

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 -4 PM

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL **Present:** CM Puccetti, CM Gonzales, CM Beeton, Mayor Jaworski, MPT Colbert, CM Greenberg, CM Legg

Staff: Assistant City Secretary DeLaFuente, City Attorney Green, Finance Director Jeff Miller, Budget Manager Debbi Pierce, HR Director Carolyn Cox

III. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, adopting a total operating budget of \$91,569,022 beginning October 1, 2010, including the General Fund, Rosenberg Library Fund, Debt Service Fund, Waterworks Fund, Sewer System Fund, Drainage Utility Fund, Sanitation Fund, and the Municipal Airport Fund; adopting the Island Transit Special Revenue Fund.

ORDINANCE NO.10-000 was read by caption: ADOPTING A TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF \$91,569,022 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010, INCLUDING THE GENERAL FUND, ROSENBERG LIBRARY FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, WATERWORKS FUND, SEWER SYSTEM FUND, DRAINAGE UTILITY FUND, SANITATION FUND, AND THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FUND; ADOPTING THE ISLAND TRANSIT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.

Motion to approve: CM Greenberg; Second by CM Legg

Passing the City Budget as proposed by City Manager LeBlanc with one amendment to it.... that for each probationary police officer laid off a severance package of \$20,000 should be given. The total operating budget is \$91,753.346.

In Favor: CM Beeton, MPT Colbert, CM Greenberg and CM Legg

Against: CM Gonzales, CM Puccetti, Mayor Jaworski

IV. Consider for action ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the budget that will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$1,788,368 a 8.51% increase, and of that amount \$263,449 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Motion to approve: CM Puccetti; Second by MPT Colbert

All in favor: Unanimous

V. Consider for approval an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, levying ad valorem taxes in the amount of fifty-five cents and forty mills (\$0.5540) upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of property valuation for the calendar year 2010. Property tax increase by adoption of a tax rate of .5540 which is effectively a 7% increase in the tax rate with one penny of funding or \$363,000 going to debt service fund or special fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-000 was read by caption: LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FIVE CENTS AND FORTY MILLS (\$0.5540) UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF PROPERTY VALUATION FOR

THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010. PROPERTY TAX INCREASE BY ADOPTION OF TAX RATE OF .5540 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 7% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE WITH ONE PENNY OF FUNDING OR \$363,000 GOING TO DEBT SERVICE FUND OR SPECIAL FUND.

Motion to approve: CM Puccetti; Second by CM Legg

All in favor: Unanimous

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.