

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2021

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Voelker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present:

Paul Voelker	Mayor
Janet DePuy	Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Dubey	Councilmember
Jennifer Justice	Councilmember
Joe Corcoran	Councilmember
Ken Hutchenrider	Councilmember
Arefin Shamsul	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Dan Johnson	City Manager
Don Magnier	Deputy City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Shanna Sims-Bradish	Assistant City Manager Admin/Leisure Services
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Jessica Almendarez	Management Analyst
Keith Dagen	Finance Director
Bob Clymire	Budget Officer
Cara Copley	Assistant Budget Officer

COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **INVOCATION – KEN HUTCHENRIDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS – KEN HUTCHENRIDER**
3. **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 MEETING**

Council Action

Councilmember Dubey moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Councilmember Hutchenrider seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

4. **VISITORS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS**

City Manager Johnson acknowledged public comments submitted by the following:

Kathleen Born, 1226 Dumont Drive, regarding the tax rate
Ernest Wilson, 2303 Blue Cypress Drive, regarding the tax rate
Roni Carrasco, 1409 Botham Jean, Dallas, regarding the tax rate
William Smith, 401 Fireside Drive, regarding trash receptacles

Charlie Newton, 2106 Goldenrod Drive, representing Pray Richardson, addressed Council regarding Richardson being a City of Light. He also informed Council about the weekly prayer for the City held on Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Richardson Civic Center Fountain

APPOINTMENT:

5. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 4394, APPOINTING THOMAS D'AMORE TO SERVE AS PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CHRISSI W. GUMBERT, THE CURRENT PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; AND APPOINTING CHRISSI W. GUMBERT TO SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS.**

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

City Secretary Nemer administered the oath of office to Judge D'Amore.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET.**

Public Hearing

After City Manager Dan Johnson presented a summary of the proposed budget, Mayor Voelker opened the public hearing. No comments were submitted. Mayor Voelker closed the Public Hearing with a motion by Councilmember Hutchenrider, second by Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, and a unanimous vote.

BUDGET ACTION ITEMS:

7. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 4395, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve and adopt a budget for all City services except for scoreboard maintenance, wellness services, immunizations, employee flu shots and Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation event sponsorship/advertising for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. Councilmember Dubey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, with Mayor Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, Councilmember Dubey, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Corcoran, Councilmember Hutchenrider, and Councilmember Shamsul voting in favor.

Councilmember Dubey excused himself from the meeting for the next vote due to a conflict of interest on file with the City Secretary.

Councilmember Shamsul moved to approve and adopt a budget for scoreboard maintenance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. Councilmember Corcoran seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Mayor Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Corcoran, Councilmember Hutchenrider,

and Councilmember Shamsul voting in favor and Councilmember Dubey abstaining due to a conflict of interest on file with the City Secretary.

Councilmember Dubey returned to the meeting. Councilmember Hutchenrider excused himself from the meeting for the next vote due to a conflict of interest on file with the City Secretary.

Councilmember Corcoran moved to approve and adopt a budget for wellness services, immunizations, employee flu shots and Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation event sponsorship/advertising for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. Councilmember Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 6-0 with Mayor Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, Councilmember Dubey, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Corcoran, and Councilmember Shamsul voting in favor and Councilmember Hutchenrider abstaining due to a conflict of interest on file with the City Secretary.

8. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 4396, LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021 (FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022) AT A RATE OF \$0.61516 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) ASSESSED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021.**

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.61516, which is effectively a 1.34 percent increase in the tax rate. Mayor Pro Tem DePuy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed with Mayor Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Corcoran, Councilmember Hutchenrider, and Councilmember Shamsul in favor; and Councilmember Dubey opposed.

9. **CONSIDER RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**

Council Action

Councilmember Shamsul moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget adopted for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. Councilmember Corcoran seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, with Mayor Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem DePuy, Councilmember Dubey, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Corcoran, Councilmember Hutchenrider, and Councilmember Shamsul in favor.

10. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-18, ADOPTING AMENDED FINANCIAL POLICIES.**

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to approve Resolution No. 21-18 adopting amended financial policies. Councilmember Justice seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

11. **BUDGET CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4397, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", BY AMENDING SECTION 23-98 TO ESTABLISH RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-168 TO ESTABLISH RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY.

B. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-19, ESTABLISHING REVISED FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE REMOVAL OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE WITHIN THE CITY.**
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 21-20, PROVIDING AN AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING INSPECTION FEES AND PERMITS.**
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 21-21, ESTABLISHING FIRE PERMIT PLAN REVIEW FEES.**
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, ESTABLISHING SENIOR CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR CITY RESIDENT USE; ESTABLISHING GYM RENTAL FEES FOR CITY RESIDENT USE AND PARK PAVILION RESERVATION FEES FOR NON-RESIDENT USE; ESTABLISHING HEIGHTS AQUATIC CENTER PAVILION TABLE RENTAL FEES AND PRIVATE PARTY RENTAL FEES FOR HEIGHTS AQUATIC CENTER AND NEIGHBORHOOD POOLS FOR CITY RESIDENTS.**

Council Action

Mayor Pro Tem DePuy moved to approve the Budget Consent Agenda (Items 11A and 11B) as presented. Councilmember Shamsul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, 7-0.

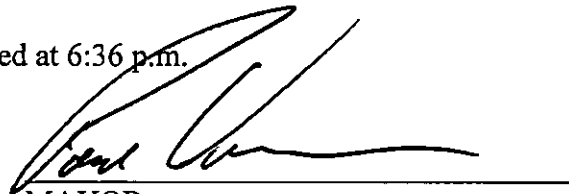
City Manager Johnson acknowledged the City Council and staff for their work on the budget. Mayor Voelker also acknowledged the work and discussions of the City Council and staff regarding the budget and tax rate.

12. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY