

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Participating via VideoConference: Mayor Brian Johnson; Josh Altom, Place 1 (*arrived at 5:31 p.m.*); Chris Pugh, Place 2; Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Place 3; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Chad Wandel, Place 5;

Absent: None. **Staff Participating via VideoConference:** City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary and Communications Coordinator Leslie E. Galloway, Finance Director Lakeita Sutton, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Fire Chief James Brown, Library Director Amanda King, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Danielle Clarke, Director of Planning and Economic Development Melissa Dailey (*arrived at 5:35 p.m.*), Administrative Assistant Rosie Ericson

II. WORK SESSION

- A. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual budget

City Manager George Campbell gave an overview of the agenda items, noting that the Council had been provided a hardcopy of the proposed budget and that staff would be available to answer any questions. The Mayor noted that this was an introduction to the budget and that additional meetings could be scheduled.

Finance Director Lakeita Sutton noted that corrected versions of pages 11, 12, and 13 of the Proposed Budget had been sent to the Council via email and that the total cost of new program requests (none of which were included in the Proposed Budget) would also need to be updated within the Management Letter. Sutton then gave a presentation including an overview of the budget process, the fund structure, assumptions and highlights for FY20-21, new program requests, impacts of various tax rates, 5-year projections, and next steps in the budget process.

There was some discussion of the need for an Assistant City Manager position, the reduced drawdown in FY19-20, the hiring freeze, vacancies, travel and training cuts, franchise fees, water and sewer projects, progress on the transfer of utility billing to Arlington, ad valorem values, the recommended tax rate, the FY20-21 projected drawdown, increases in permitting and development fees, furloughs and/or layoffs, the move of one part time position from Court to Finance, the need to balance the budget, adjustments to the accounting of the Stormwater Fund, a potential 2021 Certificates of Obligation (CO) issuance, the EDC budget, increased valued in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

(TIRZ), salvage yards, funding of the Link Street project, the Beacon Hill drainage project, and the effects of Senate Bill 2 on the tax rate options.

Mayor Johnson urged the Council to send questions to staff and/or set up an appointment to meet with Sutton regarding any questions before the next meeting.

City Manager George Campbell reminded the Council that the Proposed Budget did not include any salary adjustments nor step plan increases. He added that if the Council chose to increase the tax rate to anything higher than what was included in the Proposed Budget, that any additional revenue would be used to build the fund balance.

III. REGULAR SESSION

- A. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 574 of the City Council of the City of Kennedale, Texas, approving the placement of a proposal on the September 15, 2020 City Council Public Meeting agenda to adopt a 2020 tax rate that may exceed the lower of the voter-approval rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate; calling a public hearing for September 8, 2020

There was no discussion at this time.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Resolution 574 of the City Council of the City of Kennedale, Texas, approving the placement of a proposal on the September 15, 2020 City Council Public Meeting agenda to adopt a 2020 tax rate that may exceed the lower of the voter-approval rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate; calling a public hearing for September 8, 2020, **Moved By** Pugh, **Seconded By** Wandel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 575 ordering the General Election for November 3, 2020

There was no discussion at this time.

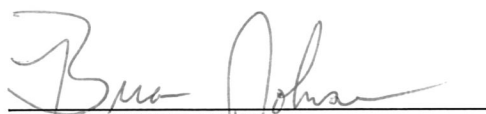
Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Resolution 575 ordering the General Election for November 3, 2020, **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

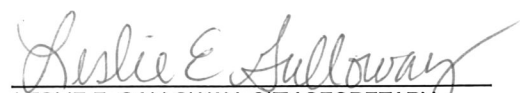
Motion Adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee, **Seconded By** Rhodes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED:


BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

