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MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CONVERSE CITY COUNCIL
September 20, 2013 - 7:00 PM

Be it known that the City Council of the City Of Converse met for a Emergency Meeting at the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street on Wednesday, September 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM. A quorum of the following commissions may be present: Beautification & Environmental, Building & Standards, Economic Development Corporation, Park & Recreation and Planning & Zoning.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Suarez called the Emergency Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order/Establishment of emergency or urgent public necessity. The adoption of a proper budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 is critical to the operation of the City of Converse as well as to the provision of services to its citizens related to their health, safety and welfare. Without the adoption of a proper budget, there will be an imminent threat to public health and safety. As a result of Charter requirements that the budget be adopted by September 20 of the preceding fiscal year, potential conflicts between state statutes and the City Charter, the requirement that the tax rate and levy be adopted by September 30 of the preceding fiscal year, there exists an urgent public necessity to call and hold this emergency meeting of the Converse City Council in accordance with Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code.

2. ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor Al Suarez
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Place 2
Councilman Joe Guastella, Place 5
Ms. Shawna D. Burkhart, City Manager
Mr. Ray Ortiz, City Attorney
Mr. Felix Arambula, City Attorney

Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1
Mayor Pro Tem Randy Pannell, Place 4
Councilman Steve Brown, Place 6
Mr. John Quintanilla, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Holly Nagy, City Secretary

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.

None.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION. (Entered 7:02 PM)

Executive session in accordance with Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with this Chapter. (Returned 8:02 PM)

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Resolution #690; A Resolution Providing the City of Converse Program of Services Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2013 and Ending**

September 30, 2014, by Approving and Setting Aside the Necessary Funds Out of the General Fund and Other Revenues of the City of Converse for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for the Maintenance and Operation of the Various Departments, Capital Projects, Payments to Debt Service; and for Various Activities and Improvement to the City. (City Manager)

- Est. Revenue= \$9,315,910
- Est. Expenditures = \$9,282,690
- Unallocated Balance = \$33,220
- Budget remaining the same, no changes using Resolution process instead.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution # 690 by approving the budget approving and setting aside the necessary funds out of the general fund and other revenues of the City of Converse for fiscal year 2013-2014 for the maintenance and operation of the various departments, capital projects, payments to debt service; and for various activities and improvement to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Pannell seconded the motion and asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with the votes of Council members Richel, Paschall, Guastella, Brown, Pannell and Mayor Suarez.

B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution #691; A Resolution of the City of Converse Levying the Maintenance and Operations Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year at a Rate of \$0.511626 Per \$100 Assessed Valuation on All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Converse. (City Manager) (Mayor)

- Certified Tax Base for 2013/2014 = \$841,021,346
- Total Exemptions = \$100,900,283
- Last Year's Tax Rate = \$0.606675
- FY 2014 Effective Tax Rate = \$ 0.599249
- FY 2014 Roll Back Tax Rate Levy = \$0.639585
- Proposed Tax Rate = \$0.606675
- Nothing has changed with the tax rate; using resolution process to meet the charter deadline.
- Mayor Suarez supports the budget but not a tax rate increase.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution # 691 and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .606675 which is effectively a 1.24 percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro Tem Pannell seconded the motion and asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with the votes of Council members Richel, Guastella, Paschall, Brown, and Pannell all in favor and Mayor Suarez against. 5:1

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Resolution #692; A Resolution of the City of Converse Levying the Interest and Sinking Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year at a Rate of \$0.095049 Per \$100 Assessed Valuation on All Taxable Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Converse. (City Manager)

- Portion that pays debt service of general fund.
- One of two portions of the .606675 tax rate proposed.
- Mayor Suarez supports the budget but a not tax rate increase.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve Resolution # 692 and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .606675 which is effectively a 1.24 percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro Tem Pannell seconded the motion and asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed with the votes of Council members Brown, Guastella, Paschall, Richel, and Pannell all in favor and Mayor Suarez against. 5:1

D. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Ratify the Fact that the 2013-2014 Budget Will Require Raising More Revenue from Property Taxes than in the Previous Year in Compliance with Section 102.007, Texas Local Government Code. (Ray Ortiz, Esq.)

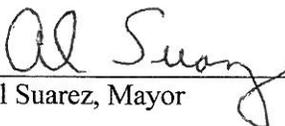
- Texas Local Government Code
- If the revenue being brought in is greater than what was brought in last year even if tax rate is the same that Council ratify that fact through a separate vote.
- Item is meant to comply with requirements of Section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code.
- Mayor Suarez supports the budget but not a tax rate increase.

Councilman Brown made a motion to ratify the fact that the 2013-2014 budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year in compliance with Section 102.007, Texas Local Government Code. Mayor Pro Tem Pannell seconded the motion the motion passed. 5:1

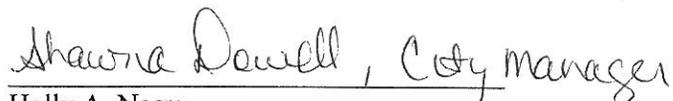
6. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF October, 2013.


Al Suarez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Holly A. Nagy
City Secretary