



MINUTES - Budget Work Session

ROCKWALL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Rockwall City Hall, City Council Chambers

385 S. Goliad St. Rockwall, TX 75087

I. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Fowler called the public meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Kevin Fowler, Mayor Pro Tem John Hohenshelt, and Council Members Clarence Jorif, Dana Macalik, Trace Johannesen, Bennie Daniels, and Anna Campbell. Also present were City Manager Mary Smith and Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd.

II. OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Fowler explained how he would like to conduct Open Forum this evening to hear public comments. He explained that he and the other city council members have all received many, many emails over the course of the last week pertaining to Suntex Marinas (currently manages Chandler's Landing Marina) and the changes they are proposing to make at the docks/slips. The City is aware of the changes, and that topic will be heard at the next, regular city council meeting. That meeting will be the more appropriate time to voice concerns about that topic. Whereas, this evening's meeting has been called as a work session to review and evaluate the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He generally urged those who speak to be respectful of the council's time in this regard and to consider coming to the next council meeting on September 7 (Tues.) to be heard regarding the marina. He then called for Chip Imrie to briefly speak during Open Forum.

Chip Imrie
Vice President of Chandler's Landing HOA
323 Harbor Landing Drive
Rockwall, TX

Mr. Imrie came forth and shared comments related to the Chandler's Landing Marina and the changes that Suntex Marina is proposing to make to the facilities. He generally expressed opposition to the proposed changes, indicating that he and others have a lot of concerns.

Roy Kuipers
333 Yacht Club Drive
Rockwall, TX 75032

Mr. Kuipers came forth and provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council, speaking about the proposed changes to the Chandler's Landing Marina. He has great concerns about the proposed changes, and he is opposed to them. He generally urged the Council to help curtail these proposed changes.

Doyle Sherman
702 Laurence Drive
Rockwall, TX

Mr. Sherman indicated he is a resident of Heath; however, he has utilized a boat slip at the Chandler's Marina for many, many years. He was recently informed that they plan to do away with his existing slip, and he has great concerns about the proposed changes at the marina.

Bob Wacker
309 Featherstone Drive
Rockwall, TX

Mr. Wacker came forth and shared that he would like to see more graphical representations within the proposed budget in order to better show trends and changes over time. Mr. Wacker encouraged the Council to consider not continuing to lower taxes. He would like Council to consider taking advantage of the current prosperity and consider doing some things that might otherwise require issuance of bonds (for example).

There being no one else wishing to come forth and speak, Mayor Fowler closed Open Forum.

III. HOLD WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 CITY OF ROCKWALL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Fowler called upon City Manager, Mary Smith, who began discussions regarding the proposed budget. A proposed tax rate of .35 cents is being proposed, which is a decrease from .37 cents. No tax increase is being proposed, so multiple public hearings on the tax rate will not be needed. She pointed out that this year the City received about \$2.5 million on CARES Act grant funding, revenue that is not expected to recur next budget year. Mrs. Smith then went on to briefly cover the high points of the proposed budget (i.e. General Fund Budget, Water/Sewer Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Recreation Development Fund, Debt Service Fund, Street Improvement Fund, Fire Equipment Fund, Airport Special Revenue Fund, Downtown Fund, and Police Seizures Fund, and the fund that covers employee benefits, including Workers Comp).

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Hohenshelt (temporarily) left the meeting at 5:49 p.m. He rejoined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

General discussion took place between Council and staff regarding aspects of the budget proposal overall. Council members generally indicated that they are satisfied with the budget proposal that the city manager has set forth, and they do not anticipate any changes being brought forth. Indication was given that a public hearing will be held related to the budget on Tuesday, September 7, and the tax rate and budget will be formally adopted at the Monday, September 20 council meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fowler adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, ON THIS 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.



KEVIN FOWLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KRISTY COLE, CITY SECRETARY

