

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY OF WILMER  
AUGUST 22, 2019**

**Councilmembers Present**

Emmanuel Wealthy Williams, Mayor  
Candy Madrigal, Mayor Pro Tem  
Sergio Campos, Councilmember  
Melissa Ramirez, Councilmember  
Jeff Steele, Councilmember  
Phyllis Slough, Councilmember

**City Staff**

John Hubbard, Interim City Administrator  
Missie Schwab, Finance Director  
Mark Hamilton, Fire Chief  
Michael B. Halla, City Attorney

**Call to Order**

With a quorum present, the Special Meeting of the Wilmer City Council was called to order by Mayor Wealthy Williams at 7:22 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019 in the Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza, Wilmer, Texas.

**Action**

- 1. Discuss and consider a resolution approving the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Wilmer and the Texas Military Department (TMD) and its Cyber Mission Forces (CMF), to render civil support assistance for cyber support; authorizing the mayor to execute said agreement.**

City Attorney Halla spoke on item 1 and shared that he spoke with John Green, attorney for the Texas Military Department, and the ransomware attack is an emergency situation akin to a hurricane or tornado (ie, natural disaster). In pursuant to 551.045 of the Local Government Code, the item was noticed as an emergency addition to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campos to approve item 1. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wealthy Williams altered the agenda.

**Executive Session**

- 5. The City Council shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Section § 551.074 (a)(1) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the**

**appointment, employment, evaluation, duties or dismissal of a public officer, to wit: the Municipal Judge.**

**6. Reconvene into open session. Consider and take appropriate action(s), if any, on closed/ session matters executive.**

The City Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Wealthy Williams altered the agenda.

**Public Hearing**

**3. Conduct a public hearing and discuss an ordinance regarding the proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be in accordance with said budget.**

Interim City Administrator Hubbard spoke on item 3 and provided an overview of the proposed budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal requested confirmation of the three (3) percent salary increase. Interim City Administrator Hubbard shared the increase will impact the employees that have been with the City more than one year.

Councilmember Steele requested confirmation of the savings from 75 employees to the proposed 64. Interim City Administrator Hubbard shared there are reduction savings.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams opened the public hearing.

Ann Hester, 219 S. Dallas Avenue, expressed her concerns about reviewing the proposed budget.

Laura Jacobs, 306 N. Dallas Avenue, expressed the importance of civil service along with providing municipal services. She shared her concerns on homestead exemption and the projection cost of her taxes.

Jeffery Jackson, 228 S. Dallas Avenue, spoke in favor of the tax rate.

Glenda Hefner, 743 N. Goode Road, spoke in opposition of item 2.

Lorrie McDonald, 1826 E. Beltline Road, spoke in opposition of item 2.

Councilmember Steele shared that he acknowledges all of citizen comments and expressed concerns with the 2019 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Interim City Administrator Hubbard responded to Councilmember Steele's concern regarding number 28B, Cities, counties and hospital districts with additional sales tax. He stated that the City does not dedicate a portion of the sales tax for M&O expenses in

2018. He shared that staff has confirmed the calculations that is reflected on the 2019 Tax Rate Worksheet.

Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal spoke on salaries and requested staff to adjust it appropriately.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Steele made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campos to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams announced that the second public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at this location, Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza Wilmer, Texas 75172.

- 4. Conduct a public hearing and discuss an ordinance regarding the proposed revenue increase from levying ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2019/2020 at \$0.562900 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits to provide revenues for current maintenance and operation expenses and interest and sinking fund requirements; providing due and delinquent dates; penalties and interest; providing a homestead exemption and disability exemption.**

Interim City Administrator Hubbard spoke on item 4 and shared that the proposed item will impact an increase to the homestead exemption and disability exemption.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams opened the public hearing.

Lorrie McDonald, 1826 E. Beltline Road, spoke in opposition of item 4 and expressed concerns with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Laura Jacobs, 306 N. Dallas Avenue, spoke in opposition of item 4 and expressed concerns with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Councilmember Steele expressed his gratitude on the proposed increase for the homestead exemption and disability exemption.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Madrigal made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Slough to close the public hearing. The vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams announced that the second public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at this location, Wilmer Community Center, 101 Davidson Plaza Wilmer, Texas 75172.

- 2. Discuss the proposed FY 2019/2020 tax rate of \$0.562900 per \$100 assessed valuation, receive related tax calculation documents, take record vote to consider a tax rate to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the previous year and set public hearing dates on the proposed tax rate.**

Interim City Administrator Hubbard spoke on item 2 and shared the maximum tax rate for 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Councilmember Slough expressed her concerns on the tax rate as well as the previous fiscal year's tax rates.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams requested Finance Director Schwab to administer the roll call vote for item 2.

Finance Director Schwab administered the roll call record vote to consider a tax rate to increase of \$0.562900 per \$100 assessed valuation. The vote was cast 1 for, 4 against [Campos, Ramirez, Steele, and Slough].

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Wealthy-Williams adjourned the special session at 10:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor