



## City of Morgan's Point Resort

### Minutes

#### City Council Special Session

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Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 PM

MPR EVENT CENTER – 60  
Morgan's Point Blvd

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#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor, James Snyder at 6:10 PM

**PRESENT:**

James Snyder  
Dorothy Allyn  
Bruce Leonhardt  
Roxanne Stryker  
Stephen Bishop  
Samuel Pallin

**ABSENT:**

None

Staff: City Manager, Dennis Baldwin

#### 2. Announcement and Citizen Comments

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to suggest the addition of topics for the discussion, or to address topics of interest, with the presentation limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will conduct themselves in an orderly and lawful manner. All speakers will be recognized prior to speaking and will announce their name and address to be included in the minutes. State law prohibits the Mayor and Members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law.*

##### **a. Tammy Day, 28 South Sherwood Drive, MPR**

Resident addressed the Mayor, City Council, and staff, expressing concern about the increasing costs impacting both residents and the city. She acknowledged the previous discussion on water consumption at the last meeting and expressed appreciation for the city's efforts, including road improvements, surveys, audits, and other completed work. She thanked the Council and staff for their continued diligence and commitment to the community.

##### **b. JoJo Guzman, 22 Willow Run, MPR**

Resident submitted written comments thanking the Mayor, City Council, and staff for their time and effort devoted to the budget process. The resident expressed the following points:

**Budget Adjustments:** Increases should not be applied uniformly to all employees, particularly those recently hired, promoted, or earning above the average wage. Adjustments should be based on performance and merit rather than across-the-board application.

**Police and Fire Consolidation:** The resident stated that now is not the appropriate time for consolidation, even at an administrative level, due to ongoing changes. Such a process would require long-term planning and community involvement. As a practical alternative, the resident suggested revisiting the prior proposal to add a part-time administrative position for police and fire departments.

**Grant Funding:** The resident cautioned against assuming grant funds will be available following completed audits. While grants are a valuable tool, they should not be considered as guaranteed revenue.

**Revenue Generation:** The resident encouraged a proactive approach to fees and revenue generation to support city operations.

**c. Jimanne Durkee, 54 South Cliffwood Circle, MPR**

Resident submitted written comments to the Mayor, City Council concerning Civic Plus and comments, and staff on the website.

**3. Consent Agenda**

*All items under this heading are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion, unless the Mayor or a Councilmember request that an item be removed for separate discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Session Agenda will be considered immediately following the motion to approve the Consent Session Agenda.*

**4. Resolutions**

**PH-25-010** Hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026

Public Hearing opened at 6:17 PM.

Mayor Snyder provided and opportunity for citizen comments on the proposed tax rate

After no comments, the Mayor ended the opportunity for citizen comments

Keeping the Public Hearing open, the Mayor referenced RS 25-028 (which should have been RS 25-029) and turned to the City Manager for comments

City Manager recapped the RS 25-029 reading aloud that the resolution formalizes the adoption of proposed tax rate with the public hearing that has been conducted. There is a provision in the Tax Code that allows the tax rate to be set during tonight's meeting.

**RS 25-029** Discuss and consider a memorandum/resolution setting a preliminary tax rate for the 2025 tax year; and establishing an effective date

**a.** Set a preliminary tax rate for the 2025 tax year to fund the municipal annual budget for fiscal year 2025/2026.

**b.** Public hearing held on September 15, 2025, in accordance with the Texas Tax Code to afford adequate opportunity for proponents and opponents of tax increase to present their views.

c. Proposed a preliminary tax rate of \$0.6398 for the tax year, which is also the deminimis tax rate and higher than the current tax rate of \$0.6253, the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.6034, and the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.5738.

d. Texas Tax Code authorized the governing body to vote on proposed tax rate at the public hearing, and if the governing body does not vote on the proposed tax rate at the public meeting, the governing body shall announce at the public hearing the date, time and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed tax rate and such vote may not be held later than the seventh day after the date of the public hearing.

Motion made Allyn to set preliminary tax rate at the deminimis rate of .6398 Seconded by Pallin

Voting Yea: Bishop

Voting Nay: Leonhardt, Stryker

*Motion passed (3:2)*

Public Hearing closed at 6:48 PM

Presented for discussion only for the Proposed vs. Current Tax Rate given by Dennis Baldwin, City Manager as supportive documents not provided.

**RS 25-028** Discuss and consider a memorandum/resolution setting September 23, 2025 as the date to:

a. Adopt the Annual Budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026

b. Ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Annual Budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026


c. Set a tax rate comprised of maintenance & operations and debt service for fiscal year 2026 (Tax Year 2025).

No action taken.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned by Mayor James Snyder at 6:51 PM

I certify that a copy of the 9-15-2025 agenda of items to be considered by the Morgan's Point Resort was posted and could be seen on the City Hall bulletin board on the 9-09-2025 at 5:00 PM and remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. For further information please contact the City Secretary's office at 254-780-1334 ext. 104.

  
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