

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 17, 2024**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., September 17, 2024.

Council Members present: Eric Davidson, Amy Stretcher Burkes, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Scott Dufford, John Norman

Council Members absent: Jack Ladd

Staff members present: City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Assistant City Manager Jose Ortiz

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

BUDGET & TAX RATE

1. 10561 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, 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 (FIRST READING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2024) **(DISTRICT: ALL) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

Rachel Guentensberger read the caption of Ordinance No. 10561.

Finance Director Christy Weakland gave a brief update on the budget and reviewed the proposed rate that was discussed last week. Mrs. Weakland also reviewed the General Fund.

Council Member Poole inquired about the increases in pay for the Firefighters.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez reviewed the different pay increases throughout the City.

Scott Dufford moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10561; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Davidson, Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ladd

2. 2024-147 – RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET **(DISTRICT: NONE) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

Finance Director Christy Weakland reported that if any revenue is raised it would need to be ratified.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez noted the tax rate is lower this year.

Scott Dufford moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-147; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Davidson, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Dufford, Norman

NAY: Poole

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ladd

3. 10562 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 **(DISTRICT: ALL) (FINANCE) (PROVIDE SOUND GOVERNANCE & FISCAL MANAGEMENT)**

Rachel Guentensberger read the caption of Ordinance No. 10562.

Finance Director Christy Weakland reminded Council this vote needs to be a supermajority, meaning it needs 60% of votes for it to pass.

Scott Dufford moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10562; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Davidson, Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Dufford, Norman

NAY: Poole

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ladd

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED September 24, 2024.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary