

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF BRAZORIA

The City of Brazoria convened in a Special Council Meeting on August 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following to-witt:

Philip Ray	Mayor
Dustin Weisinger	Councilman Position #1
Perry Morris	Councilman Position #2
Gary Kersh	Mayor Pro-Tem
Tina Watts	Councilwoman Position #4
Susan Swanner Parker	Councilwoman Position #5

City Personnel Present:

Sheila Williams	City Manager
Clissa Mills	City Secretary
David Kocurek	Project Manager
Marcus Rabren	Emergency Management
John Trevino	Public Works Director
Ginny Gratzner	CPA

A. Call to Order Special Meeting.

Mayor Ray called the meeting to order at 6pm.

B. Invocation and the pledge to the American and Texas flags by all.

Mayor Ray gave the invocation and led the pledges to the flags.

C. Citizens Communication. – *There were none.*

D. Adjourn Special Meeting and Call to Order Council Workshop.

Mayor Ray called the council workshop to order at 6:01 pm.

E. Discuss the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget.

Ginny Gratzner, CPA thought it would be beneficial to discuss where the city is through 10 months of the 2022/2023 budget before discussing the 2023/2024 budget. For the 2022/2023 budget year, total revenue may exceed budgeted revenue by approximately \$230,000; total expenditures will be less than budgeted expenses by approximately \$300,000; the aggregate general fund budget surplus is estimated to be \$525,000 -

\$575,000. Ginny explained that excess funds are rolled into the existing fund balance for future use as needed and that we can consider using a portion of the excess to fund the capital outlay requested in the 2023/2024 budget. City Manager Williams would like to hire a Permit Clerk to start in October. She also has included a 3% COLA raise for employees.

Mayor Ray thanked CPA Gratzner for her work on the budget.

F. Discuss the 2023/2024 tax rate.

For the 2023/2024 budget year based on the proposed general fund expenses, if the city chooses the Voter Approved Tax Rate plus 3 cents of the increment there would be a budget shortage of \$271,200; use \$187,700 excess funds from 2022/2023 budget year for general fund capital outlay items requested; use \$83,500 excess funds from 2022/2023 budget year for a portion of the general fund street improvements. The city would still have between \$253,800 - \$303,800 excess funds from 2022/2023 to add to the existing fund balance. CPA Gratzner said this should balance the budget. BWA will increase their rate by .15/gallon each year, so we also have to increase our water and sewer rates.


G. Adjourn Council Workshop.

Mayor Ray adjourned the Council Workshop at 7:23 pm.

ATTEST:


Clissa Mills, City Secretary




Philip Ray, Mayor