



City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas
75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Called Public Hearing

KAREN HUNT
Mayor

CLIFF LONG
Mayor Pro Tem

BRIANNA HINOJOSA-SMITH
Place 2

NANCY YINGLING
Place 5

WES MAYS
Place 3

BIJU MATHEW
Place 6

GARY RODEN
Place 4

MARK HILL
Place 7

MIKE LAND
City Manager

- Present** 6 - Karen Hunt;Cliff Long;Brianna Hinojosa-Smith;Wes Mays;Gary Roden and Biju Mathew
- Absent** 2 - Nancy Yingling and Mark Hill

Also present were City Manager Mike Land, Deputy City Manager Noel Bernal and City Secretary Christel Pettinos.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in a Special Called Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Town Center, 255 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, Texas.

Call to Order

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order, determined that a quorum was present and convened into the Special Session.

PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comment concerning the proposed 2018-19 tax rate of \$0.569500.

Presentation: Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance, made a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Hunt opened the Public Hearing and asked for those who signed up to speak:

- 1) Joe Shirley, 582 Villawood Ln., spoke against the item and requested the City Council to set the budget at the effective tax rate. Mr. Shirley also requested the City Council review neighboring cities, such as Colleyville, to see what they are doing differently to stay within that effective tax rate.
- 2) Dan Polcari, 325 Charleston Dr., spoke against the item and requested the City Council approve the budget at the effective tax rate.
- 3) Eric Harnois, 429 Waterview Dr., spoke against the item and requested the City Council approve the budget at the effective tax rate.
- 4) Bill Cohrs, 910 Brown Trail, spoke against the item stating that by setting the budget at the effective tax rate there would be no need for public hearings.
- 5) Jeff Hartz, 959 Red Cedar Way, spoke against the item stating the effective tax rate is a more stable rate to base budgets on and is easier for working-class families to plan.
- 6) Pam Rogers, 736 Robin Ln., spoke against the item and worries the high tax rates will push citizens out of their homes.
- 7) Ron Hansen, 478 Harris, spoke against the item and believes the high taxes are driving people away from the community.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wes Mays, seconded by Councilmember Gary Roden, to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Adjournment

There being nothing more for the City Council to consider, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary