



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 S. WASHINGTON STREET
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor calls the Meeting to order, states the date and time, states Councilmembers present, and declares a quorum present.**

Mayor Jordan called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present were Jeff Jordan, Ashlea Longenecker, Quattro Borders, Jason Nelson, and Charles Gillenwater. Mayor Pro-Tem Matt Phillips was absent. Mayor Jordan declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Mike Holder, Assistant City Manager Rachel Balthrop Mendoza, City Secretary Jessie Hanks, Finance Director Mary Wennerstrom, Economic Development Director Stewart McGregor, Development Services Director Andrew Bogda, Fire Chief Ronnie Davis, and Police Captain Colter Leftwich.

CITIZENS COMMENTS / REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS (5 MINUTES) Comments about any of the Council agenda items may be taken into consideration at this time or during the agenda item. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual unless additional time is otherwise required by law for translation. Speaking time is not transferable. Citizens may address the City Council on any subject but must first complete a Request to Speak Form so that the Mayor may call your name to speak at the appropriate time on the Agenda. Comments must be directed to the Council as a whole. **When addressing the Council, please step forward to the speaker's podium, state your name and address, and direct your comments to the Mayor and City Council.**

No comments were given.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Ordinance O-18-23, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, Texas, levying taxes and fixing and adopting the tax rate on all taxable property for the year 2023 at the rate of \$0.7600000 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed value on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Kaufman, Texas as of January 1, 2024; the said tax rate having a maintenance and operations component and a debt service component; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid together with penalties and interest thereon; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Holder informed the Council about the process of approving the proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Jason made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.7600000, which is effectively a 1.15 percent increase in the tax rate and approving Ordinance Number O-18-23 fixing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024, and for each fiscal year thereafter until otherwise provided. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker. Ms. Hanks called for

a record vote, at which point Jeff Jordan, Lisa Parker, Charles Gillenwater, Quattro Borders, Ashlea Longenecker, and Jason Nelson, voted AYE, None voted NAY, and passed 6/0.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution R-24-23, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, Texas, acknowledging and ratifying that the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous Fiscal Year; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Holder stated this item is the ratify the tax rate that the Council just approved.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 (FY24) budget and adopt Resolution No. R-24-23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Borders. Ms. Hanks called for a record vote, at which point Jeff Jordan, Lisa Parker, Charles Gillenwater, Quattro Borders, Ashlea Longenecker, and Jason Nelson voted AYE, None voted NAY, and passed 6/0.

3. Consider and take appropriate action on Ordinance O-23-23, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, Texas, amending Article 4.000, "Building and Development Fees" of Section A4.001, "Zoning/Development Fees" of Appendix "A", "Fee Schedule" of the Code of Ordinances to adopt fees for review of engineering and construction plans and inspection services for subdivisions; and providing an effective date.

Ms. Mendoza gave an overview of the state legislation that was adopted that triggered the need to amend the city's ordinance in regards to the building and development fees for developments.

Councilmember Borders made a motion to approve Ordinance O-23-23 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parker and passed 6/0.

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the **Freeman Farm Facilities Agreement** between the City and Freeman Farm A Series of Development II, LLC, for the installation of public improvements and facilities within the Freeman Farm development; and authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute necessary documents.

Mr. Bogda informed the Council regarding the details and history of Freeman Farm Development. He outlined the facilities agreement.

Councilmember Gillenwater made a motion to approve the **Freeman Farm Facilities Agreement** between the City and Freeman Farm A Series of Development II, LLC, for the installation of public improvements and facilities within the Freeman Farm development; and authorizing the Mayor or designee to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed 6/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jordan stated the executive session item was no longer needed.

5. The City Council will recess into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code for an executive session regarding the following:
 - a. Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. - deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property regarding: "Project Pie

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session.

6. Consider and take appropriate action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.

There were no actions required due to not convening into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

ATTEST:

JEFF JORDAN
MAYOR

JESSIE HANKS
CITY SECRETARY

