

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
1025 CAMPBELL ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

1. CALL THE ROLL AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Called Meeting of the Spring Valley Village City Council was called to order by Mayor Vajdos at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Carpenter

Council Member Bo Bothe

Council Member Steve Bass

Council Member David Dominy

Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

None.

2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

City Administrator Julie Robinson presented the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Draft Budget as well as the 7%, 8% and 9% Cost of Living Adjustment scenarios as directed by the Council during the June 21, 2022, Budget Workshop. Council Member Carpenter asked for clarification regarding the two new officers being proposed and accounted for in the budget presented as well as information the number of vehicles in the police department. Chief Schulze presented his request to hire two additional officers and stated that their reasoning for the additional officers was due to the opening of Kelsey-Seybold and the change in anticipated calls and manpower that would then be required because of the type of the type of facility Kelsey-Seybold is. Council Member Carpenter advised that he would like for there to be a hold placed on hiring any new officers until better statistics on what would be needed could be presented. Council Member Dominy and Council Member Bothe suggested that instead of two officers the Police Department start with one officer and leave that additional position open if needed. In the draft budget, the Police Department also proposed three additional vehicles, two patrol vehicles and one administrative vehicle.

Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council for Staff to proceed with the draft budget:

- Using a tax rate of \$0.4050 (a 1 cent tax rate reduction);
- Taking a closer look at a couple of revenue line items and expenditures;
- Including one new Police Officer and for the second officer position to be left open with the option to fill it later if it was needed;
- Including two patrol vehicles and one administrative vehicle
- A new 5-year lease for the Department's tasers;

- And 6 ballistic shields to be funded by the Spring Valley Legacy Fund..

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Proposing a Tax Rate Of \$0.4150 Per \$100 Valuation for The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022, And Ending September 30, 2023.

The property tax rates for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, were submitted to the Council for review, discussion, and action. After much discussion and proposals of several options, it was ultimately decided by all council members to propose a 9% COLA for all City employees and a 1-cent property tax rate reduction adoption but to keep the current property tax rate as the proposed tax rate.

Following discussion, the proposed tax rate of \$0.4150 per \$100 valuation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, City Secretary Jasmin Torres recorded individual votes from each council member. Council Members Bass, Bothe, Carpenter, Dominy, and McCormack voted 'Aye'. No 'Nay' votes were given. Motion carried 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Bothe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., and Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Signed: _____

Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest: _____

Jasmin Torres
City Secretary