MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 29, 2017

BRIEFING SESSION

The City Council convened in a Briefing Session in the basement conference room, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at ___ a.m. on August 29, 2017.

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

Council Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Courtney Sharp, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Tommy Hudson, Assistant City Manager Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick, City Secretary Amy Turner, Police Chief Price Robinson, Interim Fire Chief Chip Balzer, Utilities Director Laura Wilson, Administrative Services Director Catherine Clifton, 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 Willie Resto, Solid Waste Director Morris Williams, Planning Division Manager Jessica Carpenter, Building Official Steve Thorpe, and Public Information Officer Sara Bustilloz.

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 29, 2017.

Council Members present: Mayor Jerry F. Morales, Mayor Pro Tem Sharla Hotchkiss (District 3), Council Member Scott Dufford (At-Large), Council Member Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Jeff Sparks (District 1), Council Member John B. Love III (District 2), 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.

The Agenda Items were heard in the following order:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Hold a Public Hearing to gather citizen input on the proposed 2017-2018 City of Midland annual operating budget. This is a public hearing only. (FINANCE)

   cto 10:04

   Mayor Morales opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m.

   R.J. Pase, 2600 W Loop 250 North, tie in proposed budget with road bond in Novemberr. If look at positive or negative on both sides. property tax as 3% increase when it comes to road bond its an extra $100 for a home values at $250,000. Is there a certain increase to factor in. $100,000 is $40 per year Lacy. R.J. in November if road bond doesn't pass how are going to go about guss 26 main projects are still focus how decide which ones are best to address with a lot less money. lacy no way to address those current orads. Lacy do mastic sealing but no money for that. R.J. commend on same brain waives, theexpected increase of popualiton if keep putting things off more of a tax burden on tax payer. Against tax increase unless absolutely necessary.

   There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 10:09 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

3. Consider an ordinance providing funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. (FINANCE)

   ORDINANCE NO. 9699

   AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, BY APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR SAID PERIOD AND APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES AND UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

   Mayor MOrales read caption of ordinance No. 9699.

   Finance Director Pam Simecka gavea brief overview do budget first tax levy tsecond. majority of fund in budget 231,759 M for entire GF 142,146,668 GF includes 30M transfer bringing inf rom 4b to GF to transfer out to sports complex and is in budget. Effective rate plus 3% avail for questions. Sparks what ovting oon here does incclude city development hotel/motel, yes. Sparks he has questions on hotel/motel in budget on Midland Chamber it talks aobut increased rental space included with cvb and also it has for 320,000 that goes with Midland Center that also includes increased rental space. We haven't been supplied with the chamber how much is being paid for the rental space so would like to know what their budget is and what part of their budget that were funding. Get info before next meeting. wants copy of reak down before next reading.

MOrales CAF High Skysky wing. In presentation marketing are they giving an update on facilities and revenue. are there arupgrades to hangars there have been ac not workign lighting. Lacy been complaints about not coolers beent alks about city of midland taking back bush hangar high sky wing doesn't have funds all up in air to see if airshow is successfult os ee if they can make any improvemenets. Morales still approve but hold funds until see funds that mare Hotchkiss the money is sued for publicity that is his concern money to publicizee and promote facility. He is fine then. Don't hold contract. MOrales on two basketball tournaments.

Council Member Hotchkiss moved approval of the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 9699 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Midland; seconded by Council Member Lacy.

Sparks in meemo on Midland United Girls Softball there was a request for $46,199 and it shows reco should be $46, 199. On 4b collecting sales tx until? Pam 9/30 then transferred to gf and to sports commplex.

Love in light of about to vote on and fact about to engage in a road bond would liek to encourage this council and staff to look at putting more moey towards roads. If bond passes will ahve new roads but no money to maintai sufficient % to maintain roads.

Lacy would like to see $10M minimal. Mayor based on side comments and figure out a schedule of how reach $10M and how it is allocated to ensure how do we know that going to continue to take care of streets. Love govenor brought back for special session rollback will be back again to leglislature. reommending eff plus 3 as council member lacy doesn't keep up with population growth and need to take into consideration especially if rollback passes.

Sparks if understand asking staff to increase budget for roads for next year and look at having more than 3 percent increase in effective or trying to save it somewhere else. Council ask staff where we can save it or generate more revenue toward maintennacne how are we going to maintain and how much will it cost.

Love not necessary connecting two together but staff should look at all ways to make sure maintenance can occur.

Council Member Lacy moved to amend the motion by overcommensation $644,415.00 remove from personnel and put in P&R for Dennis the Menace Park ; seconded by .; seconded by Council Member Love.

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Hotchkiss, Love, Sparks, Morales, Lacy, Robnett. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dufford.

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Hotchkiss, Love, Sparks, Morales, Lacy, Robnett. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dufford.

2. Consider an ordinance on first reading fixing the tax levy for the City of Midland, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FINANCE)

ORDINANCE NO. 9700

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Mayor Morales read caption of ordinance 9700.

Pam propossed rate 40,8389 per $100 effective plus 3% and budget built based on that number. Whoever makes motion specific wording has to be said. Sparks disagree what is inmemo.

Council Member Lacy moved approval of the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 9700 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Midland and that the property tax rate be increased by $0.408389 per $100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.0% increase over the effective rate of .396494; seconded by Council Member Robnett.

The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Hotchkiss, Love, Sparks, Morales, Lacy, Robnett. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dufford.

Adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED the __ day of ____, 2017.

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Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy M. Turner, City Secretary