



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Mayor Joe McComb.

Mayor McComb gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag.

Mayor McComb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Texas Flag.

D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Members Roland Barrera, Rudy Garza and Everett Roy participated by video conference. Council Member Michael Hunter participated telephonically.

Present: 9 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

- E. PUBLIC COMMENT - AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Council. This meeting will be broadcast at cctexas.com/services/council-meeting-agendas-minutes-video. Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Council should be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee no later than five minutes after the start of each meeting of the City Council. Testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's door and on the City website, and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference. The public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary at cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary.

Mayor McComb referred to comments from the public.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes:

Lucy Garza, 3024 Quail Springs Rd.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zanoni reported on the following topics: 1) Upcoming virtual town halls to be held on September 21, 23 and 24 from 6-7 p.m. regarding desalination. 2) Schedule of upcoming items regarding water supply and desalination. 3) Procurement items for vehicle replacement/equipment purchases. 4) High School internship program. 5) Offshore Rig update.

Council Members and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern with having only three meetings on consecutive days available for town hall meetings in order to educate the public about desalination; meetings will be held by region/citywide; a Council Member's suggestion to hold five public input meetings as opposed to only three; a Council Member's request that the full Council preview the material to be discussed at the public community meetings; the City's Communication Department can help the Council and staff spread the word regarding the public community town hall meetings; and City Manager will review Council feedback and revise the town hall schedule.

a. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS

Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez presented an update on COVID-19: COVID-19 cases by months; COVID-19 deaths by months; Labor Day weekend and face to face classes; school year 2020-2021 return plan; school aged children with COVID-19; COVID-19 vaccine; good news items: decreases; and flu season 2020-2021.

Council Members and Director Rodriguez discussed the following topics: there is a formula system for the recovery process; and there is a new software system for contact tracing which is more thorough.

G. MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting of August 25, 2020 and Workshop Sessions of August 13, 2020, August 20, 2020 and August 27, 2020.

A motion was made by Council Member Guajardo, seconded by Council Member Molina that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

2. Building Standards Board (5 vacancies)

Mayor McComb referred to Item 2.

In response to a Council Member's concern about low meeting attendance rates, Code Compliance Program Manager Liza Lopez discussed the following information: the Board Members receive an email a week before the meeting and are asked to advise if they cannot attend the meeting; and there have not been any meetings since November 2019 due to no quorums and COVID-19.

Council Member Molina made a motion to reinstate Lillian Helms as a General Contractor, and to appoint Coretta Graham as Lawyer, David Foster as General Contractor, and Art Ramirez and Pete Cavazos as At-Large, seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 29)**

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. Ordinance annexing approximately 385 acres of land at or near the intersection of FM 43 and CR 33 into the territorial limits of the City of Corpus Christi.

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated the applicant was requesting that Items 3 and 4 be tabled.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Ordinance was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

4. Zoning Case No. 0720-01, Bobak Mostaghasi (District 3). Ordinance rezoning property at or near the intersection of FM 43 and CR 33 from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District and "CG-2" General Commercial District. (Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval of the "CG-2" General Commercial District and "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District; Staff Recommendation: Approval of the "CG-2" General Commercial District, denial of the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District and, in lieu, approval of the "ON" Neighborhood Office District.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Ordinance was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Roy

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor McComb referred to the Consent Agenda. Council members requested that Items 6, 10, 14 and 19 be pulled for individual consideration.

There were no comments from the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Guajardo, seconded by Council Member Molina to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 6, 10, 14 and 19. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

5. Zoning Case No. 0620-02, One Rail Group, LLC. (District 3). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 501 Heinsohn Road from the "FR" Farm Rural District and "IL" Light Industrial District to the "IL" Light Industrial District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032196

6. Ordinance awarding two construction contracts to Haas-Anderson Construction, Ltd., Corpus Christi, Texas for the mill and overlay of Ocean Drive from Louisiana Avenue to Robert Drive in the amount of \$6,081,782.85 and Ocean Drive from Robert Drive to Ennis Joslin Road in the amount of \$4,399,728.35 and amending the FY 2020 Operating and Capital Budget to include Ocean Drive from Louisiana Avenue to Robert Drive and Ocean Drive from Robert Drive to Ennis Joslin Road projects; appropriating \$4,554,601.20 from the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund, located in Council District 4, with funding available from the 2012 and 2014 Street Bond Program, and the FY 2021 Type B, FY 2020 General, Storm Water, Wastewater, and Water Funds.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 6.

Director of Public Works/Street Operations Richard Martinez presented information on the following topics: background; project limits; total ocean-shoreline total project limits IH 37 to Ennis Joslin; current pavement condition; and project dates.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Director Martinez and Chief Markle discussed the following topics: the prices came in below the estimates; a Council Member's concern that a smooth road could lead to drag racing and the need for speed mitigation; a Council Member's concern of noise disturbance and traffic; a speed and traffic study will be put in place; and the police department will address the Ennis Joslin area.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on second reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032197

7. Ordinance authorizing the purchase of artificial turf materials from The PlayWell Group, Inc. of Boerne, TX, for a total amount not to exceed \$72,212.43 and a three-month service agreement for installation with PlayWorks Inc. of Boerne, TX, for a total amount not to exceed \$93,316.82 for materials and installation of artificial turf for splash pads at three City parks, for a total amount not to exceed \$165,529.25; appropriating funds from the unreserved fund balance of the Community Enrichment Fund; and amending the budget.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032198

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

8. Motion authorizing the purchase and replacement of 10 Binocular Night Vision Device Systems and Onsite Training services with Land and Groove LLC, Spicewood, TX, for a total amount not to exceed \$114,990.00, for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with funding available from the Homeland Security Grant Program - State Homeland Security Program - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-147

9. Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with Insignia Design Solutions LLC, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, to provide decal services for City vehicles, effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding available in the Fleet Maintenance Services Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-148

10. Motion authorizing a three-month service agreement with ShadePro, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$58,832.00 for the purchase of parking lot shade structures for Asset Management, with FY 2020 funding available through the Fleet Maintenance Services Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 10.

Council Members and Director of Asset Management Jim Davis discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request that Parks and Recreation take note of these shade structures; a Council Member's concern regarding the price per square foot of the shade structures; the warranty will be replaced in the near future; and the importance to keep the equipment covered.

Council Member Guajardo made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2020-149

11. Motion authorizing the replacement purchase of five Freightliner trucks, one 6 to 8 yard dump truck, one combination sewer truck, and three crew

trucks with service bodies, from Houston Freightliner, Inc., in an amount of \$956,409.00, for the Utilities Department, effective upon issuance of letter of acceptance with FY 2020 funding available through the Fleet Fund in the amount of \$956,409.00.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-150

- 12.** Motion authorizing a replacement purchase of two forklifts: one 2020 Hyster Fortis H60FT lift truck and one 2020 Hyster W40ZA straddle stacker from Briggs Equipment, Inc., in an amount of \$58,540.76, for the Utilities Department, effective upon issuance of letter of acceptance with funding available through the FY 2020 Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-151

- 13.** Motion authorizing a three-year supply agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$140,575.30 to purchase retainers, restraints, gaskets, and related supplies, in various sizes for the City Warehouse as a central distribution, with funding in FY 2020 in an amount of \$8,000.00 available through the Stores Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-152

- 14.** Motion authorizing the purchase of one new cold planer from HOLT Texas, Ltd., dba HOLT CAT, from Corpus Christi Texas, for a total amount of \$410,886.29, which will be utilized to remove deteriorated asphalt in preparation of new pavement surfaces by Public Works, with FY 2020 funding in an amount of \$410,886.29 available from the Streets Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 14.

A Council Member and Director of Public Works/Street Operations Richard Martinez discussed the following topics: the street repair process will improve much more with the cold planer and the purchase of a second paver that will be considered at next week's meeting.

Council Member Molina made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Guajardo. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2020-153

15. Motion authorizing the purchase of one replacement 2021 Freightliner combination sewer jet/vacuum truck, from Freightliner, Inc. from Houston, TX for a total amount of \$410,283.00, to be utilized to repair storm water drains throughout the City for Public Works, with FY 2020 funding available from the Fleet Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-154

16. Motion authorizing the purchase of seven tractor trucks from Lonestar Freightliner Group, LLC, Waco, Texas for a total amount of \$967,505.00, which will be utilized to pull live bottom asphalt trailers and end dump trailers that haul materials to and from work sites on Public Works projects, with FY 2020 funding available from the Streets, Stormwater and Fleet Maintenance Funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-155

17. Motion authorizing the purchase of five replacement live bottom trailers from Cooper Equipment Co., from San Antonio, Texas for a total amount of \$405,790.00, which will be utilized to transport street related materials to worksites for Public Works throughout the City, with FY 2020 funding available through the Streets Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-156

18. Motion authorizing a lease-purchase for the addition of two street sweepers from TYMCO, Inc. from Waco, Texas in an amount of \$624,973.32 to be utilized as part of the Mill and Overlay/Base Pavement repair projects by Public Works as additions to the fleet in support of the City's street maintenance with funding requested in the FY 2021 Proposed Budget through the Streets Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-157

19. Motion authorizing an 18-month service agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. of Richardson, Texas for a total amount not to exceed \$273,789.00 for the development of the 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with FY 2020 funding available from the Community Enrichment Fund and General Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 19.

Council Members commended City Manager Peter Zanoni for the Master Plan

that has been done on Bill Witt Park.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Guajardo. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2020-158

- 20.** Motion authorizing a five-year service agreement with Advance Stores Company, Inc., dba Advance Auto Parts, for an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for the purchase of automotive parts for the Corpus Christi International Airport, with FY 2020 funding in an estimated amount of \$5,000.00 available through the Airport Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-159

- 21.** Motion authorizing the purchase of laptops, monitors, and accessories from Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$84,134.00 for Nueces County employees working at the Health District, with FY 2020 funding in the amount of \$84,134.00 available from Nueces County's FY 2020 operating budget for the Health District.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-160

General Consent Items

- 22.** Motion authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the End User License Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$57,675.00, for the addition of hosting services to the existing WebEOC Managed Hosting and Hybrid Installation Master Service Agreement with ESI Acquisition, Inc., of Augusta, Georgia, with FY 2020 funding in the Information Technology and Fire Grants in the amount of \$49,040.00.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-161

- 23.** Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with SoftwareONE, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,729,477.37 for a Microsoft Enterprise Volume License for the Information Technology Department, with FY 2020 funding in the amount of \$909,825.79 funded through the

Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-162

Consent - Type A Small Business Incentive Agreements

24. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and Del Mar College (Del Mar) to provide grant up to \$100,000 for their internship program to assist small businesses.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-163

25. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi to provide grant up to \$150,000.00 for their internship program to assist small businesses.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-164

26. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and Del Mar College to provide grant up to \$150,000 for their Contractor Resource Center program to assist small businesses bid for existing and upcoming large industrial opportunities.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-165

27. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and Del Mar College's Procurement Technical Assistance Center to provide grant up to \$99,500 to assist small businesses bid for government contracts

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-166

28. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and LiftFund to provide grant up to \$150,000 for their loan buy-down program to assist small businesses

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-167

29. Motion approving a Small Business Incentives Agreement between the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation and Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Chapter 221 to provide a grant of up to \$54,000 in FY 2021 to assist small businesses.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-168

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 30 - 33)

30. Zoning Case No. 0720-03, Ruben Bonilla, Jr. (District 1). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 2713 Segrest Street from the "IL" Light Industrial District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 30.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: aerial overview; zoning pattern; and staff and Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mayor McComb opened the public hearing. There were no written comments from the public.

Mayor McComb closed the public hearing.

A Council Member and Zoning Senior City Planner Andrew Dimas discussed the following topic: the reason for switching from "IL" to "CN-1" is because of the 40 foot buffer yard requirement to be installed due to the adjacency to single family residences.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

31. Zoning Case No. 0720-04, Petra Dilley (District 4). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 1014 Admiral Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CG-1" General Commercial District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend Denial of the "CG-1" District in lieu thereof Approval of the "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 District with a Special Permit. ($\frac{3}{4}$ vote required to overrule Planning Commission recommendation.)

Mayor McComb referred to Item 31.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: aerial overview; zoning pattern; and staff and Planning Commission recommend Denial of the "CG-1" District in lieu thereof Approval of the "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 District with a Special Permit.

Mayor McComb opened the public hearing. There were no written comments from the public.

Mayor McComb closed the public hearing.

Council Members, Director Raymond and Senior City Planner Andrew Dimas discussed the following topics: the applicant agrees with this recommendation; issues with not having enough sound barrier between the carwash and the neighborhood; special buffers are required from commercial to residential; the fencing requirements are 8 feet in height and the buffer spacing is 15 feet in length; landscaping can help decrease the noise; and staff will work with the applicant to make operational changes to mitigate noise.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

32.

Ordinance Adopting the City of Corpus Christi Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Beginning October 1, 2020; Authorizing personnel complements; appropriating funds as provided in the budget.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 32.

Director of Management & Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: addresses City Council and community priorities; FY 2021 total City budget- \$1.0 Billion; FY 2021 proposed budget general fund (with transfers); FY 2021 general fund budget: \$265.3 Million; FY 2021 budgeted positions; fees and rates; emergency medical service rate schedule; community amendments; Council requests; staff amendments; FY 2021 Capital Budget \$259.9 Million; and next steps.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley, Director Houlihan and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Tracey Cantu discussed the following topics: London ISD is part of the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), therefore the after school program does extend to London ISD; a Council Member's request to separate the Capital Budget out from the Operating Budget, so they can be voted on separately; a Council Member's concern of the importance of having the Building Standards Board meetings, so whatever criteria is put together for a quorum is made easy for that board because they will have more issues with two additional Code Enforcement Officers; the Litter Critter program would help residents get in compliance, whereas Code Enforcement Officers will issue a citation and punish them; the

City is currently reviewing the Litter Critter program and continuing to pick up brush from Hurricane Hanna; the staff will look into separating the capital budget from the operating budget on second reading; and the operating budget does not include any property tax rate increase or fees.

Mayor McComb opened the public hearing. There were no written comments from the public.

Mayor McComb closed the public hearing.

Council Member Garza made a motion to approve the ordinance with the caveat of separating the two budgets, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

33.

Ordinance setting a property tax rate of \$0.646264 per \$100 valuation which is effectively a 2.16% increase over the no new revenue tax rate.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 33.

Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: FY 2021 tax rate; proposed tax rate same as FY 2020; property tax dollar; and next steps.

Mayor McComb opened the public hearing. There were no written comments from the public.

Mayor McComb closed the public hearing.

Mayor McComb read the following statement: "During today's City Council meeting, the City Council will vote on the first reading of the proposed property tax rate of \$0.646264 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2021, and at the September 15, 2020 City Council meeting beginning at 11:30 am at City Hall, the City Council will vote on its second and final reading on the proposed property tax rate of \$0.646264 per \$100 valuation."

Council Member and City Manager Peter Zanoni clarified that there was no tax rate increase in the budget.

Council Member Smith made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.646264 per \$100 valuation which is effectively a 2.16% increase in the tax rate," seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

M. REGULAR AGENDA: (NONE)

N. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEMS 34 - 36)

- 34.** Ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget in amount of \$755,027.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 34.

Director of Management & Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: there is no change in the property tax rate, but the budget does raise more revenues than it did last year; and in order to not have this item, we would have to reduce the tax rate to bring in the same amount of revenue.

Council Members, Director Houlihan and Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: a separate vote is required for the tax rate and a separate vote for the budget; the public will be paying \$6 million less than last year; the 2.16% is not from new growth, it is from existing property values; and the \$755,000 is related to existing properties, not new properties.

Mayor McComb made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Molina and Council Member Roy

Nay: 3 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- 35.** Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$174,637 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2021 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project to increase traffic enforcement in the City with a City match of \$57,682.22 in fringe benefits and department expenses with funds available from the FY 2021 General Fund; and appropriating \$174,637 in the Police Grants Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Items 35 and 36.

Chief Markle gave a brief update on the following information: the Selective Traffic Enforcement Project (STEP) grant is for DWI enforcement and traffic initiative; the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant allows for less auto theft, which is down about 50%; and the grants are paid for through the \$2 per insurance policy that citizens pay in Texas.

Council Members and Chief Markle discussed the following topics: complaints from citizens about vehicle break-ins; and the grant allows the Police Department to educate the public by putting out flyers and doing random checks of vehicles in parking lots.

Council Member Garza made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Smith. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- 36.** Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in an amount of \$395,356.00 to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit activities in the Police Department with a City cash match of \$715,235.00 to fund three sworn officers and two civilians, and an in-kind match of office and equipment space \$94,660.00 for a total City contribution of \$809,895.00 and a total budget of \$1,205,251.00; and appropriating \$395,356.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

Please refer to Item 35.

Aye: 9 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- O. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)**
- P. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)**
- Q. IDENTIFY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (NONE)**
- R. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.