

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET WORKSHOP  
JUNE 10, 2019**

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**NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE: NOTICE is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may be in attendance at the City Council meeting JUNE 10, 2019 being held at Fate City Hall, 1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM A QUORUM**

Mayor Pro Tem Billings called the meeting of the Fate City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, in the Fate City Hall 1900 CD Boren Parkway, Fate, Texas.

City Secretary Victoria Raduechel confirmed the presence of a quorum.

**Council Members Present:**

David Billings, Mayor Pro Tem

Tamara Fisher

Lance Megyesi

Blake Buchanan, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)

Allen Robbins (arrived at 6:29 p.m.)

John Hamilton

**Council Members Absent:**

Joe Burger, Mayor

**City Staff Present:**

Michael Kovacs, City Manager

Justin Weiss, Assistant City Manager

Victoria Raduechel, City Secretary

Jessica Larson, Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Secretary

Lyle Lombard, Director of Public Safety

John Taylor, DPS Captain

Scott Monaghan, Director of Public Works

Raju Anthony, Director of Finance

Teresa Stevens, Senior Accountant

Steve Gilbert, Director of Community Services and Building Safety

Will Rugeley, Director of Planning and Development Services

Leigh Corson, Interim Director of Human Resources

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS**

Lyle Lombard, Director of Public Safety gave the invocation, after which the Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

### 3. NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

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#### **City Secretary's Note:**

**Council Member Buchanan arrived at 6:03 p.m.**

**Council Member Robbins arrived at 6:29 p.m.**

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City Manager Michael Kovacs provided a brief overview of the agenda for the workshop and Assistant City Manager Justin Weiss provided a brief overview of the National Community Survey reporting the National Community Survey (NCS) is about the “livability” of Fate. The NCS captures residents’ opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance, and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment, and Community Engagement). The Community Livability Report provides the opinions of a representative sample of 371 residents of the City of Fate. Mr. Weiss made a presentation providing a summary of the National Citizen Survey Results at which time he answered questions from the Council and discussion ensued. The summary of results included the following topics:

- Location of Survey Recipients
- Overall Quality of Life in Fate
- Community Characteristics and aspects thereof
- Governance (Overall quality of City Services) and aspects thereof
- Participation (Sense of Community) and aspects thereof
- Special Topics
- Information Sources
- Support for Property Tax Increase
- Conclusions:
  - Survey respondents identify Safety as a priority for the community.
  - Housing is a key feature of the Fate community.
  - Residents seek solutions to address issues related to Mobility.

After the presentation, Mr. Weiss answered questions from the following citizens that were present at the meeting:

- Tonya Megyesi – 111 Mustang Drive

Council Member Megyesi and Council Member Billings expressed concern regarding the wording used in the question related to the support for property tax increase and discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Billings recessed the meeting at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

## 4. WORKSHOP

### A. Where We Are Today.

Assistant City Manager Justin Weiss, with the assistance of City Manager Michael Kovacs, led the Council in a review of where we are today. During the review, discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding the following:

- Population
- Average Household Size
- Median Age
- Median Household Income
- Per Capita Income
- Median Net Worth
- Education
- New Home Permits
- Of 98 cities surveyed by the Dallas Regional Chamber, the City of Fate was found to have the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest property tax rate.
- Over 62% of all cities in DFW have a property tax rate if double that of the City of Fate.
- Full Time Equivalent (FTE) comparison for Texas Cities with a Population of 10,000 to 25,000

### B. Legislative Impacts And How We Are Responding.

Assistant City Manager Justin Weiss, with the assistance of City Manager Michael Kovacs, led the Council in a review of Legislative Impacts of the 2019 Texas Legislative Session and how we are responding. During the review, discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding the following:

- Senate Bill 2: This measure requires cities, counties, and other taxing units to receive voter approval before raising 3.5% more property tax revenue than the previous year.
- Senate Bill 1152: Relating to the payment of certain fees to municipalities by entities that provide telecommunications and cable or video services.
- House Bill 3: Relating to public school finance and public education.
- House Bill 852: Relating to building permit fees.

### C. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Major Policy Issues.

Assistant City Manager Justin Weiss, with the assistance of City Manager Michael Kovacs, led the Council in a review of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget major policy issues. During the review, discussion ensued among the Council and staff regarding the following:

- Overall Quality of City Services
- Value of Services for Paid Taxes
- Value of Services for Paid Taxes: Roads – Policy #1 – Proposed Road Fee \$3 per month
- Value of Services for Paid Taxes: Parks and Recreation – Policy #2 – Proposed Park Fee \$5 per month
- Value of Services for Paid Taxes: Drainage – Policy #3- Proposed Drainage Fee \$2 per month
- Garbage Contract Rates – anticipated reduction in monthly rate between \$2 and \$3. Household Hazardous Waste Program - \$1 to \$2 per month

Discussion was held regarding proposed dates for a budget workshop to be held in the month of July. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a budget workshop for either July 8<sup>th</sup> or July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of future questions and answer sessions/forums regarding the City budget to solicit community feedback regarding whether citizens would prefer the use of fees instead of an increase in the property tax rate.

City Manager Michael Kovacs answered questions from the following citizens that were present at the meeting:

- Maria Dellaplain – 753 Bosley

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business before the Council and Council Member Robbins moved to adjourn.

Council Member Hamilton seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Billings and Council Members Fisher, Megyesi, Buchanan, Robbins, and Hamilton.

Nays: None

Mayor Pro Tem Billings declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

**APPROVED:**

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Joe Burger, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Victoria Raduechel, TRMC  
City Secretary