

City of Meadowlakes

Called Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION: Mayor Don Williams called the meeting to order at 1:05 declaring that a quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Councilmembers present were Barry Cunningham, Mary Ann Raesener, Paul Sarcione, and Gary Hammond. Also present was City Manager Johnnie Thompson and City Secretary Stephanie Littleton. Councilmember Jones was not in attendance.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

A. Action/discussion/adoption: **Ordinance 2012-07 - Adoption of the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget including increase in water rates** (*Local Gov't Code Sec. 102.007 (A and B)*) After Council discussion and redline corrections, Councilmember Sarcione moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-07. Councilmember Raesener seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

B. Action/discussion/adoption: **Ordinance 2012-08 - Adoption of the 2012 Ad Valorem tax rate (Local Gov't Code Sec. 102.009)** After summary of the tax rate breakdown by Johnnie Thompson and Council discussion, Councilmember Raesener stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.3159 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 3.7% increase in the tax rate. I also move that Ordinance 2012-08 hereby be adopted which establishes said rate." Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

C. Action/discussion/adoption: **Resolution 12-09 Authorizing transfer of funds to establish reserves** After Council discussion, Councilmember Cunningham moved to adopt Resolution 12-09. Councilmember Sarcione seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

D. Action/Discussion: Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation General Manager & Chief Operations Manager employment contract. Council discussion ensued with PFC Board member Dale Fixsen regarding questions about the employment contract. Mayor Williams expressed his concerns regarding the payment of bonuses. Mr. Fixsen explained the incentive-based nature of the contract and the PFC board's review of the manager's performance and how that determines additional compensation. Council and audience discussion ensued. Councilmember

Hammond made a motion to accept the employment contract with redlines. Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion. Councilmembers Cunningham and Hammond voted in favor of the motion, Councilmembers Raesener and Sarcione voted against the motion to approve the employment contract. In the absence of Councilmember Jones, the tie-breaking vote was cast by Mayor Williams, who voted against approving the employment contract.

III. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. October 9, 2012 - Stated council meeting at 5 p.m. with a 2 p.m. workshop prior to the meeting.
- B. Codification update, no new information.
- C. No new information from the City Attorney regarding the contract between the City and the POA.
- D. Flu Clinic on the 20th.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 1:46 P.M.

Approved:

/s/ Don Williams _____ **Date:** 10/9/2012
Mayor, Don Williams

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Littleton _____ **Date:** 10/9/2012
City Secretary, Stephanie Littleton