

**SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

JULY 29, 2010

6:30 P.M.

Council present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Estrada
Councilmember Kenny Roland
Councilmember Richard Wieland

Mayor Ray Sanders
Councilmember Paul Gomez
Councilmember Lew White
Councilmember Richard Banks

Staff present:

Vance Rodgers, City Manager
Peter Gruning, City Attorney
Sandra Mauldin, Economic Dev. Coordinator
Dan Gibson, City Planner

Connie Rodriguez, City Secretary
Jeff Hinson, Finance Director
M.L. Richards, Electric Superintendent
Lee Weatherford, Public Works Director

Citizens/Visitors Addressing the Council: None.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ray Sanders called the special meeting/budget workshop to order on this date at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. CITIZENS/VISITORS COMMENTS.

Mayor Sanders requested citizens to address the Council. There were none.

ITEM 3-A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP OF FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RELATED INFORMATION.

There was discussion regarding the following:

- Effective tax rate examples.
- Different "preliminary" tax rate assumptions for Fiscal Year 2010 Property Tax Revenue.
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget that includes priorities by City Manager if property taxes were raised.
- There was discussion regarding different scenarios regarding a proposed property tax rate.
- Councilmember Banks suggested that the tax rate remain at .7090 and that a new Manager be hired to manage the new Animal Shelter facility.
- Councilmember Roland suggested that the tax rate be adopted at the Maintenance and Operations effective tax rate. He did not support a salary increase for City employees.
- Councilmember Gomez also suggested the tax rate at the Maintenance and Operations effective rate and that salary increases are not granted to City employees.
- Mayor Sanders suggested that the property tax rate be set at the rollback rate.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Estrada agreed with setting the rollback tax rate.
- Councilmember Wieland requested information about adding a one-percent cost of living increase for all city employees beginning in January 2011. Mr. Hinson replied that it would cost approximately \$41,800.
- There was discussion regarding different budget and tax rate scenarios.

Councilmember Banks made a motion to direct the City Manager to return with a budget to include a one percent cost of living salary increase for all employees, one police officer with gear, one patrol car, one police cadet with gear, and one full-time dispatcher for a total of \$187,000. Councilmember Wieland seconded. There was discussion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-3, with Councilmember White, Roland and Gomez voting against.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of increasing utility rates.

Councilmember Gomez made a motion to direct the City Manager to return with an ordinance increasing water, wastewater and electric rates for a total of \$3.30 per month. Mayor Pro-Tem Estrada seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 3-B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND FUNDING.

There was no discussion.

ITEM 3-C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION CALENDAR.

Announcement of future meetings that would consist of public hearings. No additional budget workshops would be held.


ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Wieland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Roland seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 17th day of August 2010.



CITY OF LOCKHART


Ray Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Rodriguez, TRMC, City Secretary