

City of Killeen
Special City Council Meeting
Killeen City Hall
August 4, 2009
6:03 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Timothy L. Hancock

Attending: Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Cosper and Councilmembers Larry Cole, JoAnn Purser, Juan Rivera, Kenny Wells, and Billy Workman

Also attending were City Manager Connie Green, City Attorney Kathryn Davis, and City Secretary Paula Miller

Absent: Councilmember Ernest Wilkerson

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cosper moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Rivera. The motion approved 6-0.

Agenda Items

SP-1 **RECEIVE** fiscal year 2009-10 Proposed Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services and **SET** the date of August 25, 2009 to hold a public hearing on fiscal year 2009-10 Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

City Manager Green presented his proposed budget for 2009-10 to City Secretary Miller and the Mayor and City Council. The budget calendar proposes that the budget will be adopted on September 15; however, it must be adopted by September 20. Significant factors affected the proposed budget: the local economy is facing challenges; significant decreases in sales tax, interest earnings, and property taxes; increases in expenses, particularly with the opening of new facilities. Maintaining current levels of service has been a priority. Revenue projections reflect a significant decrease from the current year (\$140 million compared to \$196 million), and expenditure projections also reflect a significant decrease (\$189 million compared to \$233 million). There will be no new programs, no new employees, and no cost-of-living adjustments; however, the civil service employees will receive increases in accordance with their adopted pay plans, and non-civil service employees will receive merit increases. The certified property tax roll was lower than the preliminary because of the senior tax freeze and the exemption granted for veterans who are 100% disabled.

The proposed budget maintains the current tax rate of \$0.695 which was established in 2004-05. No increases are proposed in the water and sewer rates; however, solid waste rates will have to be adjusted to account for higher waste disposal fees.

Mayor Hancock announced that the Council must set a date, time, and place for holding a public hearing on the budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cosper moved to set the date of August 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council

Chambers to hold a public hearing on the budget, seconded by Councilmember Workman. The motion was approved 6-0.

SP-2 Presentation/Briefing- City Manager's Proposed Annual Budget and Plan of Municipal Services for FY 2009-10.

City Manager Green's presentation was made as part of SP-1.

SP-3 Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract for employee health insurance benefits.

Human Resources Director Debbie Mayor advised staff recommended renewal of the contract for health insurance as discussed in workshop.

City Manager Green advised approving the renewal with option 2 to freeze the employee, spouse, child, and family rates for approximately thirty days while the City solicits proposals for health insurance. Once those bids are received, they will be reviewed by a committee to be appointed by the Mayor, and returned to the Council with a recommendation no later than November 1.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the resolution [09-113R] with option 2, seconded by Councilmember Rivera.

Kristina Ramirez, 200 E. Avenue D, advised that employees she has spoken with who currently opt out of the City's insurance, are willing to keep their opt-out payment at \$285.

Tanya Blenden, 801 Tortoise Circle, thanked the Council for listening to the employees. She thought the City should contribute to the medical costs for dependents and should find the money for cost-of-living adjustments.

A vote was taken on the motion, and it was approved 6-0.

Mayor Hancock noted he will make the appointments to the committee as soon as possible.

SP-4 Consider a memorandum/resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract for employee dental insurance benefits.

Director Maynor advised staff recommended renewal of the contract with United Concordia which reflects an increase of eight percent.

Councilmember Rivera moved to approve the resolution [09-114R], seconded by Councilmember Workman. The motion was approved 6-0.

SP-5 Consider a memorandum/resolution [09-115R] authorizing the renewal of a contract for employee life insurance benefits.

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Director Maynor advised there was no increase in rates for employee life insurance benefits, and this was guaranteed through 2011.

Councilmember Wells moved to approve the resolution [09-115R], seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cosper. The motion was approved 6-0.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon motion being made by Mayor Pro-Tem Cosper, seconded by Councilmember Wells, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Timothy L. Hancock, Mayor

Paula Miller, City Secretary