

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 2, 2023**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., August 02, 2023.

Council Members present: Amy Stretcher Burkes, Dan Corrales, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Scott Dufford, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Attorney John Ohnemiller, City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz, Solid Waste Director Jeffery Ahrlott, Fire Chief Charles Blumenauer, Utilities Director Carl Craig, Chief Information Officer Jennifer Frescaz, Police Chief Seth Herman, Presiding Judge Tim Meek, Director of Community Services Cristina Odenborg Burns, Engineering Services Director Jose Ortiz, Airports Director Justine Ruff, General Services Director Regina Stephenson, Director of Finance Christy Weakland, Administrative Services Director Mark Widmann, Interim Development Services Director Rolandrea Russell

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2023-100 – RESOLUTION RECORDING A VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AND TO ESTABLISH A DATE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE; ESTABLISHING DATES WHEN THERE WILL BE A RECORD VOTE ON THE TAX RATE; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO POST ALL APPROPRIATE NOTICES (DISTRICT: ALL) (FINANCE)

Finance Director Christy Weakland gave a presentation of the upcoming 2024 budget for the City of Midland. Ms. Weakland reported that the Midland job market is still growing and outpacing other major metro areas in the State of Texas and remains the fastest growing US city by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Ms. Weakland reviewed the City of Midland expense history and the FY 2024 budget priorities which are: becoming a premier city in West Texas, upgraded city facilities & infrastructure, being a high performing city team and having a strong economy with more quality jobs.

Ms. Weakland reviewed the tax rate calculation and proposed a tax rate of .353162 which is 1.8 cents lower than the rate adopted in 2023. Ms. Weakland reported on the 2022-2023 property tax rate comparisons among surrounding cities and also reported on the City of Midland's general fund. Ms. Weakland and some of the Directors addressed questions by Council.

Dan Corrales moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-100 setting the proposed tax rate of .35316; seconded by Scott Dufford.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED August 8, 2023.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary