

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2023/2024

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, September 7, 2023 for a Public Hearing on the Proposed budget for FY 2023/2024 with the following members present: Mayor Ana Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. City Attorney DeFoyd absent.

City Manager Squyres stated that we had several budget work shops to give everyone an opportunity for input and we were lowering our tax rate this year to 0.596874 per \$100 valuation due to the fact that we have no debt.

He advised that we do not lobby and we have to tell how much we use for advertising.

He advised that property value has continued to go up and we are allowed to drop the tax rate.

Mr. Squyres stated there had been a couple of changes since the last meeting, that HL&P would not negotiate on the \$150.00 per pole on the gun shot locations and that was to expensive.

He advise there was new technology with cameras with 360 degree Coverage and we know how many accidents happen at intersections So we might invest in this instead of the gun shot.

There was general discussion on the intersection they would need to placed at.

He advised that rates had gone up on garbage collection and we would be coming to council on this.

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There were no question on the proposed budget.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**