

**CITY OF LUBBOCK
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2007
9:00 A. M.**

The City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas met in special session on the 6th day of August, 2007, in the City Council Chambers, first floor, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas at 9:00 A. M.

**9:01 A.M. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED
City Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas**

Present: Mayor David A. Miller; Mayor Pro Tem Jim Gilbreath; Council Member Linda DeLeon; Council Member Phyllis Jones; Council Member Todd R. Klein; Council Member John Leonard; Council Member Floyd Price; Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager; Anita Burgess, City Attorney; and Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

Absent: No one

Mayor Miller convened the meeting at 9:01 A. M.

1. WORK SESSION

1.1. Presentation of Proposed FY 2007-08 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program - City Manager's Office: Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager; Jeff Yates, Chief Financial Officer; and Andy Burcham, Director of Fiscal Policy and Strategic Planning

Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager, presented Council with the proposed FY 2007-08 Operating Budget and Capital Program. The proposed budget is recommending a 46.199 cents property tax rate, which is the same as in the current year. This will generate 3.2 million, over the prior year, from appraisal growth. Of that 3.2 million, 2.9 million is dedicated to increasing public safety cost in police and fire. The sales tax forecast is at a 4.4%. She explained that the FY 2007-08 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program was formulated with focus on the following areas:

Core Services – adequate, safe, and secure water and wastewater system; a properly staffed and equipped public safety force; and a safe and reliable transportation infrastructure.

Effective Governance – management of the day-to-day operations of the City in a way that ensures the community is receiving the best possible services at the lowest possible cost.

Community – quality recreational, leisure, and educational offerings, and well-maintained and attractive parks, playgrounds and sport facilities.

Economic Development – funding economic development activities that generate opportunities for all citizens.

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Ms. Dumbauld then answered questions from Council.

Andy Burcham, Director of Fiscal Policy and Strategic Planning, presented Council with information on the proposed tax rate and tax rate history, State of Texas Truth-in-Taxation Laws, the effective/rollback tax rate, and General Fund revenues and expenditures. Burcham then answered questions from Council.

Jeff Yates, Chief Financial Officer, presented Council with information on the General Fund "B" list (recommended but not funded), water utility, wastewater utility, and stormwater utility, street maintenance program, and solid waste utility. Yates then informed Council of the Budget Calendar, which includes the notice for the first of the tax rate hearing and notice for the budget hearing, which will be published August 15, 2007. During the Regular City Council Meeting of August 23, 2007, the first tax rate public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. Also during that meeting, the date for the public hearing on the tax rate, and the date for the public hearing on the budget will be scheduled. On August 30, 2007, there will be a Special City Council Meeting for a budget public hearing at 7:30 a.m., the second tax rate public hearing at 7:30 a.m., the first reading of the budget ordinance, the first reading of the tax levy ordinance, and schedule and announce the meeting to adopt the tax rate. On September 5, 2007, the notice on the tax rate will be published. The September 13, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting will include the second reading of the budget ordinance, a vote to ratify property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget, and the second reading of the tax levy ordinance. The last day to adopt the 2007 tax rate is September 29, 2007. Yates then answered questions from Council.

9:28 A. M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting.