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## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ABSENT:**

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Matt Wilson  
Noel Salinas  
Mike Silva

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

David Flores, Asst. City Manager  
Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager  
Vidal Roman, Finance Director  
Ezeiza Garcia, Asst. Finance Director  
Ruben Hernandez, Media Relations  
Alex Fajardo, Media Relations

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 4:40 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 4:40 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alberto Vela and approved unanimously 4-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 5:34 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0.

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to proceed as discussed in executive session related to Black Diamond Developers, LP and CCC Operations, LLC v City of Mission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 4-0.

Mayor Garza requested to recess the meeting until Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 5:36 p.m.



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MISSION CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**RECESSED - SPECIAL MEETING**

**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:**

Mike Silva  
Paul Villarreal, Tax Assessor Collector  
Julio C. Espinosa, Property Tax Manager

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Juan Pablo Terrazas, Asst. City Manager  
Andy Garcia, Asst. City Manager  
Vidal Roman, Finance Director  
Ezeiza Garcia, Asst. Finance Director  
Alex Fajardo, Media Relations

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

With a quorum being present, Mayor Norie Gonzalez Garza called the meeting to order at 5:43 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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Rescind Tax Rate Vote taken on August 26, 2024 of \$0.5362 due to calculation error by the Hidalgo County Tax Office – Roman**

The Hidalgo County Tax Office had identified a calculation error in the tax rate adopted by the governing body on August 26, 2024. This error necessitated the rescission of the previously proposed tax rate to ensure accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements.

Paul Villarreal, Tax Assessor Collector advised the council that an error occurred with the VAR rate due to a software update.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

Councilman Alberto Vela moved to rescind Tax Rate Vote taken on August 26, 2024 of \$0.5362 due to calculation error by the Hidalgo County Tax Office. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruben Plata and approved unanimously 5-0.

## **2. Discussion and action on proposed 2024 Tax Rate, Take Record Vote and Schedule Public Hearing for September 16, 2024 – Roman**

In accordance with the Texas Property Tax, Code City Council must propose a tax rate for the City of Mission and publish "Notice of Property Tax Rates," by September 1<sup>st</sup>. This notice provided information about tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. In most cases, the voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election. If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, one public hearing was required before the adoption of the tax rate.

The calculated no new revenue tax rate is \$0.5074 per \$100 valuation

The calculated voter approved tax rate not adjusted for unused increment rate is \$0.5362 per \$100 valuation

The calculated voter approved tax rate adjusted for unused increment rate is \$0.5580 per \$100 valuation

The current tax rate was \$0.5276 per \$100 valuation

Public Hearing was to be scheduled for September 16, 2024.

Staff and City Manager recommended approval.

The City Council proposed the tax rate of \$0.5580 per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to propose the 2024 tax rate at 0.5580 and schedule a Public Hearing for September 16, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela 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 5-0.

At 5:59 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Plata moved to convene into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 5-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon conclusion of Executive Session at 6:10 p.m., Councilman Vela moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

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.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to rescind motion taken on September 3, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vela and approved unanimously 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Plata abstaining.

Councilwoman Ortega moved to proceed as discussed in executive session related to Black Diamond Developers, LP and CCC Operations, LLC v City of Mission. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gerlach and approved unanimously 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Plata abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:13 p.m., Councilwoman Ortega moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Plata and approved unanimously 5-0. .

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary