

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

Special Meeting, Monday, September 1, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 5:06 p.m.
2. **QUORUM CHECK:** Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:
Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neville, arrived at 5:22 p.m.
Councilmember Bear Goolsby, arrived at 5:14 p.m.
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember Paul Najarian, arrived at 5:10 p.m.
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:
Kim Turner, City Manager
Pat Collins, Finance Director
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING:**

PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budgets.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Finance Director Pat Collins presented the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budgets.

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	13,946,889	13,730,379
Capital Projects	2,704,853	2,704,853
Debt Service	2,175,494	2,155,221
Utility Fund	12,102,758	12,102,574
Golf Course	2,524,400	2,523,287
Stormwater	705,793	705,793

There being no public comments, Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 5:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate to Support the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Budgets.

Mayor Williams opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020 Tax Rate to support the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Budgets at 5:25 p.m.

Mrs. Collins stated that the prior year property tax rate was 0.601444. The proposed 2020 Tax Rate to support the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budgets is \$0.585062 (M&O - \$0.475225 plus the debt service rate of \$0.109837). At that rate, the total property tax revenue for Fiscal Year 20201 budget would be increased by \$251,115.

Mrs. Turner explained that property taxes are paid in arrears. Residents pay property tax after the whole year is complete.

Kim Igleheart, 736 Garden Meadow, stated that she opposed the tax revenue increase. She said that

Universal City has the 3rd highest property tax rate, under Somerset and Kirby, and one of only 7 cities that accesses over \$0.50 per \$100 in valuation. She mentioned that the homestead exemptions were adopted decades ago and have not been adjusted for inflation. She requested that City Council not raise taxes, increase homestead exemptions, and freeze the taxes on the elderly and disabled.

Steven Buck, 8693 Phoenix Ave, thanked City Council and staff for all their hard work in attracting new businesses and residents as that has kept the property tax rates low.

There being no other comments, Mayor Williams closed the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT: There being no objection, Mayor Williams adjourned the special meeting at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

John Williams, Mayor