

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 01, 2015**

BRIEFING SESSION

The City Council convened in a Briefing Session in the basement conference room, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at ____ a.m. on September 01, 2015.

Council Members present: Mayor Jerry F. Morales, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Dufford (At-Large), Council Member Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Jeff Sparks (District 1), Council Member John B. Love, III (District 2), 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, Deputy City Manager Tommy Hudson, Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick, Assistant City Manager Frank Salvato, City Secretary Amy Turner, Police Chief Price Robinson, Fire Chief Robert Isbell, Utilities Director Laura Wilson, Administrative Services Director Catherine Clifton, Finance Director Pam Simecka, Development Services Director Charles Harrington, Community Services Director Tina Jauz, Engineering Director Jose Ortiz, Interim Director of Airports Justine Ruff, Planning Division Manager Bob Baronti, Building Official Steve Thorpe, Public Information Officer Sara Bustilloz, and Community Development Manager Sylvester Cantu.

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 ____ a.m., September 01, 2015.

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

Staff members present at the annex table: City Manager Courtney Sharp, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Tommy Hudson, Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick, and Assistant City Manager Frank Salvato.

The Agenda Items were heard in the following order:

OPENING ITEMS

cto 9:00 a.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hold a public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 City of Midland Annual Operating Budget. This is a public hearing only. No further action will be taken. (FINANCE)

City Manager Courtney Sharp gave a brief overview of the budget noting it is a little over \$109 M proposed tax decrease of 1.37 cents. exp to dec is 1.3 % over 2015 budget. current tax is .393891 prop .38048 which is effective plus 3%. pprop val increased almost 9% over prev year reflects 1.1B increase. est valuations are about 11.5 B which are used to fund proposed budget. Happy to answer questions.

Mayor Morales opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

4. Hold a public hearing and consider an annexation of a 29.22-acre tract of land out of Section 24, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P RR. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Mockingbird and Holiday Hill Road.) This is a public hearing only. No action will be taken. (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Development Services Director Chuck Harrington gave a brief overview of the item noting previous meeting of Council authorized proceed with annex by Bynum School. First PH on this no action item. second public hearing on 9/8. rec no letters of objection.

Mayor Morales opened the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Lacy require own school zone on Holiday Hill. Courtney more than likely.

MISCELLANEOUS

5. Approved a resolution canceling the General City Election which was to be held on November 3, 2015 for four City Council Members. (CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 263

RESOLUTION CANCELING THE GENERAL CITY ELECTION WHICH WAS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015, FOR ELECTION OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE, ONE COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1, AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2, AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE ARE COMPLIED WITH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO POST NOTICE; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE CITY SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION; AND DECLARING THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES ELECTED TO OFFICE

Council Member Lacy moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015 - 263; seconded by Council Member Robnett.

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

6. Consider an ordinance providing funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. (FINANCE)

ORDINANCE NO. 9474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, 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

Deputy City Secretary Karla Mata read the caption of Ordinance No. 9474

Council Member Love moved approval of the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 9474 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Midland; seconded by Council Member Dufford.

Council Member Lacy moved to amend the motion by decreasing the budget 1,573,584 from Cola ; seconded by .; seconded by Council Member Sparks.

Lacy amend budget due to uncertainty of sales tax remove the 3% cola out of current budget resulting in \$1.75034 ?? think more appropriate to address in future. 1.573584 lowering exp to 108M139,173 take revenue decrease from sales tax side

Sparks few places that not cutting budget that staff needs to be conscious of doesn't amount to a lot of dollars. some of travel expenses, and try to keep at minimum and get sw airlines early. Sparks do think at \$40 M could sales tax rev will be between 39 and 40 million for this year. Appreciate what Lacy has done as far as looking at how can cut this year's budget appreciate his efforts in that. Would like staff to keep in mind to try and save travel. Lacy Sharp has addressed by putting hiring freeze in place and being prudent with tax payer money. Lacy hope they are wrong but don't see it happening. Morales August showed an increase but better to be safe watch and be cautious.

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

Council Member Lacy moved to amend the motion by cutting downtown development director budget 26,416 ; seconded by .; seconded by Council Member Sparks.

Lacy that will drop exp to 108M 103,757 effectively lowering sales tax to 39.9 m

Love TIRZ is allocated money for this position in amount of \$33,000 what will take place

is money will go back to TIRZ and dist tto corresponding eth. Lacy it is coming out of travel not salary.

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

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

7. Consider an ordinance fixing the Tax Levy for the City of Midland, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2016. (FINANCE)

ORDINANCE NO. 9475

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Council Member Dufford moved approval of the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 9475 in accordance with the Charter of the City of Midland; seconded by Council Member Hotchkiss.

Court proposed tax levy to fund services as outline.

prop tax inc by .38048 cents per 100 val which is 3% increase oveer effective rate of

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

recess to executive session 9:19 a.m.

8. Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property
 - a. Discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property described as Lot 1, Block 8, ClayDesta Plaza Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED the __ day of ____, 2015.

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

