

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2021 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor  
Councilmember IV Hoke  
Councilmember Jason O'Brien  
Councilmember Fidencio Leija  
Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman, excused

The invocation was given by Councilmember Leija.

Business:

**a. Consideration and possible action: Discussion with Galveston County Emergency Services District Board of Directors regarding their additional sales tax proposition on the May 1, 2021, ballot and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the District regarding the distribution of the additional sales tax upon the city's future annexation of the property**

City Manager Glen Adams said this additional sales tax is currently available to the Galveston County Emergency Services District but the loophole authorizing this will soon be closed by the state legislature, so this timeline for the proposition to be on the ESD May ballot is critical. He said this discussion is to negotiate with the Emergency Services District Board of Directors to reach an agreement for distribution of this additional sales tax in the unincorporated area once the area becomes a part of the city. Mayor Tabor expanded on the discussion supporting this idea because the fire department does have some very large capital purchases, so another revenue source is beneficial. However, he said the city should be able to receive at least a portion of those funds if and when any of the area is incorporated into the city. Santa Fe Fire Department Chief Tommy Anderson said Santa Fe Fire and Rescue is contracted by the Galveston County Emergency Services District to provide fire services to the community. He said they have capital purchases, maintenance expenses, salaries, and insurance costs, so an additional source of income would help sustain fire services at an effective cost to the citizens. Mr. Anderson said they are trying to capture the additional sales tax that is probably already being charged in the unincorporated area and the state is probably retaining those funds for their general purpose use. Mayor Tabor said he is requesting authority to work with the ESD Board of Directors to reach an agreement over the distribution of the sales tax when the area is incorporated into the city. Mr. Adams said the city attorney said such an agreement is authorized by Section 775.0754 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Galveston County Emergency Services District Board of Directors regarding the distribution of the additional sales tax upon the city's future annexation of the property. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Leija to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary