

THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 - 5:30 P.M.

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- II. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Thomas, CM Mahoney, CM Beeton, MPT Weber, CM Colbert, CM Woods
Absent: CM Fennewald
Staff: City Manager LeBlanc, City Attorney Green, City Secretary Lawrence, Finance Director Miller

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 OPERATING BUDGET.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$728,710 a 3.65% increase, and of that amount \$252,694 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing.

Steve Greenberg, 4800 Seawall Blvd., stated his concerns pertaining to the cost of payroll for the City. More money should be designated for infrastructure.

Bob Johnson, 3128 Ave. Q, owner of the Front Parlor on the Strand, spoke regarding his concerns regarding the increase in payroll and the proposed increase in water rates.

David Stanowski, 2211 Ave. P, said he was opposed to pay raises and the increase in the pension fund for City employees.

Brenda Lee, spoke in support of televising council workshops and of video streaming of council meetings.

There being no one else to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Council discussed the proposed salary increases for City employees.

CM Mahoney left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CALENDAR YEAR 2008 TAX RATE OF \$0.4940 (1st of 2 Public Hearings).

Mayor Thomas opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Council will meet to vote on the proposed tax rate September 23, 2008, 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

VI. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY2008-2009 BUDGET.

N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.