

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 30, 2019**

REGULAR SESSION

The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., July 30, 2019.

Council Members present: Mayor Jerry F. Morales, Mayor Pro Tem John B. Love III (District 2), Council Member Spencer Robnett (At-Large), Council Member Michael Trost (At-Large), Council Member Scott Dufford (District 1), 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, Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick and Assistant City Manager Morris Williams.

Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING ITEMS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

3. Approved a resolution recording the vote on a proposal to consider an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for FY 2019-2020. (FINANCE)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 219

RESOLUTION RECORDING A VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND TO ESTABLISH DATES TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS 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

Budget Manager Jamie Minor gave a brief overview of the item. She noted State law requires calling for a vote to place a proposal for the adoption of a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the effective rate, 34.9432 cents per \$100 valuation or the rollback rate of 38.6157 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate is 36.4715 cents per \$100 valuation which is the effective rate plus 4.37%. Ms. Minor reviewed the tax and levy rates and compared M&O and debt service.

Councilmember Love stated it made sense to look at a higher tax rate due to growth. He recommended setting the highest possible rate and then hold a discussion regarding

how it would affect the City going forward. He noted they could always come back and adopt the recommended rate if that is what the Council recommended after discussion.

Ms. Minor noted that if they set the highest rollback rate at this time the rate is still under what it was last year.

Discussion ensued regarding the actual tax rate and where the money could go.

Council Member Love moved to adopt Resolution 2019-219 with the tax rate of 37.5639 per \$100 valuation; seconded by Council Member Robnett. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Hotchkiss, Love, Morales, Dufford, Robnett. NAY: Trost, Lacy. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: NONE

4. Approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a right-of-way license between the City of Midland and OLC Kermit, LLC (UTILITIES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 220

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSE BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIDLAND AND OLC KERMIT, LLC, REGARDING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS SECTION 5, BLOCK C24, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND, WINKLER AND LOVING COUNTIES, TEXAS AND SECTIONS 7, 12, 13, 19, 20 AND 27, BLOCK C23, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND, WINKLER COUNTY, TEXAS

Council Member Love moved to adopt Resolution 2019-220; seconded by Council Member Robnett. The motion carried by the following vote: AYE: Trost, Hotchkiss, Love, Morales, Dufford, Lacy, Robnett. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: NONE

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 27th day of August 2019.

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary