

**CITY OF SANTA FE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Pittman.

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

Absent: None


Business:

1. Consideration and possible direction: City of Santa Fe's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, discussion regarding the budget process, and discussion of items contained or to be contained in the budget

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented an explanation of tax rate calculations from the Galveston County Tax Collector-Assessor's office entitled "Truth in Taxation Assessment & Collection Partners" which explained the process by which tax rate calculations are performed and then showed how the City calculated the No New Revenue Rate. Next, Mr. Zepeda explained that the City could use its ARPA funds to make some purchases in the next fiscal year that would otherwise have been made from the General Fund. Doing so, he said, would allow the City to better preserve its General Fund balance. Mr. Zepeda then discussed the merit increases for City employees that are included in the budget, noting that the merit increase for the employees covered by the now-passed Collective Bargaining Agreement would actually be receiving an average (mean) step increase of 3.52%, rather than the 3% to 3.25% that was previously believed to have been the step increase range. Mr. Zepeda concluded his remarks by, along with the department heads, answering in-depth questions from Council.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:


Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary


BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR