

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 20, 2019**

BRIEFING SESSION

The City Council convened in a Briefing Session in the basement conference room, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at ____ a.m. on August 20, 2019.

Council Members present: Mayor Jerry F. Morales, Mayor Pro Tem John B. Love III (District 2), Council Member Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Michael Trost (At-Large), Council Member Scott Dufford (District 1), Council Member Sharla Hotchkiss (District 3), and Council Member J.Ross Lacy (District 4).

Council Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Courtney Sharp, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick, Assistant City Manager Morris Williams, Assistant to the City Manager Marcia Bentley-German, City Secretary Amy Turner, Police Chief Seth Herman, Fire Chief Chuck Blumenauer, Utilities Director Carl Craigo, Administrative Services Director Mark Widmann, Finance Director Pam Simecka, Development Services Director Charles Harrington, Community Services Director Tina Jauz, Engineering Services Director Jose Ortiz, Director of Airports Justine Ruff, General Services Director Fred Reyes, Chief Information Officer Jennifer Frescaz, Solid Waste Director Jeffery Ahrlett, Planning Division Manager Cristina Odenborg, Building Official Steve Thorpe, and Public Information Officer Erin Bailey.

Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at ____ a.m.

The foregoing agenda items were discussed by the City Council with no formal action taken. The Briefing Session was adjourned at ____ a.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., August 20, 2019.

Council Members present: Mayor Jerry F. Morales, Mayor Pro Tem John B. Love III (District 2), Council Member Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Michael Trost (At-Large), Council Member Scott Dufford (District 1), Council Member Sharla Hotchkiss (District 3), and Council Member J.Ross Lacy (District 4).

Council Members absent: None.

Staff members present at the annex table: City Manager Courtney Sharp, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Assistant City Manager Frank Salvato, and Assistant

City Manager Robert Patrick and Assistant City Manager Morris Williams.

The Agenda Items were heard in the following order:

Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at __ a.m.

OPENING ITEMS

1. Invocation - Rev. Pat Bryant, Travis Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Second Public Hearing on Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FINANCE)

Jamie gave an overview of the budget.

Love: tax rate? Jamie: 37.56 is actually a reduction in the actual tax rate itself
Mayor: explain new tax law. Jamie: New state law is that municipalities cannot change the effective tax rate....without an election.

Mayor Morales

Amy Wilson, 700 Austin St., Midland The increase that is proposed may not seem significant but the added taxes is added on top of all when those increase and property increase it become much more. Its money that pay for school lunches, field trips, etc. The people that represent are at work right now. When raise the property taxes it increases single parents. It impacts children by the added stress. The 6% increase may not seem like much.

Morales cph 11:13 am

adjourned

All of the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at __ p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED the __ day of ____, 2019.

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary