

STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS
OCTOBER 1, 2020

6 PM – SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020, AT 06:00 PM AT FRIENDSWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

MAYOR MIKE FOREMAN
MAYOR PRO-TEM TRISH HANKS
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE ROCKEY
COUNCILMEMBER SALLY BRANSON
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT J. GRIFFON
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN SCOTT
COUNCILMEMBER BRENT ERENWERT
CITY MANAGER MORAD KABIRI
CITY SECRETARY MELINDA WELSH

City Attorney Mary Kay Fischer was absent from the meeting.

1. Call to order

Mayor Foreman called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by City Manager Morad Kabiri.

3. Pledge of Allegiance – United States and Texas

(HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE)

Mayor Foreman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas.

4. Communications from the Public

Communications from the Public (To comply with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate on items discussed under this agenda item. The Council may refer this item to the City Manager or direct this item to be placed on the next regular Council agenda. Out of respect for those speaking during public comment, please refrain from any outbursts or interjections to include, but not limited to, applause and/or disparaging noises from the audience. Doing so discourages others from voicing their thoughts and opinions, and disrupts the meeting. Furthermore, any personnel complaints against a City employee aside from the City Manager, City Secretary, City Attorney or Municipal Judge

cannot be discussed under this section. Please contact the City Manager's office for concerns involving a City employee.)

Mayor Foreman asked if anyone would like to speak. No one spoke.

5. Ordinances

Consideration and possible action regarding the following:

- A. Ordinance No. T2020-41: First and Final reading of an ordinance ratifying provision for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes of the City of Friendswood, Texas for the tax year commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; providing the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for penalty and interest on all taxes not timely paid; providing for severability; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent on in conflict herewith.

Mayor Foreman read the agenda item to approve the First and Final reading of Ordinance No. **2020-41** – An ordinance ratifying provision for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes of the City of Friendswood, Texas for the tax year commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; providing the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for penalty and interest on all taxes not timely paid; providing for severability; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent on in conflict herewith.

******Councilmember Griffon moved to ratify adoption of the City of Friendswood's property tax rate of \$0.487314, which is effectively no increase in tax rate. This tax rate is 6.54% less than the current tax rate. The proposed tax rate is composed of a maintenance and operations rate of \$0.392152 and a debt service rate of \$0.095161.

The motion was seconded and approved 6-1 with Councilmember Hanks opposed.

6. Communications from the Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Foreman reported that Paul O'Farrell, the first mayor of Friendswood, passed away.

Councilmember Rockey reported that an e-mail response to a citizen from Deputy Director of Engineering Samantha Haritos was fabulous. Ms. Haritos is very knowledgeable and had a great response to the citizen's drainage concerns.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

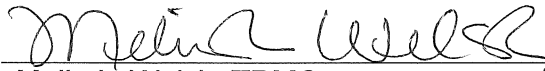


Mayor Mike Foreman

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Attest:



Melinda Welsh, TRMC
City Secretary

