

MINUTES
RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023

- **Call to Order**

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

Bob Dubey	Mayor
Arefin Shamsul	Mayor Pro Tem
Curtis Dorian	Councilmember
Jennifer Justice	Councilmember
Dan Barrios	Councilmember
Joe Corcoran	Councilmember
Ken Hutchenrider	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present:

Don Magner	City Manager
Kent Pfeil	Chief Financial Officer
Charles Goff	Assistant City Manager
Michaela Dollar	Assistant City Manager
Aimee Nemer	City Secretary
Haley Alsabrook	Management Analyst
Riley Thomason	Management Analyst
Yvonne Falgout	Director of Parks & Recreation
Chris Cottone	Superintendent of Athletics & Aquatics
Jon Winters	Corporate Recreation Manager
Todd Gastorf	Assistant Finance Director

Community Partners present:

Jan Rugg, ATMOS Coordinating Manager of Public Affairs
Barry Young, ONCOR Area Manager

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM #1103

A. VISITORS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS

City Manager Magner acknowledged a public comment card submitted by Michael Selman, 2101 Lucerne Cove, regarding global warming and a green policy for the design of the new city hall and library.

Laurie Garvie, 415 Valley Cove, representing the Richardson Symphony Orchestra, informed Council of a photo contest being conducted in coordination with the American Landscapes concert on November 4, 2023.

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2023 CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Jon Winters, Corporate Recreation Manager, provided an update for Council on this item.

- Program Background and Awards
- Celebrating 25 Years

- This Year's Companies and Venues
- Special Olympics Texas
- Opening Ceremony
- City of Richardson Team
- Corporate Recreation

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ATMOS ENERGY 2023 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING, THE ATMOS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND THE 2023 ONCOR DENIAL RESOLUTION FOR RATE FILING

Todd Gastorf, Assistant Director of Finance, provided a summary of this item.

- Background on Gas and Electric Franchise Rate Requests
- Atmos
 - 2023 Rate Request, Review, and Recommendation
 - Staff recommends City Council adoption of the settlement rates effective October 1, 2023
 - Authorizing resolution will be placed on the August 28, 2023, agenda for City Council consideration
- Atmos Franchise Agreement
 - The existing franchise agreement between the City of Richardson and Atmos was approved on June 14, 2004, as Ordinance No. 3462 Agreement expires on December 31, 2023
 - City Attorney's office is working with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. representing the City to negotiate a new franchise agreement
- Oncor
 - 2023 Rate Request, Review, and Recommendation
 - Staff recommends denying Oncor's request for increased rates by resolution on August 28, 2023
 - The resolution authorizes the OCSC attorneys and its consultants to review the filing, negotiate with Oncor, and make recommendations regarding reasonable rates

ACTION ITEMS:

D. CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 21, 2023, ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Staff Summary

City Manager Magner provided a summary of this item and staff recommendation. Mr. Magner explained the certified tax roll, tax rate overview, and use of the FY20-21 increment.

Proposed FY23-24 Property Tax Rate of \$0.56095, utilizing \$0.01858 of the FY20-21 increment, allows for the following:

- Makes up for lower than expected property tax revenue due to an unusually large number of commercial properties litigating their values with DCAD
 - \$1,144,210 needed to maintain same funding levels shown during the budget workshop
- Increases merit-based market increases from 5% to 6%
- Increases longevity pay from \$6 to \$8

- Increases Street Rehabilitation funding by an additional \$925,407 – 19% increase
 - Increases Facility Maintenance funding by an additional \$116,101 – 24% increase
 - Increases Park Maintenance funding by an additional \$116,101 – 24% increase
 - Increases Equipment Replacement by an additional \$167,445 – 3% increase
- Set a public hearing on August 21, 2023, for a proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.56095 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
 - Maintains current tax rate
 - Utilizes \$.01858 of the unused increment to allow for enhanced staff recruitment and retention funding and additional infrastructure investments

Council Action

Councilmember Hutchenrider moved to set a Public Hearing date of August 21, 2023, for the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.56095 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Councilmember Barrios seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously with Mayor Dubey, Mayor Pro Tem Shamsul, Councilmember Dorian, Councilmember Justice, Councilmember Barrios, Councilmember Corcoran, and Councilmember Hutchenrider voting in favor.

E. CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 28, 2023, FOR THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 RICHARDSON MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Council Action

Councilmember moved to set a Public Hearing date of August 28, 2023, for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Councilmember seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

F. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-19, DESIGNATING A TEMPORARY LOCATION AS THE OFFICIAL CITY HALL UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY HALL IS COMPLETE AND OCCUPIED.

Council Action

Councilmember Justice moved to approve Resolution 23-19 as presented. Councilmember Corcoran seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

G. REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Council reported on items of community interest.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY