

**CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 01, 2015**

The City Council held a work session on Tuesday, September 01, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember, arrived 6:37 p.m.
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The following staff members were also present: Interim City Manager Pat Stallings, Finance Director Patrick Harvey, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Interim Public Works Director Phil DeChant, Library Director Liz Gant and City Secretary Dara Crabtree.

**ITEM 2. STAR TRANSIT PRESENTATION.**

Kim Britton and Ashley Ando with Star Transit provided a presentation including: outline of services; agency overview; current service available to Seagoville residents; fares; and service options. Questions and answers followed.

**ITEM 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS.**

ITEM 8. Discussion included: discounts currently being offered to seniors, the disabled and blind; an exemption application to must be completed by requestor to receive the discount; developing exemption application for individuals wishing to file for blind exemption (currently no one on file with this exemption); verification process; and the annual cost to the city for this discount.

ITEM 9. Following a City Council inquiry, Interim City Manager Stallings stated the contract before the City Council was with a different firm from who was previously handling the collections.

The work session was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 01, 2015**

The City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 01, 2015 at 7:13 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Dennis Childress	Mayor
Tommy Lemond	Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Howard	Councilmember
Jose Hernandez	Councilmember
Mike Fruin	Councilmember
Jon Epps	Councilmember

The Invocation was provided by Phil Greenawalt. Mayor Childress led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S REPORT.** Mayor Childress asked for prayers for all police officers safety; announced upcoming Reflections Community Chorus of Mesquite concert and Street Dance; and reported on recently attending Evelyn Barton's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration at Seago Manor.

**CITIZENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (items on the agenda).** No one spoke.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to approve Consent Agenda Item 1C. A vote was cast 5 in favor, 0 against.

**ITEM 1C.** Approve minutes for meetings held on August 17, 2015.

**ITEM 2.** Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed tax rate of \$0.713800 per \$100 valuation, which exceeds the effective tax rate calculated by the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector of \$0.681946 or 4.67%. This rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$120,856. No one spoke for or against the proposed tax rate. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

**ITEM 3.** Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance reflecting a tax rate of \$0.713800 per \$100 valuation, which exceeds the effective tax rate calculated by the Dallas County Tax Assessor/Collector of \$0.681946 or 4.67%. This rate will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$120,856. A vote was cast 5 for 0 against.

**ITEM 4.** Mayor Childress opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. to receive citizen input on the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget for all City funds. This budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$120,856 or 3.6%, and of that amount, \$54,251 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. No one spoke for or against the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget. The public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

**ITEM 5.** Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for FY 2015-2016 budget for all City funds as presented. This

budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$120,856 or 3.6%, and of that amount, \$54,251 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

**ITEM 6.** Councilmember Epps made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve the Hotel/Motel distribution grant agreements for the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Epps amended his motion to include the events: Mayfest /Cinco de Mayo (\$5,000.00), Seagofest (\$5,000.00) and Fireworks in the Park (\$5,000.00) for the total combined amount of \$15,000 for all three (3) grants, the amendment was accepted by Councilmember Hernandez. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

**ITEM 7.** Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 16-15 amending Chapter 19, Division 2, Rates and Charges, by amending section 19.03.061, Water Rates and Section 19.03.062, Sewer Rates, to provide new rates for water and sewer services within the city; providing for a penalty clause; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing for the publication of the caption hereof; and providing an effective date. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

**ITEM 8.** Following a discussion, Councilmember Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epps, to approve Ordinance No. 18-15 amending Chapter 19, Division 2, Rates and Charges, by amending Section 19.02.008, to provide new rates for sanitation service within the city; providing for a penalty clause; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing for the publication of the caption hereof; and providing an effective date. A vote was cast 4 for, 1 against (Fruin).

**ITEM 9.** Mayor Pro Tem Lemond made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fruin, to approve Resolution No. 39-R-15 authorizing a collection fee in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of debts and accounts receivable, such as unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution ordered by a municipal court serving the city, and amounts in cases in which the accused failed to appear as provided herein; and providing an effective date. A vote was cast 5 for, 0 against.

**ITEM 10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS.** No reports.

**ITEM 11. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** No one spoke.

**ITEM 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Jose Hernandez – review of City Engineer services and need for RFP, City Council Rules of Procedure and street standards in place.

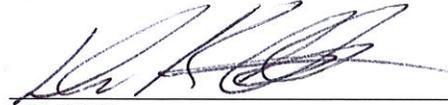
**ITEM 13.** The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. in compliance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate the appointment, employment, and hiring of a public officer or employee, to wit: Interim City Manager and City Manager.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 9:26 p.m.

**ITEM 14.** No action was taken on any item as a result of the Executive Session.

**ITEM 15.** The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY