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SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2016

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Special Called Session, September 1, 2016, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Members absent were:

Andy Mack
Ed Moore
Nona Snoddy
Kasha Williams
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, Assistant City Manager
Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Ingrid Self, Assistant Director of Development Services
Rolin McPhee, Director of Public Works
Dietrich Johnson, Assistant Director of Community Services
Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief
Mike Bishop, Police Chief

I. Call to Order – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

II. Citizen Comment

Jeremiah Hunter, 314 East Twilight Drive: Suggested we pledge our allegiance to the Texas Flag as well as the United States flag.

Mr. Hunter spoke of how he was in agreement with the proposed budget as long as there isn't any increase in the taxes.

Additionally, he asked Council to repeal their \$50.00 Alarm Permit Fee because it appears as bad optics. The suggestion that we must have the government's permission to protect our homes doesn't make sense.

III. Budget Items

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 Budget –

Angela Coen, Director of Finance, was present and spoke about the proposed budget in accordance with the Texas Government Code and the city charter, the budget is being submitted for City Council approval.

The public hearing was declared open.

Jeremiah Hunter, 314 East Twilight Drive: Spoke of how he was in agreement with the proposed budget as long as there isn't any increase in the taxes.

The public hearing was declared closed.

B. Consider an Ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 Annual Operating Budget and appropriating said funds –

Angela Coen, Director of Finance, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017.

MOTION: Council Member Moore made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS REVENUE SOURCES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4071 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. Consider a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 Budget –

Angela Coen, Director of Finance, In accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 102.00(c) the adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2016 – 2017 Budget.

SECOND: Council Member Wright seconded the motion.

Those voting FOR the motion: Council Members Moore, Snoddy, Williams, Ishihara, Wright, Pirtle and Mayor Mack.

Those voting AGAINST the motion: NONE

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

D. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE. A public hearing will be held to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Tax Rate (the City Council will vote on the tax rate on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers at 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas) –

Angela Coen, Director of Finance, The Texas Government Code and the city charter requires that a Municipality hold two public hearings on the property tax rate. This is the second of the required hearings.

The proposed tax rate is 0.5099.
12.99 for Debt Service
38.00 for Operations & Management

The vote to adopt the tax rate will be on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

The public hearing was declared open.

Jeremiah Hunter, 314 East Twilight Drive: Spoke of how he was in agreement with the proposed budget as long as there isn't any increase in the taxes.

The public hearing was declared closed.

E. Consider a Resolution establishing city fees and charges for the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 –

Angela Coen, Director of Finance, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the city fees and charges for the Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017.

Council Member Wright: Inquired about the food trucks and wanted to know the amount of impact it has had on the concession stands sales since they have become available?

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation: There haven't been any trucks in the parks. I will have a report compiled by October 15, 2016, and have it available for viewing at that time once the sales totals are received.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, SPECIFYING CITY FEES AND CHARGES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS CONDUCTED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Resolution No. 5106 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Shelly Ballenger
City Secretary

