

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP
AUGUST 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Steve Diehl, Kody Fahrenthold, Stewart Wilson, John Schack, and Ben Tucker. Council Members absent: Council Member Dennis Knippa. Staff present: City Manager David Huseman, Finance Director Linnette Barker, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were approximately 30 guests present.

2. Roll Call

Council Member Knippa was absent. All other Council Members present.

3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the setting of the public hearings, and the proposed tax rate for the FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Finance Director, Linnette Barker, provided a handout to the Council regarding the explanation of the Tax Rate options and explained the difference in Revenue of the options. The previously calculated Rollback Tax Rate was \$0.682515; however, that did not include the proposed Tax Note and there was a computer error as well. The revised Rollback Tax Rate is \$0.611688. If we continue with anything over the \$0.611688, the citizens can petition for an Election.

Mayor Parker reminded the Council and Public that due to this year's Legislatures starting next year anything over a 3.5% tax increase would mandate a November Election, whether the public supported it or not. He suggested we continue with the previous tax rate/budget of \$0.682515 and allow the public to decide if they want an election or not.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to set a proposed tax rate not to exceed \$0.682515/\$100 value and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Public Hearings required by City Charter to be scheduled for September 4th and September 11th, 2019; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Workshop regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Council Member Diehl provided an overview of the items he learned from the TML Attorneys and what is eligible. TML calls it the "Texas Two Step" and provides guidelines required to meet the State Requirements. He provided examples and suggested the City needs to provide guidelines, applications, forms, and post event reports and asked that staff provide something by October 1, 2019.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to increase the revenue line item 4010 to \$225,000; remove line item 605 of \$131,985; add Ingleside Chamber of Commerce - Marketing of \$35,000; add Professional Services - Events of \$140,000; and add a City Marketing of \$30,000; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold.

There was additional discussion regarding others who may be interested in the Event funds.

Council Member Diehl amended his motion to change the addition of Professional Services for Events to \$200,000; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold.

Chamber of Commerce President, Jan Gimler, stated Round Up is growing and the Tejano night is larger than the Country night.

Council Member Schack questioned where the salaries would fit in. Council Member Diehl said it could be part of the contract and it would be a percentage basis.

Council Member Diehl amended his motion to change the addition of Professional Services for Events to \$250,000; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold.

There were questions from Chamber of Commerce Staff and Board Members. Operations, Barbara Gregg, questioned if there would be separate applications for each event and how soon could the application be filed. Council Member Diehl stated it would be separate applications for separate events and could apply for any/all on October 1, but there would be a need for a 90-day after event report. Mrs. Gregg also questioned the funds for the TML Annual Conference booth and expense fees. Council Member Diehl stated the TML Attorney said that does not meet the Hotel/Motel Funds. Board Member, Shelly Smith, questioned if the \$250,000 for events was for every one and Council Member Diehl agreed it was for anyone who wants to apply.

Mayor Parker called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Schack requested that the staff talk with the School District to ask them if the City didn't bill IISD for the School Resource Officer (SRO), if those funds are sent back to the State. If the funds could stay in the IISD budget, he would like to see the City fund this SRO position 100% so we have total control of that officer.

Council Member Diehl asked if other officers were needed and City Manager, David Huseman, stated he would work with the Police Chief to see if there is a need and if so, make a presentation.

Council Member Diehl asked where the funds for the Sidewalk and/or Street Program. Mr. Huseman explained that when preparing the Houghton Subdivision Project to be complete from "A to Z" that is inclusive of wastewater, water, drainage, streets, and sidewalks and it will require the funds that have been used in the past of streets and sidewalks. Council Member Fahrenthold agreed the Houghton Subdivision Project is a huge project and will improve that whole neighborhood and he agreed the City could go one year without new streets and sidewalks to help fund a whole subdivision.

Council Member Schack suggested getting grants for sidewalks and asked what was being included in the budget for development. Mr. Huseman stated most grants are for Low to Moderate Income (LMI) areas or connecting school campuses and there is currently no funds in the budget for development because anything like that would be brought to Council for approval. Council Member Schack requested \$75,000 from Impact Fees and \$75,000 from General Fund for development purposes.

Council Member Tucker questioned where the Vector Control budget was absorbed within the budget and Finance Director, Linnette Barker, stated it is now within the Streets/Drainage budget. She asked everyone to leave the Budget Books for us to make the updates.

With no other questions we can meet again at the next regularly scheduled meeting, August 28, 2019.

5. Adjourn

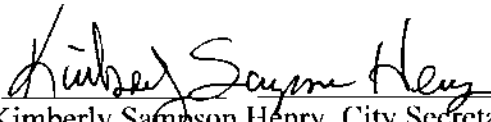
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

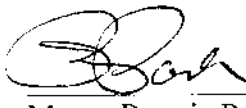
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Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary


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