

**MINUTES
HALTOM CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
August 7, 2023**

A Special Budget Meeting by the City Council of the City of Haltom City, Texas, was held on August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Haltom City Hall, 5024 Broadway Avenue, with the following members present:

Mayor An Truong	Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Linda Thompson
Dep. Mayor PT (DMPT) Kyle Smith	Council Place 1 Marian Hilliard
Council Place 2 Kyle Hantz	Council Place 4 Eric Morris
Council Place 5 Susan Soule	Council Place 7 Don Cooper

Staff Present: Rex Phelps, City Manager (CM); Sidonna Foust, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Wayne Olson, City Attorney (CA); Art Camacho, City Secretary (CS); Erica Gill, Library Director (LD); Cody Phillips, Police Chief (PC); Christi Pruitt, Park and Recreation Director (PRD); Stormy Johnson, Finance Director (FD); Elise Loftis, Assistant Finance Director (AFD); Brian Jacobs, Fire Chief (FC); Toni Beckett, Human Resources and Risk Management Director (HRRMD); Dave Klopfenstein, IT Director; Glenna Batchelor, Planning and Community Development Director (PCDD); Bryce Davis, Emergency Management Director (EMD); and Greg Van Nieuwenhuize, Public Works Director (PWD).

WORKSESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Truong called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. **CCPD Budget** - Consideration and/or action to approve a Public Hearing date for the FY2024 CCPD budget. ACM Foust addressed the Council and stated the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) held their Public Hearing on July 20, 2023 and the date for the Council to approve the CCPD budget will be at the next Council meeting on August 14, 2023 at City Hall. No action was taken.
2. **Preliminary Property Tax Rate** – Consideration and/or action for setting the preliminary tax rate for the FY2024 budget and schedule a public hearing date. CM Phelps gave an introduction to the agenda item and ACM Foust presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the property valuation given by the Tarrant Appraisal District, the seventh year of a declining property tax rate, and the property tax per household comparison to neighboring cities. In addition, the defined rate and parts of the rate (I&S and M&O), the proposed options, the breakdown of the property tax and projected amounts, and the continued gap between the tax rate and home property values were presented. Council Soule moved, seconded by DMPT Smith, to set the preliminary tax rate at \$0.567283 and schedule a public hearing on August 21, 2023. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
3. **Proposed FY2024 Budget** – Consideration and/or action regarding the proposed FY2024 budget and set public hearing date. FD Johnson presented a PowerPoint presentation of the FY 2024 budget that included a compilation of projected revenues, sales tax increases of 224% over the last 10 years, proposed General Fund expenditures, Debt Service reductions, projected Capitol Project expenditures, Water and Sewer fund balances, and Drainage Fund balance. Council Soule moved, seconded by DMPT Smith, to approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget and set the Public Hearing Date to August 21, 2023. ***The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.***
4. **Citizens Forum** – This time is allowed for citizens to ask questions or provide input concerning the FY Proposed Budget and Preliminary Tax Rate, but not for deliberation. No citizen came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Truong adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Art Camacho, City Secretary



An M. Truong, Mayor