

# City Council

520 E Ocean Blvd.

## Special Meeting

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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Thursday, September 3, 2020

6:00 PM

City Hall

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by City Manager Mark Milum

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Milum gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Hearing

#### Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 No Action

Mr. Milum opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Milum explained to the council the public hearing was to receive comments from the public concerning the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021. The proposed tax rate will stay the same at \$0.715 per \$100 valuation. The operations tax rate is \$0.506000. The debt tax rate is \$0.209000. The no-new tax rate is \$0.680753. The voter's approval tax rate is \$0.731151.

There was no public present.

Mr. Milum closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

made a motion to approve Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/2021, seconded by the vote was .

### Visitors Remarks-To speak you must sign in with City Secretary prior to the meeting and you have a limit of 3 minutes to speak.

There were no comments.

### Action Items

#### Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 513 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2020/2021.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained to the board the budget the same information that was discussed at the last meetings. Mr. Milum provided the council with a breakdown of the proposed budget deductions. He recommended approval.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 513 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2020/2021.

Ray Ortiz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 513 adopting the budgets for fiscal year 2020/2021., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 514 approving the 2020 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained ordinance would set the tax rate at a total of \$0.715 per valuation for the 14th consecutive year. The operations tax rate is \$0.506000 per valuation and the debt tax rate is \$0.209000 per \$100 valuation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 514 approving the 2020 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of Ordinance 514 approving the 2020 tax roll and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the use, benefit and support of the City and directing the assessment and collection thereof., seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Approval or rejection to approve the following Service Agreements: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Boys & Girls Club**Adopted

Mr. Milum explained the service agreements reflected the amounts approved in the budget and recommended approval.

Council member Andres Lopez explained he volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club in the past and saw what the kids participate in. Mr. Lopez asked Mr. Milum who the building belonged to. Mr. Milum explained the building was the Boys & Girls Club. It was built through a grant and the property belonged to the City. Mr. Lopez asked if they ever asked for assistance in repairs or maintenance of the building. Mr. Milum explained they do for minor jobs but usually will get their own contractor. Mr. Lopez felt the agreement was too vague as to what the money the city provides is used for.

Mr. Milum and the council discussed the agreement and auditing for the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Herrera asked information be provided on the auditing services that are done on the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Milum explained he would have that information for them.

Mayor Narvaez arrived at 6:24 p.m. and asked where the council was in regards to the meeting. Mr. Milum briefed Mayor Narvaez on the items that had been discussed. Mayor Narvaez did not feel it was right for the meeting to have started without him. Mr. Milum explained there was a quorum. Mayor Narvaez apologized for being late.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the following agreements Service Agreements: Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department, Los Fresnos Ambulance Service, Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club.

Juan Munoz made a motion to approve Approval or rejection to approve the following Service Agreements: A. Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department B. Los Fresnos Ambulance Service C. Los Fresnos Chamber of Commerce D. Boys & Girls Club, seconded by Andres Lopez the vote was [Unanimous].

**Consideration and ACTION to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 3, 2020 City Election.****Adopted**

Mr. Milum explained the cost of the contract. Mr. Lopez asked if the ballots could be dropped off at the Los Fresnos Office or the Brownsville Elections office. Mr. Milum advised Mr. Lopes that he would get that information for him.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 3, 2020 City Election.

James Herrera made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a contract with Cameron County Election Administration to conduct the early voting and election day voting for November 3, 2020 City Election., seconded by Juan Munoz the vote was [Unanimous].

**Adjournment**

The meeting was closed at 6:38 PM

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Presiding Officer of the Council

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Recorder