



City of Coppell, Texas

255 Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas 75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

KAREN HUNT
Mayor

GARY RODEN
Mayor Pro Tem

CLIFF LONG
Place 1

NANCY YINGLING
Place 5

BRIANNA HINOJOSA-FLORES
Place 2

MARVIN FRANKLIN
Place 6

WES MAYS
Place 3

MARK HILL
Place 7

CLAY PHILLIPS
City Manager

Present 8 - Karen Hunt;Cliff Long;Brianna Hinojosa-Flores;Wes Mays;Gary Roden;Marvin Franklin;Mark Hill and Nancy Yingling

Also present were City Manager Clay Phillips, Deputy City Managers Mario Canizares and Mike Land, and Deputy City Secretary Jean Dwinell.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Special Called Session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Town Center, 255 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, Texas.

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present at 6:01 p.m.

1. Invocation

Councilmember Marvin Franklin gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hunt and the City Council led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comment concerning the proposed 2015-16 tax rate of \$0.58400.

Mayor Hunt opened the public hearing and asked for those who signed up to speak.

Finance Director Jennifer Miller made a presentation regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.584.00. Ms. Miller advised that the City Council must vote on the proposed tax rate at least three (3) days after the second public hearing and not more than 14 days after the second public hearing. She advised the proposed tax rate is scheduled for a vote by the City Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Ms. Miller explained that this is the lowest tax rate since 1990 and that the City's taxes have continued to decrease over the years.

Mr. Joe Shirley, 582 Villawood Lane, expressed concern for the calculations by which the proposed tax rate was decided. He requested the Council leave the tax rate at the effective rate.

There were no other audience members wishing to speak.

City Manager Clay Phillips explained the effective tax rate and the rollback tax rate. He advised the City is continuing to grow, adding services, facilities and capital projects. Mr. Phillips advised that it costs more to do what we do.

Ms. Miller explained that the calculation for the tax rate is a very complex formula created by the Texas Legislature.

Mayor Hunt and Councilmembers Roden, Mays, Franklin, and Hinojosa-Flores expressed pride in the City staff and the Council with regard to increasing programs and services while reducing the tax rate. They mentioned the article in the recent Money Magazine recognizing Coppell as the "8th Best Place to Live" and the "3rd Best Place to Be A Kid" in the United States, and expressed their concern for the lack of attendance and participation in the Council's budget/tax workshops.

Councilmember Wes Mays made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mark Hill, to close the public hearing. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Cliff Long; Councilmember Brianna Hinojosa-Flores; Councilmember Wes Mays; Mayor Pro Tem Gary Roden; Councilmember Marvin Franklin; Councilmember Mark Hill and Councilmember Nancy Yingling

Executive Session (Closed to the Public) 1st Floor Conference Room

Mayor Hunt recessed the meeting at 6:21 p.m. and convened into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

4. Section 551.087, Texas Government Code - Economic Development Negotiations.

Discussion regarding economic development prospects south of Southwestern Boulevard, east of Freeport Parkway.

Discussed under Executive Session.

Mayor Hunt adjourned Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened the regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary