

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 AT 5:00 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 5:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Marcus Vajdos

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen Carpenter

Council Member Bo Bothe

Council Member David Dominy (arrived by video conference at 5:03 p.m.)

Council Member Tom Donaho (arrived by video conference at 5:05 p.m.)

Council Member Joy McCormack

Members Absent:

None.

2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

City Administrator Julie Robinson presented the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Draft Budget and advised that each budget line item had been reviewed and evaluated by City Treasurer Michelle Yi, Assistant to the City Administrator Matthew Hitt, and her. Ms. Robinson also advised that the Draft Budget had been developed using a property tax rate of \$0.4250 per \$100 – which is identical to the current year’s property tax rate.

There was discussion concerning the Draft Budget, the historical appraised values and property tax rates, the future impact of COVID-19 on the City’s commercial properties, and items in the Draft Budget on which the Council had questions. Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the proposed tax rate of \$.4250 and the Draft Budget as presented were acceptable and that no further changes to the Draft Budget were needed. Ms. Robinson advised that only one public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate is now required as opposed to two public hearings that were required in the past and that the public hearing would be held during the same City Council meeting when the FY 2021 tax rate would be adopted, which would be on September 22, 2020.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Options for Improvements to Tamy Lane Bridge.

Director of Public Works Pat Riley presented the following improvement options which were recommended by IDS Engineering for the Tamy Lane bridge:

- Remove existing railing and install new railing that is something other than guard rail fencing
- Install bollards at bridge approaches
- Power wash the bridge deck and sides
- Install pavers and/or concrete to bridge approach

City Administrator Julie Robinson advised that funds have been included in the Capital Projects Fund in the FY 2020-2021 Draft Budget for the recommended improvements and that additional funding is available in the Capital Projects Fund if needed. Mr. Riley advised the Council that, during the week of August 17, 2020, the Public Works crew performed some cleanup work of the bridge. Council Member Dominy advised that the recent improvements performed by the Public Works crew made the bridge more functional and believed that no further improvements were need at this time.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to keep the allocated funds in the FY 2020-2021 Draft Budget but not to undertake any other improvements at this time.

4. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: Replacement of Ground Storage Tank #2.

City Administrator Julie Robinson advised that, during the October 15, 2019 meeting, the City Council approved the use of \$466,996.00 of the Unassigned General Fund, Fund Balance from FY 2018 for the engineering design and construction to replace Ground Storage Tank #2 (“GST2”). These funds were transferred to the Capital Replacement Fund. During the discussion about setting aside these funds, City Staff was asked to investigate the possibility of replacing GST#2 with an elevated storage tank.

Due to a lack of required acreage and the cost differential for an elevated storage tank, Ms. Robinson advised that it was not feasible for the City to proceed with replacing GST2 with an elevated storage tank. Therefore, the Staff recommendation was that Council approve the replacement of the existing bolted ground storage tank with a metal welded, ground storage tank in the current location instead of an elevated storage tank. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to replace the existing ground storage tank with another ground storage tank as recommended by Staff. Ms. Robinson indicated that Mr. Riley would request an updated engineering proposal and opinion of probable cost to ensure current pricing and bring the information back to Council in October for consideration of the project.

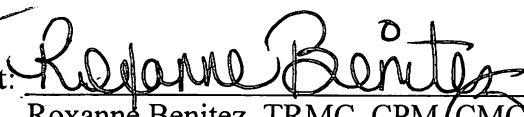
After a brief discussion, the Council directed Staff to pursue replacement options for Ground Storage Tank #2.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., and Council Member Bothe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Signed: 

Marcus Vajdos
Mayor

Attest: 

Roxanne Benitez, TRMC, CPM, CMCC
City Secretary