

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 - 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove Texas to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Gatewood gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Bob Reeves  
Ray Don Clayton  
John Gallen  
James Stockman  
R. Ray Gatewood  
Fred Harris  
Frank D. Somera, Jr. (excused absence)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Steven Alexander, City Manager  
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary  
James R. Thompson, City Attorney

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

1a. Public Hearing on a tax increase for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance, stated: The City Council formally received the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year at the July 19, 2005 City Council Meeting. A public hearing was held August 16, 2005 on the proposed budget. Over the last two months, budget workshops were held at City Hall to discuss the proposed budget.

On August 16, 2005, the City Council proposed a tax rate of \$.7750 per \$100 of taxable assessed value. This tax rate represents no increase over the prior year tax rate, and exceeds the effective tax rate by 5.842%. However, the proposed tax rate of \$.775 per \$100 of taxable assessed value does not exceed the rollback tax rate of \$.775282. Truth in Taxation, as set out by Senate Bill 18, requires that when the proposal to increase taxes exceeds either the effective tax rate or the rollback rate, then the taxing unit must publish notice of said increase and hold two public hearings. The "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" must be published at least seven days before the public hearing. Notice of this public hearing was made on August 21, 2005 in the newspaper, the City's web site and the City's government access channel, as well as posted on the door to City Council Chambers. The rollback and effective tax rates have been published and provided to you. The effective tax rate was calculated at \$.732221 per \$100 of taxable assessed value and the rollback rate was calculated at \$.775282 per \$100 of taxable assessed value.

The first of the two required public hearings was held on August 29, 2005. A second public hearing must be held not earlier than the third day after the first public hearing. This public hearing, for 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2005, meets the requirements. At the end of this public hearing, the City Council must again announce the date, time and place of a future meeting at which the City Council will vote to adopt a tax rate. Specific wording is required for this announcement.

Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking for: None.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the public hearing.

1b. Consideration and action on scheduling a meeting to adopt a tax rate 3-14 days after September 1, 2005. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to schedule a meeting to adopt a tax rate on September 13, 2005, at 7:00 pm, at a regular City Council meeting. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Public Hearing on changes to the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance stated: In accordance with the City Charter, after a public hearing has been held on the City Manager's proposed budget, changes may be made to the proposed budget. A public hearing must be held on those changes prior to the City Council inserting those changes. A notice of this public hearing has been made in accordance with the City Charter. City Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing on changes to the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Mayor Diaz opened the public hearing.

Speaking for: None.

Speaking against: None.

Mayor Diaz closed the public hearing and announced: The meeting at which the City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate is scheduled for September 13, 2005 at 7:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers located at 507 S. Main Street, Copperas Cove, Texas, 76522.

## E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Diaz announced the City Council would adjourn from the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 6:18 p.m.

1. Pursuant to §551.087 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session for deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations. (1) *to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.*

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager.

**F. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Diaz announced the City Council had reconvened at 7:17 p.m., and stated Executive Session items E1 and E2 were for information purposes only and no action would be taken.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary