel to Saltgrass Steak House located at 20090 Hwy 59N, Humble, Texas as a social team building event. No discussion or action on business is planned.**

Mayor Aaron invited staff to join them at Saltgrass Steak House for a congratulatory lunch at 11:30 a.m. He appreciated all the effort, hard work, and even sacrifices staff had put forth to accomplish this year's budget.

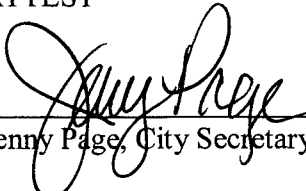
5. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Mayor Aaron adjourned the Special Meeting of the Humble City Council at 10:48 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2018.

APPROVED BY HUMBLE TEXAS CITY COUNCIL THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018,


 Merle Aaron, Mayor

ATTEST


 Jenny Page, City Secretary

