

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 21, 2011**

The City Council convened in Special Session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2011.

Council Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Trost (District 4), Council Member Jerry Morales (At-Large), Council Member Jeff Sparks (District 1), Council Member Vicky Hailey (District 2), and Council Member John James (District 3).

Staff Members absent: Mayor W. Wesley Perry (arrived at 9:05 a.m.) and Council Member Scott Dufford (At-Large).

Staff members present at the annex table: City Manager Courtney Sharp, City Attorney Keith Stretcher, Deputy City Manager Tommy Hudson, and Assistant City Manager Jim Nichols.

Consider a resolution recording a vote on a proposal to consider an ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and consider dates to hold public hearings on the proposed tax rate and consider dates where there will be a vote on the proposed tax rate, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to give proper notice to the public regarding the property tax rate.

Finance Director Bob McNaughton gave an overview of the item noting that the tax roll had been certified for the City of Midland which allows the City to calculate the effective tax rate. He noted the effective tax rate is 46.5484 cents per \$100 valuation and in order to fund the General Fund budget as proposed, it would require a tax rate of \$0.47054 per \$100 valuation which is 1.09% above the effective rate and would generate about \$340,000. The rate proposed \$0.47054 per \$100 valuation is the maximum that can be adopted. He noted that two public hearings are scheduled for August 2, 2011 at 9 a.m. and August 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Following discussion Mr. McNaughton explained that the overall value of homes went up 1% and that the net impact on a person who owns a home valued at \$100,000 would see their taxes go up about \$5.60 from last year. If a person's home did not change in valuation their taxes would go down.

Council Member James moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-165 with the tax rate of \$0.47054; per \$100 taxable assessed valuation; seconded by Council Member Morales. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Morales, Trost, Hailey, James, and Sparks. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Perry and Dufford. Caption of said resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-165

RESOLUTION RECORDING A VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 - 2012 AND TO ESTABLISH DATES TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE; AND TO ESTABLISH DATES WHEN THERE WILL BE A RECORD VOTE ON THE TAX RATE; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO POST ALL APPROPRIATE NOTICES

All of the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 9th day of August, 2011.

W. Wesley Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary