

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 7, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Chris Borne was not present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Badon called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. He led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

2020 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY): David Molbert, Chief Water Plant Operator, addressed the Council and presented the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. He explained that this is an annual report on the City's drinking water quality that covers the previous year. In the past this report was mailed to the City's residents, but for the past three years it has been available on the City's website. The City received a "surface water treatment technique violation" which occurred under the boil water notice during the freeze of February 2021, as it failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month. Mr. Molbert stated that all of the area cities had the same problem during the freeze. Councilmember Oliver asked if the City would get fined for the violation and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated it would not be fined, but is required to include it in the annual report. Mr. Sosa explained that the City has a reservoir that other cities don't have. Recently, while other area cities have been having problems with colored water, our personnel have been able to use water from the reservoir and bypass the colored water. There were no other questions and Mayor Pro Tem Badon thanked Mr. Molbert for the report.

Mr. Sosa stated that the City has been concerned over information circulating that barndominiums are not legal in the City. He stated this is not true. Building Official Don Pedraza stated that there is nothing in the City code that says that barndominiums are not allowed. A citizen built a barndominium last year and it looks more like a nice business than a home. There is nothing in the code that requires a building to look like a home. The building has to meet windstorm requirements. Mayor Pro Tem Badon stated that barndominiums may become more popular due to the rising cost of wood. Mr. Sosa pointed out that a lot of times someone is told they cannot build a large barndominium because their lot is not big enough and Mr. Pedraza agreed. Mr. Sosa encouraged anyone to call either him or Don Pedraza for further information on barndominiums.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021: Mayor Pro Tem Badon stated that the minutes would be received into the record as follows: "The City of Groves Planning and Zoning Commission met in the Public Works Building, 4925 McKinley, on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the request for the property of 6230 Warren Street and surrounding properties listed herein. 1. To vote on the request from OG Realty, LLC to rezone newly acquired properties from R-2 One & Two Family Residence District to P-1 Professional District. The properties to be rezoned are as listed herein: 6158 Warren St., 6162 Warren St., and 6248 Warren St. Members present were: Rodney Pacetti, Craig Plokhooy, Chris Crain, Michael Campise, and Director of Neighborhood Services, Don Pedraza. Mr. Pacetti opened the meeting with roll call. Let the records indicate a quorum was met. Absent members: Gilbert Hernandez and Michael Presley. Meeting started at 6:02 p.m. One old item and one new item for business. Item of Business/Old Business: Mr. Pacetti asked if there is any discussion needed for the rezoning request from OG Realty before voting. All members attending said, no. He then asked for a motion. Mr. Crain made a motion to approve the rezoning request to change the said properties from R-2 to P-1. Second by Mr. Plokhooy. Motion carried by unanimous vote. New Business: Mr. Pacetti asked if there is any new business at hand. Mr. Campise started to discuss the requirements for the P & Z members. The discussion was tabled until all members are present. The Commission will meet for a work session to discuss the requirements at a later date. With no further questions, the next step is the final vote from City Council members. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST BY OG REALTY TO REZONE 6158, 6162, AND 6248 WARREN ST. FROM R-2 TO P-1: Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the request by OG Realty to rezone 6158, 6162, and 6248 Warren St. from R-2 to P-1. Councilmember McAdams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 5, 2021 DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY: Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to cancel the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July 5, 2021 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

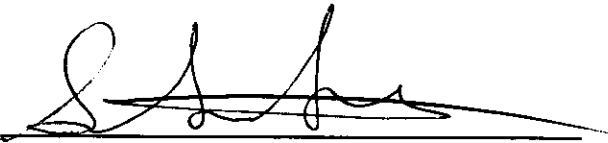
INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$46,850.72 as follows:

Gulf Coast Audio	City Council chambers audio system.	17,855.00
Republic Svc.	Sludge disposal- April 2021 (13,439.98); Peace and Dignity Program- 4748 Beaumont, 6640 Coolidge, 7024 Terrell, 6199 Terrell, 6420 Val, 2650 Graves, 3856 Lincoln, 4100 Lincoln, 4432 Lawndale, 6951 Howe, 3855 Main, Monroe/Indian Springs, 5905 25 th , 6115 39 th , 4448 Wilson, 3211 Canal, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 5252 Twin City, 2620 1 st (10,190.36).	23,630.34
Smart's Truck	Parts and labor for repairs to #49 Volvo garbage truck.	33,504.37

Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the invoices totaling \$46,850.72 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for questions. Councilmember Dugas asked about the sludge disposal. Mr. Sosa stated that when the City treats waste water there is sludge left over and the City has a contract with Republic Services to dispose of it. Councilmember Oliver asked if it is just the haul that Republic does and Mr. Sosa stated that it is for the haul and disposal. Mr. Sosa stated that the City has a consultant looking at the waste water plant and uses for the sludge so that we can reduce the amount we have to dispose of. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.


Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for Councilmember comments and remarked that the Parks Committee meeting last week went well. He was pleased with all of the input from citizens. He also thanked Mr. Sosa for the progress being made on the Street Program. Councilmember Dugas thanked Mr. Sosa for the Charles Ave. repairs.

Mayor Pro Tem Badon adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Badon

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City Clerk

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held September 13, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Dugas led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 30, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING, AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING: Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 City Council Meeting, August 30, 2021 Public Hearing, and the September 3, 2021 Special Meeting as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON SECTION 3 AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR CDBG CONTRACT #7219179, SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: Utilities Superintendent Michael Tentrup addressed the Council and stated that the presentation was a required presentation-- after the fact. The presentation was as follows: "A1024 Section 3 Presentation to City of Groves. The City of Groves recently received the following grant award: Grant Contract No. 7219179, Award Amount: \$275,000, Project: Sewer Improvements. The grant is funded through the Community Development Block Grant, via: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Texas Department of Agriculture. As a condition of funding, the City must comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. To the greatest extent feasible, grant recipients must direct economic opportunities generated by CDBG funds to low and very low income persons. In part, this means insuring that Section 3 businesses have the information to submit a bid or proposal for the project; and Section 3 workers have information about any available job opportunities related to the project. For precise definitions, see TxCDBG Policy Issuance 20-01. A company may qualify as a Section 3 business if: it is owned by low income persons; it is owned by Section 8 Assisted housing residents; or 75% of all labor hours for the business in a 3 month period are performed by Section 3 workers. Register at HUD's Section 3 website: <https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry/RegisterBusiness>. This project is expected to include the following contracting opportunities: Grant Administration Services (previously selected), Engineering Services (previously selected), Prime Contractor for Sewer Improvements, Subcontractors – as needed, Bid as one construction contract. You may qualify as a Section 3 Worker if: Your annual income is below the county threshold for your family size; You are a current or recent Youthbuild recipient. Register your information and search for opportunities at: WorkInTexas.gov, HUD's Section 3 Opportunity Portal

<https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/>. Section 3 Workers that reside near the project location may also qualify as Targeted Section 3 Workers. For this project, that service area is defined by a map. The City will track all hours worked on the project based on the three categories of workers. This will require collection of certain income information. TxCDBG Policy Issuance 20-01. REVISED Policy Issuance 20-01 Section 3 v1.pdf (texasagriculture.gov). 24 CFR Part 75 Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR) – Susan Stover, Grant Administrator.”

City Manager D.E. Sosa asked Mr. Tentrup how long he had been with the City and Mr. Tentrup stated 6 years. Mr. Sosa stated that each grant is for \$275,000 and that the City has gotten a grant every year that Mr. Tentrup has been here. He thanked Mr. Tentrup for the report.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments. Neil David of 6316 Gonzales made comments regarding the 08/30/2021 Public Hearing, followed by complaints/concerns regarding City employees. Suzanne Williamson of 5301 Kent questioned the Public Hearing scheduled for 09/27/2021 and stated that the deadline had been missed. She objected to the City’s timeline.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SCOPE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARCENEAUX WILSON & COLE FOR REPLACEMENT OF A PRIVATE SEWER LINE OFF OF LINCOLN AVENUE: Mr. Sosa stated that Michael Tentrup would discuss what is being proposed. He also recognized Ron Arceneaux of Arceneaux Wilson & Cole and stated that Mr. Arceneaux would be available to answer any questions. Mr. Tentrup stated that the downtown area of Lincoln Avenue near Sylvia’s Florist, The Collection, Merle Norman, etc. was previously owned by one individual and was/is served by a single sewer line. There are now four to 5 different individual property owners and the sewer line is collapsed. There is also no sewer main. This project will allow a main sewer line and an easement so that the City will be able to maintain the line.

Councilmember Dugas moved to consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a scope of services agreement with Arceneaux Wilson & Cole for replacement of a private sewer line off of Lincoln Avenue and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and Councilmember Dugas stated that she had looked around the property and asked if the owners of the different properties had been contacted and granted the City permission to do the project. Mr. Sosa stated that the engineer would take care of contacting the owners and that it is the City’s intention to own the line. Councilmember Oliver asked where the line would be installed and Mr.

Sosa responded between the building and the fence towards Jefferson Blvd. beside the hair salon. Mr. Sosa explained that right now there is a 6" concrete line that is collapsed. The City will be installing an 8" line. Ron Arceneaux of Arceneaux Wilson & Cole addressed the Council and stated that he was doing some work for Pat Holmes Real Estate Agency and found this problem. He reported that there are several areas of concern. The property is approximately 105' deep and the line will be moved closer to the back of the building. It will be located inside the property owned by four businesses between Capitol and Jefferson. Mr. Arceneaux recommended a 15' easement so that City crews will have room to maintain the line. Councilmember Oliver asked how much room there is from the back of the building to the easement and Mr. Arceneaux stated at least 15' to 20'. Councilmember McAdams remarked that the line will be close to the back of the parking lot and Mr. Arceneaux agreed. Councilmember Oliver asked if Mr. Arceneaux would be able to provide the Council with drawings and he said that he would. Mayor Borne asked if the ultimate goal is to use the taps to the building and just replace the line. Mr. Arceneaux stated that is yet to be determined. Mayor Borne stated that this item is for the Scope of Services. Mr. Sosa stated that he does not anticipate any problem with property owners paying for their tap at a cost of \$1,500 versus \$65,000 to \$70,000 in sewer repairs that were looked at years ago. The price of the tap depends on the condition of the line and what the contractor will charge. Councilmember Dugas asked if business owners would be able to ask for assistance from the EDC and Mr. Sosa stated that they will have to apply to the EDC and that the EDC has authority to help new businesses. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 5:00 PM TO REVIEW THE CITY OF GROVES' PROPOSED TAX INCREASE:

Councilmember Dugas moved to schedule a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on September 27, 2021 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or discussion. Councilmember Oliver asked City Attorney James Black if Ms. Williamson's statements were factual. Mr. Black stated that Ms. Williamson's comments on the statute were correct, but that the final amendment was turned in on August 30, 2021. August 29, 2021 fell on a Sunday and the statute states if a deadline falls on a weekend it can roll to the following day, which would have been Monday, August 30, 2021. Councilmember McAdams stated that the Council has to stand for the right thing and discussion followed. Mr. Sosa remarked that the earlier drafts of the budget did not have the effective tax rate, as the City had not yet received it. Councilmember Dugas asked if the meeting scheduled for September 27, 2021 is legal and Mr. Black stated that it would be legal. He also stated that this

has to be looked at as substantial compliance with the statute. Mayor Borne reminded everyone that this item was not to discuss compliance, but to set a public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

AMENDED NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021: City Clerk Kimbra Lowery explained that the notices had been amended to reflect a change in Election Day voting locations and also revised the County Clerk's physical and mailing addresses. There were no questions.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER AND SEWER RATE STRUCTURES: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-11, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance amending Chapter 27, "Utilities. Article II. "Rates and Charges" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Groves, Texas, by amending Section 27-28. "Sewer Rates and Charges"; Section 27-28.1. "Industrial Sewer Rate and Surcharge"; and Section 27-29. "Water Rates and Charges", revising said sections to adjust the water, and sewer rates; providing for a savings clause; providing for codification; and providing an effective date."

Mr. Sosa explained that the change in the average bill will be a little over \$1.00 per month. Councilmember Dugas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-11 amending the water and sewer rate structures and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mr. Sosa recognized Troy Foxworth and Michael Tentrup and stated that they had implemented cost savings in the Sanitation Department. Mr. Tentrup is negotiating landfill fees with Port Arthur and Beaumont and Mr. Foxworth has made operational changes resulting in savings to the City. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GROVES: James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2021-03 and read the caption as follows: "A resolution of the City Council of the City of Groves establishing a review of the Investment Policy of the City of Groves and recording changes to the Investment Policy or investment strategies." Mr. Sosa explained that this is a yearly item and offered to answer any questions. Councilmember Dugas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-03 reviewing the Investment Policy and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or discussion. Councilmember McAdams asked if there were any changes and Finance Director Lamar Ozley stated that there were no changes and the policy hadn't been revised since 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 2021-06, 2021-08, AND 2021-09 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION AND A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021: James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-12, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-06 of the City Council of the City of Groves dated June 21, 2021, calling an election to be held in the City of Groves on November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing a councilmember in Ward No. 1 for a two-year term and a councilmember in Ward No. 3 for a two-year term; and amending Ordinance No. 2021-08 calling a special election to be held on November 2, 2021 for the adoption of the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act, Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 174; and amending Ordinance No. 2021-09, calling a special election to be held on November 2, 2021, to amend the Groves City Charter by adding Article XIV, Section 4, "Collective Bargaining Impasse: providing for binding arbitration for firefighters; by amending the election day polling locations adopted by Jefferson County in Exhibit B of the election services agreement between the City of Groves and Jefferson County and providing information concerning Jefferson County, the authority conducting the election, and the early voting clerk, now required by amendment to the Texas Election Code effective September 1, 2021." Councilmember McAdams moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-12 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$339,085.31 as follows:

Brenntag SW	Chemicals for Water Plant.	7,728.00
City of Pt. Arthur	Sludge disposal, landfill fees- partial July/Aug. 2021.	21,577.00
Gulf Coast	2021 Street Program - Monroe.	280,855.31
Industrial and Commercial Mechanical	New Carrier 5-ton A/C unit for Water Plant.	6,500.00
Republic Svc.	Commercial dumpster collection (5,180.09)	17,265.00
	Peace and Dignity Program – 4748 Beaumont, 6801 Madison, 6601 Madison, 6420 Val, 2745 Royal, 3348 Lay, 6200 Mire, 4432 Lawndale, Monroe/Indian Springs, 5905 25 th , 5509 E. Parkway, 2811 Rose, 6199 Terrell, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 3329 Pure Atlantic, 6555 Washington, 6234 Willis, 5505 25 th , 2620 1 st , 6154 25 th (12,084.91)	
Watchguard Video	Software maintenance for Police Dept. (10/16/21-10/15/22)	5,160.00

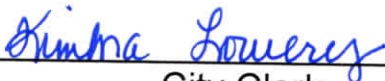
Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$339,085.31 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Dugas stated that she wanted to make sure the budget schedule is in compliance. She also asked about limiting speakers to three minutes. Mayor Borne stated if we know in advance of an item for discussion it can be limited. Otherwise it will be at the Mayor's discretion. Mayor Borne thanked the employees for preparing for Hurricane Nicholas and stated that Fire Chief Billeaud would keep everyone informed through the City's Facebook pages. There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.



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A Public Hearing was held September 16, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance.

Mayor Borne explained that two public hearings would be conducted-- one on the budget and one on the appropriations ordinance, followed by a Special Meeting.


Mayor Borne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read from the Notice of Public Hearing as follows: "Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Groves, Texas will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 3947 Lincoln Avenue, Groves, Texas for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget." He made a statement explaining that Council had asked the staff to amend the budget and reduce the revenue and expenditures. He stated that Finance Director Lamar Ozley would be making a brief presentation and then the hearing would be open for comments.

Mr. Ozley went through each line item that was amended as follows: Animal Control 01-5-33-09-140 "automobile" 30,000 amended to -0-; Animal Shelter 01-5-35-01-020 "overtime" 8,250 amended to 7,000; Inspection & Permits 01-5-38-09-840 "vehicles" 25,000 amended to -0-; Public Works Admin. 01-5-41-09-510 "building improvements" 30,000 amended to -0-; Garage 01-5-42-07-270 "tool allowance" 4,320 amended to 3,000; Streets 01-5-44-06-270 "contract services" 25,000 amended to 20,000; Special Items 01-5-99-07-420 "contingencies" 2,977 amended to -0-. Total decrease of 95,547. Mr. Ozley stated that a reduction in tax revenue would be made in order to keep the budget balanced (Tax Revenue 01-4-00-310-49 "current taxes" 6,150,000 amended to 6,054,453.

Mayor Borne asked for questions from the Council. Councilmember McAdams asked what the 25,000 reduction in Inspections & Permits was for and Mr. Ozley stated that it was a vehicle replacement.

Mayor Borne opened the floor to any citizen who wanted to speak on the budget and ask questions accordingly. Suzanne Williamson of 5301 Kent referenced the summary information for future forecast, saying that there was no mention of a General Fund surplus. She stated that in the past the city auditor had suggested a 15% surplus and asked if there is any plan for that. Mr. Ozley stated that there is no specific line item for reserves. Ms. Williamson then stated that under the law the City does not have to adopt the budget at this time and maybe it should wait until a later date.

Mayor Borne asked for further citizen comments and there were none. The public hearing for the budget was closed at 5:10 p.m.



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City Manager D.E. Sosa asked Finance Director Lamar Ozley to give an overview. Mr. Ozley explained that by law the first public hearing was on the budget and that this public hearing would be over the appropriations ordinance as provided for in the City Charter.

Mayor Borne asked for comments from the Council and there were none.

Mayor Borne asked if any citizen wanted to speak on the appropriations for the budget at this time. There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Borne asked again for citizen comments and there were none. The public hearing for the appropriations ordinance was closed at 5:12 p.m.



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CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FY 2021-2022 BUDGET BY RECORD VOTE: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the budget had been amended at the request of the Council. He requested that the motion be made to reflect the amendments. Councilmember Dugas stated "I move that the budget of the City of Groves for fiscal year 2021-2022 be amended as follows:

Revenue:

Tax Revenue 01-4-00-310-49 Current Taxes 6,150,000 amended to 6,054,453

Expenditures:

Animal Control 01-5-33-09-140 Automobile 30,000 amended to -0-

Animal Shelter 01-5-35-01-020 Overtime 8,250 amended to 7,000

Inspection & 01-5-38-09-840 Vehicles 25,000 amended to -0-

Permits

Public Works 01-5-41-09-510 Building Improvements

Administration 30,000 amended to -0-

Garage 01-5-42-07-270 Tool Allowance 4,320 amended to 3,000

Streets 01-5-44-06-270 Contract Services 25,000 amended to 20,000

Special Items 01-5-99-07-420 Contingencies 2,977 amended to -0-

and that the budget as amended be adopted."

Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded the motion. Mayor Borne stated that a motion had been made to move that the proposed budget of the City of Groves for fiscal year 2021-2022 be amended as follows:

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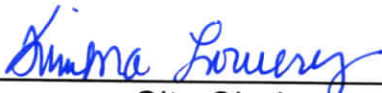
CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET: Mr. Sosa called on Finance Director Lamar Ozley to explain this item. Mr. Ozley stated that the motion would acknowledge that the City would receive more tax revenue than last year. Generally speaking, if there is more property value the taxes will increase. Councilmember McAdams made the motion “I move to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as adopted.” Councilmember Dugas seconded the motion. Mayor Borne referenced Local Government Code Sec. 102.007(c), reading as follows: “Adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.” Mayor Borne asked for questions and asked for an estimate of how much new value was put on the property value this year. Mr. Sosa stated 15,637,736 of new construction with the breakdown as follows: 11,157,000 – single family; 2,401,450 - multi family; 1,009,968 - commercial; 191,662 - residential inventory; 877,656 - special inventory. He also reported that the City has between 40 to 60 homes that will add to next year’s values and that the City should see healthy increases for years to come. Councilmember Dugas asked if the new values were in a concentrated area or spread out. Mr. Sosa stated that the new values are spread out over the city. Councilmember Oliver asked if the new commercial values include the bank property and Mr. Sosa said they do not include the planned development of the former bank property. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Council comments and there were none. Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



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