

CITY OF CONVERSE  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2011  
7:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Converse met in a Special Budget Workshop at the City Hall Conference Room at 405 South Seguin Street on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez	MPT Grant Lopez, Place 2
Council Member Kathy Richel, Place 1	Council Member Andy Selko, Place 3
Council Member Randy Pannell, Place 4	Council Member Laura Beehler, Place 5
Council Member Steve Brown, Place 6	Ms. Shawna Dowell, City Manager
Mr. John Quintanilla, Assistant City Manager	Mr. Rick Jamison, Chief of Police
Mr. Richard Wendt, Chief of Fire/EMS	Mr. Jerry Wilson, Finance Director
Mr. Lupe Perez, Director of Utilities	Mr. Karl Hoppes, Director of Facilities
Mr. Robert Ayala, Librarian	Mr. Joe Williams, Building Inspector
Mr. Ray Christian, Assistant Chief of Fire/EMS	Mr. Jon Smith, Assistant Director of Utilities
Ms. Iris Mata, Police Officer	Mr. Ray Ortiz, City Attorney
Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary	

1. Call to Order

At approximately 7:00 pm, Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Suarez stated all Council members were present.

3. Citizens To Be Heard: This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Suarez stated no one had signed up to speak.

4. Public Hearing

- A. First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (FY 2011-2012) Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate Increase of 10.03%

Opened: 7:03 PM

No Citizens spoke on the Public Hearing

Closed: 7:04 PM

5. New Business

A. Discussion of Future Tax Note for Financial Management Software/Hardware, Networking and 1604 Corridor Study (City Manager)

Ms. Dowell spoke on the proposed tax note; since the first discussion, there have been questions as to whether the City and/or EDC has participated or funded any studies of the 1604 corridor. We contacted the prior EDC Director to make sure we have found everything that has been developed to date & not missed anything. We also sent a request to Vickrey & Associates (V&A); got a response back stating they expected there were numerous studies concerning traffic & improvements to the TXDOT system; if this study was approved V&A will begin a thorough research & data collection phase to gather any existing studies and/or prior work that may exist; with our findings-we have not performed a comprehensive master plan related to the 1604 corridor. She reviewed 4 slides with a power point presentation:

- Financial Management Software Program, preferably purchase Incode-\$500,000
  - Networking Component-\$600,000
  - 1604 Corridor Study-\$160,000 (funded by sales tax & is an EDC component)
  - Cost of Issuance-\$50,000 (split proportionately between the General Fund, Utility Fund & EDC)
- (All of the amounts are estimates)

We have coordinated with the previous EDC Executive Director & to date have not heard back. Council member Selko stated he spoke with Mr. Luft & was told there were no EDC studies done on the 1604 corridor.

Mayor Suarez stated he was informed agenda items # 6 A & 7 A will be withdrawn per the City Attorney.

6. Executive Session

- A. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting
  - 1. Real Property Negotiations to Support Activities Associated with the Acquisition of Real Estate to Support the Development of Water Resources

7. Reconvene to Open Session

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action in Accordance with Deliberation Regarding Real Property Negotiations
  - 1. Acquisition to Support the Development of Water Resources for the City of C(City Attorney) (City Manager)

8. Adjournment

At approximately 7:14 PM, Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.

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Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Adriana I. Hieronymus, City Secretary