



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor
Ruben D. Plata, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman
Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Patricia A. Rigney, City Attorney
Mike R. Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

David Flores, Asst. City Manager
Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager
Andy Garcia, Asst. City Manager
Vidal Roman, Finance Director
Abram Ramirez, IT Director
Cesar Torres, Chief of Police
Yenni Espinoza, Library Director
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Roel Mendiola, Sanitation Director
Jose Luis Silva, Internal Auditor
Joel Chapa, Police Officer
Nora Lozano, Police Officer

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata has filed a conflict of interest regarding executive session item 1.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None

At 4:32 p.m., Councilman Alberto Vela moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Marissa Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0.

Councilwoman Jessica Ortega joined the meeting during executive session.

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 4:56 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting and continue with items 1 and 2 of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Proposed Property Tax Rate – Roman

The notice of 2024 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for City of Mission was published in the Monitor on September 7, 2024 and in the Progress Times on September 6, 2024.

The proposed 2024 tax rate was \$0.5580 per \$100.

The public hearing was to give the opportunity for citizens to speak on the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Garza asked if there were any comments for or against the request.

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Approval of Ordinance # 5552 Adopting the 2024 Tax Rate – Perez

The Tax Rate for the fiscal year 2024-2025 was \$0.5580 per \$100 property value. In addition to establishing the tax rate, this ordinance provided a \$10,000 exemption for the elderly and a \$10,000 exemption for the disabled. The City would also continue the tax freeze established in 2005 for the elderly and disabled, ensuring the total amount of ad valorem taxes paid would not increase.

Interest & Sinking Rate (I&S)	\$0.0757
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$0.4823
Total Tax Rate	\$0.5580

ORDINANCE NO. 5552

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; AND PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR THE DISABLED.

Councilman Vela moved to set the property tax rate to be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5580, which is effectively a 7.75% increase in the tax rate. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved as follows: Councilwoman Ortega – Aye, Mayor Pro Tem Plata – Aye, Mayor Norie Garza – Aye, Councilwoman Gerlach – Aye, and Councilman Vela – Aye. Motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) related to Black Diamond Developers, LP and CCC Operations, LLC v. City of Mission, Cause No. C-5276-23-D.

Councilman Vela moved to proceed as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 4-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Plata abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:01 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary