

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS; CREATING THE “TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE” OVER THE AREA GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GRAND PARKWAY 99 AND ROCKY ROAD, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; DESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREIN; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Tomball, Texas (the “City”) hereby determines that the creation of a tax increment reinvestment zone to be named the “City of Tomball Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Three” (the “TIRZ No. 3”) is necessary to promote the development or redevelopment of the area generally located at the southwest corner of Grand Parkway 99 and Rocky Road in Tomball, Texas (the “Area”), with the boundaries of TIRZ No. 3 to encompass the Area, and with such boundaries being more particularly depicted and described in “Exhibit A” attached to and incorporated in this Ordinance for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2021, after giving proper legal notice, the Council held a public hearing where all interested persons were given the opportunity to speak and present evidence for and against the creation of TIRZ No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determines that a tax increment fund for TIRZ No. 3 must be established as required by law (the “TIRZ Fund”), with the TIRZ Fund being more particularly described in “Exhibit B” attached to and incorporated in this Ordinance for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determines that Preliminary Reinvestment Zone Project and Financing Plans must be prepared as required by law for TIRZ No. 3 (the “Preliminary Plans”), with the Preliminary Plans being included as “Exhibit D” attached to and incorporated in this Ordinance for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determines that Area within TIRZ No. 3 meets the criteria for a tax increment reinvestment zone under Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, and the Council hereby determines that proposed improvements in TIRZ No. 3 will significantly enhance the value of all taxable real property in TIRZ No. 3 and will be of general benefit to the City, and that development of the Area would not occur in the foreseeable future solely through private investment; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determines that a board of directors shall be created for the administration, management, and operation of TIRZ No. 3 and for the implementation of the project and financing plans of TIRZ No. 3 (the “Board”), with the Board being composed of five (5) members appointed by the Council in accordance with Texas Tax Code 311.009(a); and,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. THAT the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. THAT as provided in Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, the “Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Three” (“TIRZ No. 3”) is hereby designated and established over the area described in “Exhibit A”.

SECTION 3. THAT the purpose of TIRZ No. 3 shall be primarily for encouraging development and construction of infrastructure.

SECTION 4. THAT TIRZ No. 3 shall be effective for a period of thirty (30) years or until such time as the debt is paid off, whichever is less, commencing on the date of the adoption hereof.

SECTION 5. THAT a tax increment fund is hereby established for TIRZ No. 3 as fully described in “Exhibit B”.

SECTION 6. THAT a board of directors for TIRZ No. 3 is hereby created as fully described in “Exhibit C”.

SECTION 7. THAT all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. THAT in the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance, or the application of the same, to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and, the Council, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

SECTION 9. THAT this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

FIRST READING:


READ, PASSED AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

COUNCILMAN FORD	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN STOLL	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN DEGGES	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND	<u>ABSENT</u>
COUNCILMAN KLEIN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>

SECOND READING:

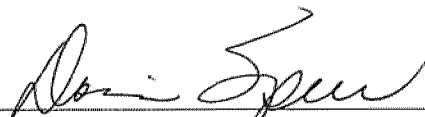
READ, PASSED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED AS SET OUT BELOW AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

COUNCILMAN FORD	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN STOLL	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN DEGGES	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND	<u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN KLEIN QUINN	<u>AYE</u>



Gretchen Fagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Doris Speer, City Secretary

Exhibit A – TIRZ No. 3: Property Description

Exhibit B – TIRZ No. 3: Tax Increment Fund

(a) A tax increment fund to be called “TIF Fund Number 3” is hereby established for TIRZ No. 3 (the “Fund”).

(b) The Fund may be divided into additional accounts and subaccounts authorized by resolution or ordinance of the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Tomball (the “City”). The Fund shall consist of:

1. The percentage of the tax increment as defined by Section 311.012(A) of the Texas Tax Code (the “Code”), that each taxing unit which levies real property taxes in TIRZ No. 3, other than the City, has elected to dedicate to the Fund under an agreement with the City authorized by Section 311.013(f) of the Code; and,
2. Seventy-five (75%) of the City’s portion of the tax increment from TIRZ No. 3, as defined by Section 311.012(a) of the Code.

(c) The Fund shall be maintained in an account at the depository bank of the City and shall be secured in the manner prescribed by law for Texas cities. In addition, all revenues from the following sources shall be deposited into the Fund:

1. The sale of any obligations, if any, hereafter issued by the City and secured in whole or part from the tax increment of TIRZ No. 3;
2. The sale of any property acquired as part of a plan adopted by the Board of Directors of TIRZ No. 3 (the “Board”); and,
3. Other revenues dedicated to TIRZ No. 3.

(d) Prior to the termination of TIRZ No. 3, money disbursed or transferred from the Fund may be used only to pay project costs, as defined by the Code, for TIRZ No. 3, to satisfy the claims of holders of obligations for TIRZ No. 3 or other issue of obligations secured by the Fund’s proceeds, or to pay obligations incurred pursuant to agreements entered into to implement plans adopted by the Board pursuant to the Code.

EXHIBIT C – TIRZ No. 3 Board of Directors

Board of Directors

A board of directors (the “Board”) is hereby created for Reinvestment Zone Three (“TIRZ No. 3”) as provided herein.

Organization and Procedure

The Board shall consist of five (5) regular members who shall be nominated and appointed as follows:

Each taxing unit that levies taxes on real property in TIRZ No. 3 may appoint one (1) member to the Board if the taxing unit has approved the payment of all or part of the tax increment produced by the taxing unit into the tax increment fund for TIRZ No. 3. If a taxing unit chooses to not participate, then the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Tomball (the “City”) may appoint a number of members to the Board such that the Board comprises five (5) members.

Qualifications

All Board members shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and either: (a) be a resident of the county in which the zone is located or a county adjacent to that county; or, (b) own real property in the zone, whether or not the individual resides in the county in which the zone is located or a county adjacent to that county. Any Board member who ceases to possess such qualifications shall automatically be deemed to have vacated their membership on the Board.

Terms

(a) Initial Board member appointments by the Council or a taxing unit shall be as follows:

1. No more than two (2) members shall be appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2022.
2. No more than three (3) members shall be appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

(b) All appointments for Board members made after the initial appointments shall be for a term of two (2) years starting on January 1, except vacancies for unexpired terms, which shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Duties

(a) The Board shall act as an advisory board to the Council in the operation and administration of TIRZ No. 3, with all action by the Board being subject to Council approval.

(b) The authority and responsibility of the Board expressly includes:

1. Making recommendations to the Council regarding the administration of TIRZ No. 3;

2. Making recommendations to the Council regarding agreements that are necessary or convenient to implement the TIRZ No. 3 project plan and financing plan;
3. Making recommendations to the Council regarding agreements with local governments or political subdivisions for management of TIRZ No. 3;
4. Making recommendations to the Council regarding the expenditure of funds related to development and redevelopment of land within TIRZ No. 3;
5. Acting as the lead entity in working with other City boards and commissions regarding incentives, regulations, infrastructure, and all other physical and economic development decisions related to TIRZ No. 3; and,
6. Providing an annual progress report to the Council, and as requested by the Council.

Officers

Each year, the Board shall recommend to the Council one (1) of its members to serve as Chairman for a term of one (1) year that begins on January 1 of the following year. The Council may accept the Board's recommendation or the Council may appoint the Chairman. The Board may elect a Vice-Chairman to preside in the absence of the Chairman or when there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman. The Board may elect other officers as it considers appropriate.

Bylaws

The Board may write its own bylaws establishing its own rules for its regulation. Said bylaws and amendments thereto shall be filed with the City Secretary of the City.

Meetings

(a) The Board should hold at least one (1) meeting per year. These meetings shall be open to the public and at a time and place of the Board's choosing. It may also hold such other meetings as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of its creation. All meetings shall be public and shall conform to State law.

(b) All Board members, including the Chairperson, shall vote in matters considered by the Board.

Minutes

The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings in a permanent book, and a signed copy of the minutes shall be given to the City Secretary of the City.

EXHIBIT D – TIRZ No. 3 Preliminary Project and Financing Plan