

Julie Masters, Mayor
Charles Suderman
Mary Dunbaugh
Walter Wilson

MINUTES
City of Dickinson
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
MEETING

Kerry Neves
Louis Decker
William H. King III, Mayor Pro Tem
Julie M. Johnston, City
Administrator

AUGUST 3, 2009

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING** on **MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009**. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary Carol McLemore called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, and Council Members Charles Suderman, Mary Dunbaugh, Walter Wilson, Kerry Neves, and Louis Decker. Mayor Pro Tem William King was absent. Also present were City Administrator Julie Johnston, Chief Ron Morales, Director of Public Works, Kellis George, Fire Marshal Norman Hicks, Finance Director Mary Young, Building Official Kevin Byal, Captain Melvin Mason, Library Director Vicki McCallister, and Development Coordinator Angela Forbes.

ITEM 2.) BRIEFING, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: FY 2009-2010 Recommended Budget, Use of Excess Debt Service Fund Balance, and Proposed Projects.

City Administrator Julie Johnston gave a power point presentation on the Recommended FY 2009-2010 Budget and the excess fund balance in the Debt Service Fund. She gave a recommendation to reduce the debt service fund through the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note and outlined projects that could be funded with the proceeds thereof. She also noted that the proposed tax rate was below the effective tax rate and that the public hearings required when the tax rate exceeded the effective tax rate would not be necessary. After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to pursue issuing the Tax Anticipation Notes for the purposes of funding needed vehicles and equipment and public works projects. Council also directed that the final principal and interest payments for the City's outstanding lease purchase agreements that had been incorporated into the Recommended FY 09-10 Budget would be funded through the Tax Anticipation Note and that the Budget should be revised accordingly. Additionally, the requested Public Works equipment and vehicles were prioritized as (1) replacement of the slope mower, (2) replacement of the 1986 truck, and (3) replacement of the distributor.

Council directed the City Administrator to include a cost of living adjustment for all employees not affected by collective bargaining. Additionally, Council directed that the Unfunded Supplement to replace two part-time dispatchers with one full-time dispatcher should be included in the budget revisions.

Council also directed the City Administrator to prepare a funding request to the Dickinson Management District #1 for funding the street sweeper requested by Public Works and the ambulance requested by EMS with the balance of the request being for a mix of salaries and benefits that would eliminate the need to utilize General Fund fund balance in the FY 2009-2010 budget.

ITEM 3.) ADJOURN

Councilman Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Councilwoman Dunbaugh seconded the motion.

VOTE:

5 AYES (Suderman, Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves and Decker)

0 NAYS

MOTION PASSED.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 11th day of August, 2009.

Julie Masters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol L. McLemore, City Secretary