

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2022 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bill Pittman  
Councilmember Brandon Noto  
Councilmember Jason O'Brien, arrived at 6:23 p.m.  
Councilmember John Dickerson  
Councilmember Dana Marks

Absent: Councilmember Melanie Collins, excused

**Business:**


**1. Discussion and direction: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the City of Santa Fe**

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the item to Council in depth and thanked City staff for their responsiveness to his requests for information. He discussed the changes in Santa Fe's assessed property values and the impact of those changes on the City's forecasted revenues, informing Council that the No New Revenue Rate for the coming fiscal year is approximately three cents lower than the current ad valorem tax rate. It is upon that No New Revenue Rate that the proposed budget is based.

Mr. Zepeda showed Council the department-requested budget items that he believes to be beneficial but nonessential, noting that some of the requests could be funded through other means, such as through the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding. Of particular note, non-exempt Streets Department and Parks Department staff have been budgeted for a \$2/hour raise to bring their positions more into line with the prevailing rate for comparable positions in neighboring cities. Council asked staff to, in the future, draft a listing of street and drainage priorities.

Motion by Councilmember Noto to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary

  
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BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR