

HUMBLE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

HELD AT CITY HALL, 114 WEST HIGGINS, HUMBLE, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARRIS §

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merle Aaron, Presiding
 Mayor Pro Tem Allan Steagall
 Council Member Andy Curry
 Council Member Norman Funderburk
 Council Member Ray Calfee
 City Secretary Jason Stuebe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member David Pierce
 City Manager Darrell Boeske

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aimee Phillips
 Fire Chief Gary Outlaw
 Police Chief Delbert Dawes
 Asst. Police Chief Ken Theis
 Asst. Fire Chief Mike Legoudes

VISITORS PRESENT: Linda Brock
 Arliss Bentley
 Bruce Olson
 Jana Hoglund
 Kent Klingerman
 Chris Shelton

Mayor Aaron called the Public Hearing of the Humble City Council to order with a quorum present at 10:00 A.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Council Member Funderburk offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS. A TAX RATE OF \$0.225471 PER \$100 VALUATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS. THIS RATE EXCEEDS THE LOWER OF THE EFFECTIVE OR ROLLBACK TAX RATE, AND STATE LAW REQUIRES

THAT TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD BY THE GOVERNING BODY BEFORE ADOPTING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE. ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Mayor Aaron opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate at 10:01 A.M.


Mr. Donnie McMannes asked the Council how much the increased tax rate would raise in additional funds. Mayor Aaron responded approximately \$400,000. Mr. McMannes stated that he used to believe you could pick up \$400,000 around town with the gum on one's shoe. Mayor Aaron replied that we've lost all of the gum.

Council Member Calfee noted there were approximately 44 businesses not yet re-opened in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey; Mayor Aaron concurred, noting however that despite a lot of rumors, every business he had spoken with intended to be open around November and the holidays.

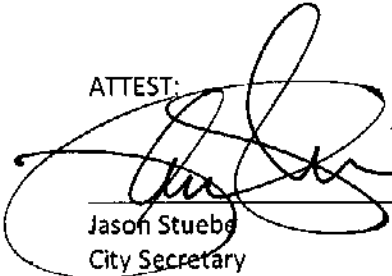
Mr. McMannes stated that the city appeared as though it was going to take a significant hit on sales tax and hotel occupancy tax. He continued by asking if the city was going to be making an adjustments on affected homes. Mayor Aaron stated that the Appraisal District is currently looking at the possibility of a disaster reappraisal in the affected areas.

Mr. McMannes asked if the city had found any information with relation to buyouts of flooded homes. Mayor Aaron stated that the County is going to head up a housing committee and will address those issues but noted that it is a long process and there are always going to be people that do not want to leave their homes.

There being no further comments or questions, Mayor Aaron closed the Public Hearing at 10:07 A.M. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.



Merle Aaron
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jason Stuebel
City Secretary

