

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2017**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Luis Lamas presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Luis Lamas and Council Members Ben Tucker, Bill Underbrink, Oscar Adame, Dennis Knippa, Ronnie Parker, John Schack. Staff present: City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 22 guests.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Invocation**

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Discussion, consideration, and action related to the Proposed FY 2017-18 Annual Budget, including:**

**A. Determining a proposed maximum tax rate for FY 2017/18 for public notice purposes.**

Finance Director Paul Baen stated the proposed budget will raise \$954,287 of additional ad valorem taxes, which is a 17.26% increase over last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from the new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,172,753. He explained the property tax rate, the effective rate, the M&O rate, and the rollback rate.

City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer went over the various discussion being held at the legislative level regarding property tax rates and mandatory elections. This is still an ongoing session and therefore it is unknown how legislature will vote.

Council Member Parker made a motion to adopt a proposed maximum tax rate for FY 2017/2018 as \$0.602500/\$100 value and was seconded by Council Member Underbrink. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Review and consideration of the City's 5 year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and the initial year's items to be funded by the Rolling Stock and Equipment Fund.**

City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer explained that the staff has been working with Carl Crull to prepare the City's 5 year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and the suggested initial year's items to be funded by the Rolling Stock and Equipment Fund. This is the first time Ingleside would have a Rolling Stock and Equipment Fund and the various departments have worked with Mr. Crull to prioritize their needs. She explained this concept does cost a little more with a 3.3% interest rate, but it frees up the cash for other items over the four (4) years. Council Member Schack suggested the payments be increased to be equal payments of the four (4) years instead of fluctuating as presented.

Mayor Lamas suggested the closing of the Swimming Pool since Aransas Pass as the Aquatics Center and we now have the Splash Pad at N.O. Simmons Park. Council Member Adame agreed if there was an increase to the size of the Splash Pad that closing the Pool would be a good idea. Council Member Underbrink stated he wanted to see with the maintenance and upkeep on the Splash Pad is before increasing the size and/or closing the Pool. He stated the older kids need something in town and the current Splash Pad is for little kids only. Mr. Steven Loving stated that his mother was one of the Co-Chairs that helped to build the Pool and even she agreed the current Pool is too old to maintain. Council Member Schack suggested a

Wave-Pool for the old kids be built at N.O. Simmons Park. He further indicated that we should put money aside and research how other cities have integrated the newer equipment into their parks. Mrs. Vossmer stated she could have the staff start on a concept plant for future use and has a cost/impact study down to shut down the old Pool. Mayor Lamas stated he was tired of plans.

Mayor Lamas called for short recess of the Special Meeting at 8:20 p.m. for a short break.

Mayor Lamas reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Council Members Parker and Underbrink suggest the City to take a bond petition to a public election and include the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and a new City Hall all at once. Council Member Knippa stated he thought we needed to do like Aransas Pass and for about \$12,000 they pull the sediment from the bottom of the WWTP pool to increase the capacity. Public Works Director Donald Paty stated he would look into the process, but he was not aware of it providing any additional capacity.

**C. Consideration and authorization for the issuance of Series 2017 Tax Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 (\$750,000 is the amount budgeted) to be used to finance portions of the 2017 CIP Rolling Stock/Equipment.**

Finance Director Paul Baen stated that the I&S rates will go down unless we do a tax note. After speaking with the Financial Advisors, they believe we can get a three (3) year note at approximately 1.6% interest instead of the 3.3% interest rate for lease vehicles. Mayor Lamas stated this is the only way to keep the I&S Rate where it is now so we don't drop our total ad valorem rate and have difficulty getting it raised in the future due to roll back rates.

Council Member Parker made a motion authorization for the solicitation of Series 2017 Tax Notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be used to finance portions of the 2017 CIP Rolling Stock/Equipment; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. Presentation and consideration of the following departmental operating and capital budgets:**

- a. Fire Department – Chief Steven Loving, Asst. Chief James Creek
- b. Public Works - Donald Paty, John Meenaghan.

Each department went over the increases and decreases within their department.

**6. The City Council may hold a closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 to discuss personnel. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a Contract for Interim Police Chief Services for the City of Ingleside.**

Mayor Lamas recessed the Special Meeting to go into Closed Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.

Mayor Lamas closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Special Meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Council Member Underbrink made a motion authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Brent Stroman for the position of Interim Police Chief; and was seconded by Mayor Lamas. The motion was approved unanimously.

**7. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Luis Lamas