

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

August 10, 2022

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John G. Escoto at 6:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Pollard, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, City Secretary Courtney Clary, City Attorney William Ferebee, Finance Director Lisa Wasner, Public Works Director Joseph Peart, Chief of Police Troye Dunlap, IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi, CVB Director John Mayner, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Escoto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Escoto stated for the record that all members were present.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

Responses to inquiries are limited by state law to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision by Council shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.

Mayor Escoto stated for the record that there were no citizens wishing to speak.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

4. Discussion and consensus regarding the property tax rate.

Ms. Wasner stated that the 2022 NNR came in at \$0.1477/\$100 and a voter approval tax rate of \$0.3777/\$100, and that Montgomery County had historical increases to appraised values based on current values rather than new properties with a 21.33% increase in overall taxable value compared to 3-4% seen in the past. Ms. Wasner stated that a consensus was needed to find out if Council wanted to go with the presented NNR rate, below it, or above it.

After some discussion the consensus was to move forward with the No New Revenue Rate

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as presented at \$0.1477/\$100.

5. Discussion regarding the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year budget.

Ms. Wasner stated that revenue had increased to \$10,433,002 and that expenditures had decreased by \$10,040,450 yielding a budget surplus of \$392,552.

Councilmember McLeod proposed funding the design of the police department parking lot project to get a clear idea of what the project would entail.

Councilmember Fletcher clarified that the reserve balance would not be affected if the parking lot project is done with available cash after Council approval. Ms. Wasner stated that available cash is the remaining balance once the 180 day reserve requirement is taken out.

6. Discussion and consensus regarding the 2020 - 2021 General Fund budget surplus

Ms. Wasner stated that this item would come back after the budget and tax rate are approved to designate the transfer into the 180 day reserve fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public notice is given that the City Council may elect to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this Agenda. Prior to any such closed session, the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the Section or Sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

There being no further business, Mayor Escoto adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. The Council may retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

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Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or receive a presentation by the involved parties.

SUBMITTED BY:


Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

09/28/2022




John G. Escoto, Mayor