

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2023 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 Pittman.

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

Absent: None

**Business:**


**A. New Business:**

**1. Discussion and direction: Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Santa Fe**

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda went over the main components of the preliminary budget as it currently stands, reviewing the department heads' requests, the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the personnel positions and benefits, the revenue assumptions, and the property tax rates. Mr. Zepeda presented the preliminary budget line item by line item and discussed each item's importance and which items could potentially be deferred to future budget years. There was much discussion on the possible tax rate for next fiscal year, and determinations of future goals. Council expressed concerns about Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 1 (ESD) not reimbursing the City for its costs to receive, dispatch, and monitor calls for service for Santa Fe Fire & Rescue (SFFR), questioning why the City is covering the cost for calls handled on another entity's behalf. Council asked staff to set up a meeting with the ESD Board to have a discussion on future cost of calls. Mr. Zepeda addressed all questions and concerns from the Council. He also let the Council know if they have any further questions, they could reach out to him or Acting City Manager Alun Thomas.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Natalie Arnett, City Secretary

  
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BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR

