

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minute summary of the special meeting of the City Council of Sierra Vista held on the 28 day of July, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of August 2020

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Maria G. Marsh Deputy City Clerk

Jill Adams City Clerk





# Sierra Vista City Council Meeting Minutes July 28, 2020

Mayor Mueller called the July 28, 2020 City Council Special Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Roll Call:

Mayor Rick Mueller – present
Mayor Pro Tem Rachel Gray – present
Council Member William Benning – present
Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present
Council Member Sarah Pacheco – absent
Council Member Carolyn Umphrey - present
Council Member Kristine Wolfe – absent

Others Present:
Chuck Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager
Nathan Williams, City Attorney
Jill Adams, City Clerk
David Felix, Finance Chief Officer

### Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Umphrey moved that the Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of July 28, 2020, be approved as written. Council Member Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Umphrey, Calhoun, and Benning.

### Public Hearing

Item 2 Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Property Tax Levy

Mr. Potucek stated that a nuance in State Budget Law requires a public hearing on the property tax levy prior to a vote on the final budget, which did not take place at the July 23, 2020 meeting. Therefore, corrective action is being taken during the Special Meeting of July 28, 2020.

Ms. Yarbrough stated that this opens the public hearing for establishing the property tax levy for next year. It will establish the property tax levy rate at 11.06 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This means that an individual would pay \$11.06 per \$100,000 of value on their home. This lower the rate from .1124 cents because the increase in new construction and increased valuation raised the property tax assessment this year like last year. Lowering the rate avoids the necessity for the Truth and Taxation Notices and the City does not have to publish notices.

After the public hearing, Council would vote on the tax levy on August 13, 2020.

Mayor Mueller stated that the City has no problem in putting out the Truth and Taxation Notices; however, the cost of the publications would be more than the change in the tax evaluation. It would cost the City more to keep the same rate.

In response to Council Member Calhoun, Mayor Mueller stated that notice must be in the newspaper and published more than once. The document is available to the public. He further stated that the newspaper sets the rate, but the City is required by State Law to put it in the newspaper, and the newspaper of record must be used.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing. There was no response.

#### **New Business**

Item 3 Ratifying Resolution 2020-047, Adoption of the Final Budget for FY 2020-2021

Mayor Pro Tem Gray moved that the vote to approve Resolution 2020-047, adoption of the Final Budget for FY 2020-2021, be ratified. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams stated that because of the administrative oversight at the July 23, 2020 Council Meeting, the vote that Council took to approve the final budget was premature. By ratifying the vote, Council is correcting that oversight.

The motion passed by a 5/0 vote of Mayor Mueller, Mayor Pro Tem Gray, Council Members Umphrey, Calhoun, and Benning.

## Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the July 28, 2020 Special Meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 3:10 p.m.

Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

ATTEST:

Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

Jill Adams, City Clerk