

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 30, 2010

City of Richardson, Texas

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 30, 2010 with a quorum of said Council present, to-wit:

Gary Slagel	Mayor
Bob Townsend	Mayor Pro Tem
Mark Solomon	Council member
John Murphy	Council member
Bob Macy	Council member
Steve Mitchell	Council member
Amir Omar	Council member

City staff present:

Bill Keffler	City Manager
Dan Johnson	Deputy City Manager
Michelle Thames	Assistant City Manager Administrative Services
David Morgan	Assistant City Manager Community Services
Cliff Miller	Assistant City Manager Development Services
EA Hoppe	Assistant to the City Manager
Pamela Schmidt	City Secretary

Mayor Slagel called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Second Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Mr. Keffler stated this would be the second public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 valuation. He noted that the tax rate increase would be totally dedicated to the debt service due to the 2010 Bond Program approved by the voters in May. He stated that the bulk of the budget increase was in the debt retirement. He stated it was an overall budget of \$181,781,618, which included an increase of \$8,456,049 or 4.9%. He stated the General Fund budget increased by \$306,737 or 0.3%. He noted that the budget has increased 6% over the past 5 years while the CPI increased 10% over the same period. He noted the decreases that would be experienced based on property and sales tax decreases. He reviewed key budget elements and he provided charts reflecting the changes in assessed valuation. He noted the increase in new improvements of 2.4% in Collin County as well as 0.8% in Dallas County. He provided information about the Rollback Rate and the Effective rate. He noted that the number of senior property tax exemptions increased by 206 with a revenue impact of \$2.4 million. He explained that the Collin County Appraisal District reappraises 100% of all property every year and the Dallas County Appraisal District reappraises a percentage of property. He noted that the DCAD 2010 Tax Roll included a reappraisal of 46% of residential property and 42% of commercial. He provided a list of the top 10 taxpayers noting that AT&T topped the list.

William C. Stapp, 2105 Scarlet Oak Drive, stated he was more concerned about the spending side than the taxing side of the budget. He noted that there are street lights that burn day and

night on Ponderosa and voiced a concern with the expense. He stated he was real happy with the services and voiced a need for more police protection further south from Campbell.

Darrell Day, 1303 Chickasaw, addressed and advocated for the allocation of funds, specifically for streets and infrastructure and to reduce spending on other items.

Ken Robinson, 2507 Springpark, spoke against the 6-cent tax rate increase and stated that if he had known about a proposal, he would have opposed it. He spoke against the costs for constructing the Huffhines Recreation Center and felt the goal should be for Richardson to have the lowest residential tax rate. He asked the Council to listen to the citizens.

Mr. Keffler noted the extensive publicity regarding the May Bond Election that included information about the increased tax rate.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Townsend moved to close the public hearing; second by Mr. Macy and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

2. Consider cancellation of the Monday, September 6, 2010, City Council Meeting for the Labor Day Holiday.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Mitchell moved approval; second by Mr. Solomon and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Slagel adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pamela Schmitt
CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR