

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Mayor Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bill Pittman
Councilmember Brandon Noto
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Melanie Collins
Councilmember John Dickerson

Absent: Councilmember Dana Marks, excused

Business:

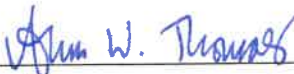
1. Consideration and possible direction: City of Santa Fe's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, discussion regarding the budget process, discussion of items contained or to be contained in the budget, and projects or expenses related to funding from the American Rescue Plan Act

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the current draft of the City of Santa Fe's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and broke down the proposed expenditures, including next year's possible tax rate, and the proposed expenditure of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. One of the proposed ARPA grant expenditures was for an upgrade of the City's financial software from Incode 9 to Incode 10, with a proposal that the City change its permitting software from iWorQ to Incode 10's permitting module. Mayor Pittman asked Mr. Zepeda to double-check whether building contractors liked using Incode's permitting software, in case the software is hard to use for the City's customers. Council asked what the "Highland B" project was that was listed as an ARPA expense; Mr. Zepeda was unsure, but will check on it and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Acting City Manager/City Secretary Alun Thomas informed Council that patrol officers are paid at twice their normal rate for hours worked on a holiday, and asked whether Council would be interested in a future discussion about the possibility of extending the double-pay policy to include dispatchers, given that those vital employees also work on holidays. It was the consensus of Council that an item for such a discussion be added to a future agenda. Finally, Mr. Zepeda explained that the City's pay scale is ten years old, so is out of date and needs updating.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary


BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR