

DEE MARGO
MAYOR

TOMMY GONZALEZ
CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL
PETER SVARZBEIN, DISTRICT 1
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CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ, DISTRICT 3
SAM MORGAN, DISTRICT 4
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CLAUDIA ORDAZ PEREZ, DISTRICT 6
HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7
CISSY LIZARRAGA, DISTRICT 8

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
July 22, 2019**

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 11:29 a.m. Mayor Dee Margo present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Peter Svarzbein, Cassandra Hernandez, Isabel Salcido, and Henry Rivera. Late arrivals: Sam Morgan and Claudia Ordaz Perez at 11:32 a.m., Cissy Lizarraga at 11:34 a.m., and Aleksandra Annelo at 11:40 a.m.

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AGENDA

ITEMS 1 AND 2 WERE DISCUSSED TOGETHER

- 1. Discussion and action on the proposed bond election, including but not limited to, its budget-related impacts to/on capital projects, operating and maintenance and debt service.**
- 2. Presentation and discussion related to the proposed ballot language for the proposed bond election.**

The following City staff members presented PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office):

1. Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer
2. Ms. Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager
3. Mr. Richard Bristol, Streets and Maintenance Director
4. Ms. Karla M. Nieman, City Attorney

The presentation contained information on the proposed Community Health and Public Safety Bond Election, the capital cost, review of the projects involved, ballot language, community engagement and fact sharing strategy.

Important dates for the November 5, 2020 General Election were also discussed.

Mayor Margo and Representatives Svarzbein, Annelo, Hernandez, Morgan, Ordaz Perez, Rivera and Lizarraga commented and posed questions regarding the information provided.

The following City staff members participated in the discussion and responded to

questions posed by Council members:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer
3. Fire Chief Mario M. D' Agostino
4. Police Chief Gregory Allen
5. Mr. Harold Kutz, Streets and Maintenance Deputy Director
6. Ms. Laura Cruz Acosta, Strategic Communications Director
7. Mr. Ted Marquez, Deputy City Manager for Public Works

Mr. Paul A. Braden, financial consultant, commented.

Ms. Lisa Turner, citizen, commented.

NO ACTION was taken on these items.

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The City Council Special Meeting **RECESSED** at 12:37 p.m.

The City Council Special Meeting **RECONVENED** at 1:04 p.m.

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3. Discussion and action on the Proposed FY 2019 – 2020 Budget.

Mr. Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in the City Clerk's Office) and answered questions posed by Council members.

Mr. Cortinas reviewed the budget process and noted key dates prior to the budget adoption. He also briefed Council members on federal and states impacts on the budget and discussed the areas of interest from the public resulting from the City's Chime In survey and in-person meetings. Mr. Cortinas reviewed the budget priorities in the areas of public safety, streets, and quality of life.

The presentation also included information affecting the proposed tax rates, residential and commercial, along with discounts and exemptions for City services.

Mayor Margo and Representatives Svarzbein, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera and Lizarraga commented and posed questions regarding the information provided.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager
2. Mr. Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer

NO ACTION was taken on this item.

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ADJOURN

Motion made by Representative Ordaz Perez, seconded by Representative Annello, and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the Special City Council meeting at 2:45 p.m.

AYES: Representatives Svarzbein, Annello, Hernandez, Morgan, Salcido, Ordaz Perez, Rivera,
and Lizarraga

NAYS: None

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk