

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Special Meeting

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Thursday, August 25, 2016

6:00 PM

City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilman Javier Mendez

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-tem Mendez gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

First public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for 2016.No Action

Mayor Pro-tem Mendez opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM.

Mr. Milum explained that this is the first of two public hearing that will be held. The proposed tax rate is \$0.715000 per \$100 valuation. This is the same tax rate that the City has had for the past 9 years, this will be the 10 year.

The effective tax rate is \$0.691939 per \$100 valuation. This is the rate that would raise the same amount of revenue as last year. The proposed tax rate is just a little higher so we have to hold two public hearings so the citizens can voice their opinion. The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pro-tem Mendez closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

made a motion to approve First public hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed tax rate for 2016., seconded by the vote was .

Visitor Remarks - To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to meeting and you will have 3 minutes to speak.

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

Consideration and ACTION on the second and final reading of Ordinance 473 ratifying the Agreement between the Cities of Los Fresnos and Brownsville, Texas, adjusting their

common boundary line; releasing certain tracts of land to the City of Brownsville; receiving certain tracts of land presently situated in the city limits of Brownsville into the city limits of the City of Los Fresnos; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that this is the second and final reading of Ordinance 473 ratifying the Agreement between the Cities of Los Fresnos and Brownsville, Texas, exchanging land. We are working with several residents on their mailing addresses, extension of Whipple Road being a public or private road and sewer services. Due to the distance and the few homes, we will not have to work with the sewer provider in that area to bring service unless we want to. It would be more expense than value. Everything is ready for the City to service the area on September 1.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 473.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on the second and final reading of Ordinance 473 ratifying the Agreement between the Cities of Los Fresnos and Brownsville, Texas, adjusting their common boundary line; releasing certain tracts of land to the City of Brownsville; receiving certain tracts of land presently situated in the city limits of Brownsville into the city limits of the City of Los Fresnos; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date., seconded by Bibi Garza the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on the second and final reading of Ordinance 474 approving a negotiated resolution between the City of Los Fresnos and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "The Company") regarding the company's April 28, 2016 Cost of Service Adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing and prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company's and the City's legal counsel.Adopted

Mr. Milum stated that this is the second and final reading of Ordinance 474 approving a negotiated resolution between the City of Los Fresnos and Texas Gas Service. Legal Counsel representing cities reviewed the proposed rate increase and came to a settlement that resulted in \$300,000 less in increases. They recommend we accept this as presented.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 474.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on the second and final reading of Ordinance 474 approving a negotiated resolution between the City of Los Fresnos and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" or "The Company") regarding the company's April 28, 2016 Cost of Service Adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting new tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing and prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company's and the City's legal counsel., seconded by Bibi Garza the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of the annual contract between the City of Los Fresnos and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that this is an extension to the contract for a Police Officer to assist with patients and if there are other types of issues that might arise. Most cities in Cameron County have an officer in the program.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal of the annual contract between the City and Tropical Texas Behavioral.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the renewal of the annual contract between the City of Los Fresnos and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health., seconded by Bibi Garza the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a budget amendment for fiscal year 2015-2016.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that the lending institution for our CO's notified us that their system did not bill us for interest in the amount of \$41,868.75 for August 1, 2015, which is a year ago. They just discovered it so we need to pay it. The amendment increases the amount in that fund. We have sufficient funds to cover it.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget amendment.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a budget amendment for fiscal year 2015-2016., seconded by Bibi Garza the vote was [Unanimous].

Action Item

Consideration and ACTION to give directions to the City Manager on plans for street repairs.Adopted

Mr. Milum went over the Street Maintenance Policy with the Council. The different types of street maintenance are street sweeping, pothole filling, pothole repairing, crack seal, slurry seal, chip seal, overlay and reconstruction.

Mr. Milum handed out a listing of all streets and the condition of each. He had put each street in a category. His estimated totals for all streets is \$2,384,628. The streets that are in category 1 and 2 can be done with the city budget amounts for the next 3 years for \$250,500. The other categories total to \$2,134,128. Our Financial Advisor Don Gonzalez suggested that we borrow CO's through the TIRZ.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the City Manager to start the process of borrowing the money through the TIRZ for the \$2 million street repairs.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to give directions to the City Manager on plans for street repairs., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Budget Workshop

Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2016-2017.No Action

Mr. Milum went over the budgets for Community Development Corporation, Senior Citizens, Debt Service, TIRZ and General Fund with the Council.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

The Utility Fund budget will be explained at the August 30 meeting.

made a motion to approve Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2016-2017., seconded by the vote was .

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:12 PM

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder