

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2019
7286 Dietz Elkhorn
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015

I. OPEN MEETING

A. Roll Call – Declaration of a Quorum

Present: Mayor Manitzas

Council Members: Hartpence, Havard, Koerner, Maxton, and Patel

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Elizondo

With a quorum present, the Mayor called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by citizen, Seth Mitchell.

II. CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

A. Dr. Vincent Caldarola, citizen, addressed the City Council regarding water rights associated with well K-3 and various wells within the City.

III. PURPOSE OF THE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

A. The City Council conducted the second Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and 2019-2020 Tax Rate.

1. Mayor Manitzas opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 PM and provided opening comments.
2. Finance Director, Sarah Buckelew, provided a presentation of the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate.
3. The City Council received citizen testimony for/against the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate:
 - a. Dr. Vincent Caldarola, citizen, claimed that the City is subsidizing the wastewater budget with the water that is purchased and resold. He noted that the city is taking 110 million dollars of "landowner's water" and reselling it which he claims "you cannot resell water". He indicated that the residents will fight this.
 - b. John Dewey, citizen, spoke of proposal made at last week's council meeting to maintain the existing tax rate. He noted that his appraisal increases alone equaled a 14.2% increase in four years, even with protesting, which is higher than the inflation rate. He noted the tax rate increase of approximate \$108,000 is attributable to the rate increase itself on existing properties, which is roughly 1% of expenses. He requested that Council withhold the tax rate increase by adjusting priorities to keep the tax rate as it was.
4. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM.
5. There was no discussion between Council and staff.

III. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION ITEMS

- A. **Consideration and possible action approving the first reading of an Ordinance adopting the City Budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020.** MOTION: Made by Council Member Havard, seconded by Council Member Hartpence to approve the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance.

VOTE: 6-0; Motion Passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Council Member Hartpence – For; Council Member Havard – For; council Member Koerner – For; council Member Maxton – For; and Council Member Patel – For.

- B. **Consideration and possible action approving the first reading of an Ordinance levying a property tax rate of .3735 per \$100 taxable valuation on property in the City of Fair oaks Ranch for tax year 2019; and determining due and delinquent dates.**

MOTION: Made by Council Member Maxton, seconded by Council Member Patel to approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.3735, which is effectively a 5.6 percent increase in the tax rate, as prescribed in the property tax rate ordinance.

VOTE: 6-0; Motion Passed as recorded:

Mayor Manitzas – For; Council Member Hartpence – For; Council Member Havard – For; council Member Koerner – For; council Member Maxton – For; and Council Member Patel – For.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Manitzas adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.


Garry Manitzas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Picioccio, City Secretary