

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Ben Tucker, Kody Fahrenthold, Oscar Adame, and John Schack. Council Members absent: Council Member Dennis Knippa and Pete Perkins. Staff present: Interim City Manager, Florencio Pena; Interim Finance Director, Linnette Barker; and City Secretary, Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 10 guests

2. Determine projects to be funded by Tax Notes, Series 2018 and authorize SAMCO Capital Markets, the City's financial advisor, to solicit for and receive bids ahead of the Tax Note sale to be considered by the Council at their regular meeting on August 28, 2018.

Andrew Friedman of SAMCO explained this is being considered in order to keep the tax rate at or near the current tax rate because once you let the tax rate drop, it is difficult to increase it again without going to the voters every time.

Council Member Schack stated he doesn't care to approve a bond that has no specific project and asked if this could be delayed until the staff presents a project. Interim City Manager, Florencio Pena, reported that there is no option for delay because of the timing to adopt the tax rate. He reminded the Council that in a previous meeting Council Member Perkins reported that the previous legislature attempted to restrict and decrease the tax rate effective rate and it is expected that legislature will attempt that again in 2019.

Mr. Pena is suggesting these bonds be for (1) constructing street and sidewalk improvements; (2) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, equipping, enlarging, and improving the City's municipal facilities; and (3) the payment of professional services related to the design, construction, project management, and financing of the aforementioned projects. He mentioned Cove Park Pavilion, Fire Department Equipment, Street Pavement, and about \$688,000 left unallocated that could go to streets/drainage needs.

Council Member Adame stated he feels these are appropriate projects at this time when the Public Works department needs better equipment for day to day operations and emergencies. He stated he would only support new equipment.

Mayor Parker suggested we get industry and businesses to help with the Cove Park Pavilion and that the streets already has a fund supporting their reconstruction. He preferred to focus on equipment and make sure there is a maintenance program started to better care for the equipment.

Council Member Fahrenthold agreed the majority of the funds should be for Public Works; however, he suggested Police and Fire also need additional capital items.

Mr. Friedman noted that of the previous bonds, 83% of those funds have been spent and therefore the City is in compliance with IRS guidelines. They understand that bond projects typically occur over time and we are well within those timelines.

Mayor Parker questioned if a vote was need for SAMCO to move forward or if the general direction provided by Council for Capital Equipment was sufficient? Mr. Pena questioned if it was to be left broad or if we needed to be specific for Parks, Streets, Drainage, etc. Mr. Friedman reported the broader the better so the Council can make adjustment as needed and that no vote was necessary tonight.

3. Consideration and action regarding the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce budget request for 2018-19.

Ingleside Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, Jane Gimler, explained that since Hurricane Harvey, the Chamber of Commerce has shifted their focus and goals more towards the businesses than their events. They have assisted in bringing \$80,000 to small businesses through Rebuild Texas and there is more coming. Staff is shifting focus back towards the events now and the next event is the Beer/Wine Festival scheduled for September 15, 2018 at the N.O. Simmons Park. Ms. Gimler invited the Council to several upcoming events in the area including the Annual Banquet scheduled for October 13, 2018.

Council Member Schack made a motion to approve the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce budget request for 2018-19 and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Consideration and action regarding the 2018-19 Budget. Presentations will be made by the City's Departments regarding their proposed 2018-19 Budget. The following general order will be followed. The City Council may alter the order as needed:

- **Public Works**
- **Utilities**
- **Parks, Recreation and Buildings**
- **Police**
- **Fire**
- **Building Inspection and Code Enforcement**
- **Other city services as needed (Library, City Manager, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Human Resources, City Secretary, IT, Finance, Utility Billing, Municipal Court, Emergency Management, Civic Center Operations, Equipment Replacement, Industrial Development Corporation, and Non-Departmental**
- **Capital Improvements (2015 Bond, 2016 and 2017 Tax Notes, Proposed 2018 Tax Note, Street Maintenance Fund, Street Reconstruction Fund, General Fund Capital and Utility Fund Capital)**

The departments the Council spoke with were: Public Works, Municipal Court, Parks, Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Building, Library, Emergency Management, and Capital Improvements.

Adjustments made were as follows:

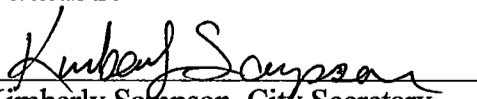
- Municipal Court reduce the Software Maintenance from \$9,000 to \$4,400;
- Fire Department increase the funds for a Brush Truck from \$100,000 to \$125,000;
- Code Enforcement was to increase the new clerical position from part time employee to full time employee;
- Include in the Finance budget an additional \$20,000 for 25 Include users to be hosted by Incode/Tyler Technology instead of Rackspace; and
- Library is to add a new part time employee.

Mr. Pena read through the Budget Message highlighting that the City is in strong financial position with a growing industrial tax base.

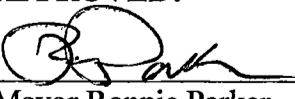
5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Ronnie Parker