

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

On the 30th day of August 2022, at 3:00 p.m., the City Council of Stafford, Texas met in the Council Chambers. The following members of City Council were present: Mayor Cecil Willis Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Don Jones, and Council Members Alice Chen, William K. Bostic Jr., Wen Guerra, Xavier Herrera, and Ken Mathew. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: City Secretary Roxanne Benitez, Director of Finance Alka Shah, Chief of Police Richard Ramirez, Fire Chief Larry Di Camillo, Director of Court Nicole Nguyen, Director of Human Resources Shanell Garcia, Director of Information Technology Ryan Young, and Director of Recreation Susan Ricks.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Pledges of Allegiance.

Council Member Mathew led the pledge to the United States flag. Mayor Willis led the pledge to the Texas flag.

3. Budget Workshop on proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget of the City of Stafford, with a suspension of the rules, including the following:

(a) Layout of Budget by Mayor, Cecil Willis Jr.

(b) Presentation by Finance Department.

Mayor Willis thanked everyone for their assistance and dedication.

Council and Staff discussed line items in detail, for each of the following departments:

- Fire Department
- Fire Marshal
- Emergency Management
- Civic Center
- Recreation / Pool
- Municipal Court
- Stafford Centre

Mayor Pro Tem Jones exited the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones entered the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Council Member Guerra exited the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Council Member Guerra entered the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

- Human Resources

Council and Staff then discussed proposed municipal sales tax (MST) funds that would be used for one-time purchases in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Director of Finance Alka Shah advised that .25 of every dollar received from sales tax revenue is placed in the MST fund.

Council Member Herrera exited the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Council and Staff then discussed various options for maintenance and repairs of streets and drainage in the City.

Council Member Guerra suggested collaborating with Fort Bend County and Missouri City.

Council Member Herrera entered the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Council and Staff reviewed and discussed in detail, one-time purchase requests that would be paid for using MST funds, if approved, for the following departments:

- Police
- Fire
- Fire Marshal
- Civic Centre
- Stafford Centre
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Stafford Pool

(c) Other items related to the FY 2022-2023 Budget.

City Council discussed future budget meeting dates. After a brief discussion, the consensus from Council was to conduct the next budget workshop on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and hold a special called meeting to approve the budget on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

(d) Public comments on items (a-c).

- Cliff Cowperthwait, who lives at 111 Squires Bend, advised that, in the previous year, two Council Members voted against the budget and asked if the needs of those Council Members had been met for this year. Mayor Pro Tem Jones advised that the timing was off. Mr. Cowperthwait advised that he would ask again on September 8. Mayor Pro Tem Jones

advised that he wanted the employees' needs to be met and added that he was in favor of a three-year capital plan.

- Virginia Rosas, who lives at 619 Elm View Court, advised that last year, two Council Members voted against the budget and never vocalized their concerns during budget meetings. She also advised that, if someone expressed a concern, they should also submit a revenue solution. Ms. Rosas asked about lifts for the elderly on high-water vehicles. She also advised that if someone was concerned about a suspected rental property, to contact Code Compliance Administrator Scott McElrath and he would have someone inspect the property. Ms. Rosas commended the City Council and SMSD Board for adopting the school budget, on September 29, unanimously 14-0.


(e) Consideration of appropriate action on items (a-c).

No action was taken.

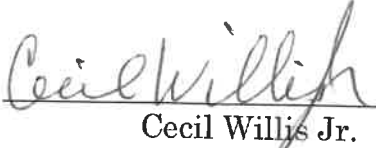
4. Adjournment.

Council Member Herrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m., and Council Member Chen seconded the motion. Mayor Willis, Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Council Members Bostic, Chen, Guerra, and Herrera voted "Aye". "Nay" – Council Member Mathew. Motion carried 6-1.

ATTEST:



Roxanne Benitez
City Secretary



Cecil Willis Jr.
Mayor