

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Council Chambers, 2150 Universal City Blvd, Universal City, TX

Special Meeting, Monday, July 29, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 5:00 P.M.
2. **QUORUM CHECK:** Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neville
Councilmember Bear Goolsby
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember Paul Najarian
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:

Kim Turner, Asst. City Manager
Manuel Casarez, Fire Chief
Michael Cassata, Dev Services Director
Pat Collins, Finance Director
Susan Ennis, Library Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Linda Rose, Court Administrator
Gary Speer, Chief of Police

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None.
4. **PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING:**

Workshop to discuss Proposed FY 2020 Budget and the 2019 Tax Rate to Support the FY 2020 Budget.

City Manager Kim Turner recommended a tax rate of 7.9% over the M&O effective rate to support items in the proposed budget. She highlighted some of the equipment to be purchased as well as the capital improvement projects to be completed in the FY 2020 budget year. Additionally, she noted that the City will not be adding any new employees to the General Fund payroll but will be adding a part time employee to be paid from the utility fund. She deferred to Finance Director Pat Collins to elucidate.

Ms. Collins:

- 1) Briefed on 1) the current tax rate and the newly adjusted calculation for the effective rate and 2) the certified tax roll provided by the Bexar County Tax Assessor's Office. The 2019 effective tax rate is \$0.548187.
- 2) Explained the proposed total tax rate would be \$0.601444 (M&O - \$0.486109 plus the debt service rate - \$0.115335).
- 3) Provided a comparison on the tax impact, using the home value of \$100,000.
- 4) Gave a summary of the FY 2020 budgets.

Take a record vote on proposed 2019 tax rate to support FY 2020 budget and schedule public hearings.

Mayor Williams clarified to meet the objectives discussed in the budget workshops, council would need to entertain supporting a tax rate of 7.9% over the effective M&O rate. He also stated that because of the revenue cap that passed in the 2019 state legislature, it may be the last time the tax rate can increase by 7.9%.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville moved "to approve the proposed rate of 0.601444; with the M&O rate at 0.486109 and the debt service rate at 0.115335." Councilmember Shelby seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Neville, Shelby, Goolsby, Maxwell, Najarian, Volle
Nays: None.**

Motion carried.

Ms. Collins stated:

- 1) The first public hearing for the proposed 2019 Tax Rate will be Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.; and
- 2) The second public hearing for the proposed 2019 Tax Rate and the only public hearing for the FY2020 Budgets will be on Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT: There being no objection, Mayor Williams adjourned the workshop at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

John Williams, Mayor