

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION & JOINT SESSION WITH THE SWEENEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

MINUTES

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny will meet in **Special Session** on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (CITY COUNCIL)

Mayor Hopkins opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Mark Morgan Jr., Reese Cook and Brian Brooks were in attendance. John Rambo and Tim Pettigrew were absent.

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

The pledges were led by Mark Morgan Jr. and the invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

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No visitor comments.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Discuss and consider setting a public hearing on the proposed tax rate not to exceed the voter-approved property tax rate of \$0.607158 / \$100 for September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Sweeny City Hall located at 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480.

Reese Cook moved to approve, setting a public hearing on the proposed tax rate not to exceed the voter approved property tax rate of \$0.607158 / \$100 for September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Sweeny City Hall located as 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480. Brian Brooks seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Brooks asked about the proposed tax rate of \$0.607158. City Manager, Lindsay Koskiniemi stated that if we exceed the voter approved rate, it would be required to go to voters and would require two (2) public hearings. Mark Morgan Jr. asked about the budget being based off of the proposed rate. City Manager stated that was correct; the proposed budget and budgets presented during the workshops were based off of the proposed above rate. Attorney Stevenson stated that after Council sets the proposed rate tonight, Council cannot go higher, but can always reduce.

*Reese Cook and Brian Brooks voted **FOR**. Mark Morgan Jr. voted **AGAINST**. John Rambo and Tim Pettigrew were not in attendance. Motion Carried.*

2. Discuss and consider setting a date and time for a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Annual Budget for September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Sweeny City Hall located at 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480

Brian Brooks moved to approve, setting the date and time for a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed annual budget for September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Sweeny City Hall located at 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480. Reese Cook seconded. Mark Morgan Jr., Reese Cook, and Brian Brooks were all in favor. Motion Carried.

OPEN JOINT MEETING WITH SWEENY EDC

Mayor Hopkins stated Council will now start the Joint Session with Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 5:37 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (SEDC)

Nina Christie called the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation Board to order at 5:37 PM. Michelle Medina called roll. Nina Christie, Mary Karstedt, Devin Lemon, Bill Hayes, and Jenny Massey were in attendance. Kay Roe and Amber Murray were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hopkins convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551 at 5:38 P.M.

Nina Christie, SEDC President, stated the same for the SEDC board.

- 3. Deliberation and Possible Action Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Pursuant to Section 551.087 (1) & (2) of the Texas Government Code

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hopkins reconvened into OPEN SESSION at 6:09 P.M. Nina Christie, SEDC President, stated the same for the SEDC board.

The City Council will now adjourn Executive Session, reconvene into Open Session pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 551 Texas Government Code and take action, if any, on item(s) discussed during Closed Executive Session.

- 4. Any Possible Action pursuant to Executive Session Item Regarding Deliberations on Economic Development Negotiations, Pursuant to Section 551.087 (1) & (2) of the Texas Government Code

No Action

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

No items of community interest were stated.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Bill Hayes motioned to adjourn the SEDC meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Hopkins adjourned the City Council special meeting at 6:10 p.m.

City Officials/Employees In Attendance

- Lindsay Koskineimi, City Manager
- Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney
- Karla Wilson, Finance Director
- Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

Passed and approved this 5th day of September, 2023.
 Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

