City of Killeen

Special City Council Meeting Killeen City Hall September 7, 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 Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Mark Bauer - spoke on supporting nonprofits in the budget.

Public Hearings

PH-21-048 HOLD a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022 Proposed Annual Budget.

Staff comments: Jon Locke, Executive Director of Finance. Local Government Code and City of Killeen Charter require that a public hearing be held prior to the adoption of the final budget. A fiscal year 2022 budget summary was presented.

Mayor Segarra opened the public hearing.

Mr. Dennis Drury spoke on the budget.

Mr. Frederick Bourgeois spoke on the street maintenance fee.

Ms. Anca Neagu spoke on the budget, specifically animal control.

Ms. Ella Brasher spoke on the budget, specifically animal control.

Ms. Lampe Rebecca spoke on animal control concerns.

Mr. Leo Gukeisen spoke on the property tax exemptions.

Ms. Rachel Brent spoke on the street maintenance fee.

Mr. Michael Fornino spoke on the budget.

With no one else appearing, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Brown made a motion of direction to allocate \$374,000 into a program for income-based utility bill relief for citizens. Without a second, the motion died.

Special City Council Meeting September 7, 2021 – Page 2

Councilmember Brown made a motion of direction to allocate \$150,000 to support non-profit organizations. Councilmember Boyd seconded the motion of direction. The motion carried 5 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King and Councilmember Williams in opposition.

Councilmember Boyd made a motion of direction to allocate \$50,000 for the construction of a playground on the grounds of the National Mounted Warfare Museum on Fort Hood. Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King seconded the motion of direction. The motion failed 1 to 6 with Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Cobb, Councilmember Wilkerson, Councilmember Williams and Councilmember Brown in opposition.

Councilmember Brown made a motion of direction to remove the proposed water and solid waste rate increases. Without a second the motion died.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King to set the date of September 14, 2021 to adopt the FY 2022 Proposed Budget; the meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at 101 N. College Street, Killeen, Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Brown made a motion of direction to remove \$374,279 of revenue from the general fund budget. Mayor Pro Tem Nash-King seconded the motion of direction. The motion carried 4 to 3 with Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Wilkerson, and Councilmember Williams in opposition.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Segarra adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Jose Segarra, Mayor

Lucy C. Aldrich, City Secretary