
September 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Mayor	L. Kelly Jones
Council Member	Phillip Poole
Council Member	Immy Khan
Council Member	Teddy Berdan – participated virtually
Council Member	Robert Fitzgerald
Council Member	Halden Griffith
City Administrator/Sec	Brandy Barrett
Police Chief	Kevin Reaves
Deputy City Secretary	Elisa Hickey
City Attorney	Nicole Corr

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Jones at 6:00 PM

INVOCATION was given by Carl Greer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Jones.

SPECIAL SESSION:

A. Citizen Comments: one citizen spoke

B. Public Hearing

Mayor Jones opened a Public Hearing at 6:09 PM to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

- Six citizens spoke and three submitted statements in favor of adoption the budget.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 PM

C. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 508 adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

MOTION to approve the adoption of Ordinance 508 adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget as amended at the September 10th meeting.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Robert Fitzgerald.
- **Motion passed** by a roll call vote of 4 Ayes (Poole, Berdan, Fitzgerald, Griffith) and 1 Nay (Khan).

D. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2024- 2025 Budget as the Budget will require raising more tax revenue than in the previous year, whether from a tax increase or an increase in taxable value.

MOTION to ratify the property tax increase as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Halden Griffith.
- During the discussion several council members noted that this is the same tax rate that is currently in place and the raise in revenue is due to new construction and increased valuations.
- **Motion passed** by a roll call vote of 4 Ayes (Poole, Berdan, Fitzgerald, Griffith) and 1 Nay (Khan).

E. Public Hearing

Mayor Jones opened a public hearing at 6:39 PM, to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the 2024 Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 of valuation with the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by \$152,852 of which \$61,933 is tax revenue raised from new properties added to the tax roll this year. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease at a greater or lesser rate, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- There were no speakers.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 PM

F. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 509 setting and adopting the 2024 Municipal Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 valuation.

MOTION that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .4750, which is effectively a 6 percent increase in the tax rate.

- **MADE BY:** Robert Fitzgerald. **SECOND:** Robert Fitzgerald.

During the discussion several council members again noted that this is the same tax rate that is currently in place and the raise in revenue is due to new construction and increased valuations.

- **Motion passed** by a roll call vote of 4 Ayes (Poole, Berdan, Fitzgerald, Griffith) and 1 Nay (Khan).

G. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth to provide Emergency Medical Services (ambulance, formerly MedStar) to the citizens of Westworth Village.

- **This item was moved to the October agenda and no action was taken.**

H. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on the Emergency Medical Services Memorandum of Understanding Agreement, authorizing the City of Fort Worth to dissolve MedStar, aka “the Authority”, become the sole provider of ambulance services in the region, assuming the City of Westworth Village’s assets in the Authority and outlining the payment method to be used to calculate payment for EMS services to the City of Fort Worth.

MOTION to accept the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement.

- **MADE BY:** Phillip Poole. **SECOND:** Teddy Berdan.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

I. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 510 replacing Article 6.07 Emergency Medical Services, Uniform EMS, in accordance with the Emergency Medical Services Memorandum of Understanding Agreement, designating the City of Fort Worth as the EMS Provider of the EMS System within the corporate limits of City as provided by the terms of the EMS Interlocal Agreement between Fort Worth and the City.

- **This item was moved to the October agenda and no action was taken.**

J. Public Hearing

Mayor Jones opened a public hearing at 6:49 PM to receive citizen comments and input on comments and information on the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation to adopt the proposed updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- There were no speakers.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 PM

K. Councilman Griffith

Discussion and consideration of possible action on the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation to adopt the proposed updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

DISCUSSION: During discussion it was noted that the city engineers and attorney have not completed their review of the document and the maps. Staff was directed to start process of doing another city-wide survey, and to put an item on the October agenda regarding the survey.

- **This item was moved to the October agenda and no action was taken.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Jones convened in closed executive session at 7:03 PM to deliberate the following items:

A. Consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

- Discuss personnel matters regarding city attorney representation.

Mayor Jones re-convened in open session at 8:13 PM. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM by Mayor Jones.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



L. Kelly Jones, Mayor

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC

City Administrator/City Secretary