

City of Killeen
Regular City Council Meeting
Killeen City Hall
August 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mayor Jose Segarra

Attending: Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Nash-King, Councilmembers Jessica Gonzalez, Nina Cobb, Michael Boyd, Ken Wilkerson, Rick Williams and Mellisa Brown.

Also attending were City Manager Kent Cagle, City Attorney Traci Briggs, City Secretary Lucy Aldrich, and Sergeant-at-Arms Ache.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King to approve the agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilkerson. The motion carried 5 to 0 with Councilmember Cobb and Councilmember Williams not present at the time of the vote.

Citizen Comments

No one signed up to speak.

Resolutions

RS-21-106 Consider a memorandum/resolution setting the preliminary tax rate for the FY 2022 Annual Budget and setting the date to hold a public hearing.
Staff Comments: Jon Locke, Executive Director of Finance
Mr. Locke presented City Council a historic view of property tax rates identifying changes to the rate being made in 2011, 2015, and 2021. Mr. Locke further explained the different rates: the current tax rate being 0.7330; the budgeted rate used to prepare the FY 2022 proposed budget of 0.7056; the no-new-revenue rate of 0.6713 and the voter-approval rate of 0.8357. Staff recommends that City Council set the preliminary tax rate at \$0.7056.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King who stated, "I move to set the preliminary tax rate at 0.7056 and to set the date of September 14, 2021 to a hold public hearing on the tax rate with the meeting being held at 5:00 p.m. at 101 N. College Street, Killeen, Texas." Without a second the motion died. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd Motion who stated, "I move to set the preliminary tax rate at 0.7169 and to set the date of September 14, 2021 to hold a public hearing on the tax rate with the meeting being held at 5:00 p.m. at 101 N. College Street, Killeen, Texas." Motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams. Councilmember Brown made a motion to amend to approve by setting the preliminary tax rate at 0.7056 and setting the date of September 14, 2021 to hold a public hearing on the tax rate with the meeting being held at 5:00 p.m. at 101 N. College Street, Killeen, Texas. Without a second the amended motion died.

The City Secretary called for a record vote:

*Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King - Aye
Councilmember Gonzalez - Aye
Councilmember Cobb - Aye
Councilmember Boyd - Aye
Councilmember Wilkerson - Aye
Councilmember Williams - Aye
Councilmember Brown - Nay*

Motion carried 6 to 1 with Councilmember Brown in opposition.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon motion being made by Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Jose Segarra, Mayor

Lucy C. Aldrich, City Secretary