



CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
AGENDA – CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2016; 7:00 p.m.
Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn

I. ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

II. OPEN MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM / PRESENTATIONS

To address the Council, please sign the Attendance Roster located on the table at the entrance of the Council Chamber. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.

A. Citizens to be Heard

B. Presentation by Bubba Ortiz from Ortiz Game Management on Managing Feral Hogs

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items are considered to be routine by the City Council, there will be no separate discussion on these items and will be enacted with one motion. Items may be removed by any Council Member by making such request prior to a motion and vote.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2016 Special City Council and October 6 Regular City Council

B. Approval of Resolution 2016-21 approving the 2016 property tax levy roll

V. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Discussion of draft Resolution defining when a public purpose is served in using Fair Oaks Ranch city funds to ameliorate storm water drainage problems - Alderman Hartpence

B. Consideration and possible action on ratifying the City Secretary appointment - City Administrator

VI. REPORTS FROM STAFF / COMMITTEES / COUNCIL

A. City Administrator – Update on the various property tax exemptions available and/or utilized by Fair Oaks Ranch taxpayers

B. Council – Requests for City topic needing additional information/research; or, potential consideration for a future agenda.

VII. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Section 551.101 of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Govt Code, a quorum of the governing body hereby convenes into closed session to discuss the following matters:

1. Section 551.071; Consultation with the City Attorney regarding Cause No. 2016-CI-05444; the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas vs R.W. Pfeiffer Properties, LLC

VIII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Signature of Agenda Approval: _____



I, C. Vanzant, Interim City Secretary, certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the outside bulletin board at the Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, and on the city's website www.fairoaksranchtx.org, both places being convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times. Said Notice was posted by 9:30 a.m., October 17, 2016 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened.

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**CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
7286 Dietz Elkhorn
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015**

I. ROLL CALL - DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Alderman Elizondo, Alderman Hartpence, Alderwoman Havard, and Alderwoman Patel.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Manitzas

Having a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt called the Special City Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. CITIZENS and GUEST FORM/PRESENTATIONS

No one requested to be heard

III. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consideration and possible action on approving an Ordinance adopting the fiscal year budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017

MOTION: Made by Alderman Elizondo, seconded by Alderwoman Havard approving an Ordinance adopting the FY2016-17 budget.

DISCUSSION: Alderman Hartpence stated he has yet to receive his requested information on Ag Exemptions and noted his concerns that some residents are not paying their fair share. Alderwoman Havard concurred with Alderman Hartpence. Being that the City does not establish Ag Exemption rules and rates, City Administrator Maples asked for staff time to do research on Ag Exemption and bring back their findings at a later meeting.

RECORD VOTE: 5-0; Motion Passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt - Aye

Alderwoman Havard - Aye

Alderwoman Patel - Aye

Alderman Elizondo - Aye

Alderman Hartpence - Aye

B. Consideration and possible action on ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY2016-17 budget

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt noted that since the FY2016/17 budget raises more in revenue from property taxes than in the FY2015/16 budget, Council must vote to ratify that increase. He also noted that this vote is in addition to and separate from the vote that adopted the budget and the vote to set the tax rate.

MOTION: Motion made by Alderman Hartpence, seconded by Alderwoman Patel to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY2016/17 budget. .

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-0; Motion Passed

C. Consideration and possible action on approving an Ordinance levying a property tax rate of \$.32336 per \$100 taxable valuation on property in the City of Fair Oaks Ranch for the 2016 tax year; determining due and delinquent payment dates; and providing for early payment discounts.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt noted the property tax rate breakdown for funding the approved budget is \$.2815 for M&O and \$.04186 for I&S and that continuance of the early payment discounts was previously requested by City Council.

MOTION: Made by Alderman Hartpence, seconded by Alderwoman Havard to approve an Ordinance levying \$.32336 per \$100 valuation as the 2016 property tax rate and authorizing early payment discounts of 3%, 2% and 1%.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-0; Motion Passed

D. Consideration and possible action on approving an Ordinance authorizing property tax exemptions for the 2016 tax year.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt noted that pursuant to the Texas Tax Code, Council has the option of deciding to offer certain exemptions. Historically, Council has authorized \$5,000 for homestead and \$20,000 for 65 and over, if the owner is a full-time resident in the homestead.

MOTION: Made by Alderman Elizondo, seconded by Alderwoman Patel to approve an Ordinance authorizing the 2016 property tax exemptions: \$5,000 for homestead, \$20,000 for 65 and over, if the owner is a full-time resident in the homestead, and that which is required by law for disabled veterans.

DISCUSSION: Alderman Hartpence, again, requested a review and findings of exemptions be brought back to Council for discussion

VOTE: 5-0; Motion Passed

F. Consideration and possible action on approving an Employee Recognition Program.

Human Resources Specialist Stahr stated that on July 7, 2016, City Council was supportive of the staff proposal to begin an Employee Recognition Program by first creating an Employee of the Quarter Award. Today Council is being presented with the policy/administrative procedure in selecting the Employee of the Quarter recipient.

MOTION: Made by Alderwoman Havard, seconded by Alderman Elizondo to approve an Employee Recognition Program

DISCUSSION: Alderman Hartpence stated he liked the award being an 8 hour vacation day. When asked by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt what happens if a committee member is a nominee, Alderwoman Havard stated a replacement will be appointed to the Committee. Human Resources Specialist Stahr stated all city employees are eligible to be a recipient except for the City Administrator

VOTE: 5-0; Motion Passed

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Garry Manitzas, Mayor

ATTEST:

C. Vanzant, Interim City Secretary

**CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 6, 2016
7286 Dietz Elkhorn
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015**

I. ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Council Members Present: Mayor Manitzas, Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt, Alderman Hartpence, Alderwoman Havard, and Alderwoman Patel

Council Member Absent: Alderman Elizondo

Having a quorum present, Mayor Manitzas called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Laura Roan, resident

III. CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Made by Alderman Hartpence, seconded by Alderwoman Havard to approve the September 1 and September 15, 2016 regular City Council meeting minutes.

VOTE: 4-0; Motion Passed

V. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss and consider possible action on Roadway Reconstruction Drainage Easement Agreements for properties located at 7660 Intrepid Drive, 7730 Intrepid Drive, 31040 Meadow Creek Trail, and 7245 Silver Spur Trail

Public Works Director Emmons stated the Roadway Reconstruction Project contains several drainage improvements to be constructed in conjunction with adjacent streets in the Bond project. During the engineering work, four easements will be required to allow the City to construct and maintain the appropriate drainage improvements. Agreements have been provided to property owners with one owner requesting compensation as his property is being used for storm water runoff that originates from another property. After researching comparable real estate transactions in the area, staff negotiated the details of the Agreement which includes a \$17,000 compensation to purchase the easement, temporary fencing to secure the undisturbed portions of the property, permanent access gates with a probable installation of a new driveway access, installation of an electrical conduit, and a one-year tree preservation guarantee.

When asked by Alderwoman Havard, Emmons confirmed the Agreements have not been signed. When asked by Alderwoman Patel why only the property owners on 7730 Intrepid were being paid compensation, Emmons stated the other property owners are willing to have their properties used as they will benefit from the improvement. Alderwoman Havard noted flooding not only occurs on private properties but on a public roadway. When asked by Alderman Hartpence where the compensation is being funded from and when the project is completed, will the easement cause a decrease in the property value, Emmons stated the funds will be paid by the Bond and the property will have notable changes as a tree is being removed, a manhole will be installed and a gate will be placed to which the property owner is being compensated for. Alderwoman Patel expressed her concern on preserving trees for one year as we can't control effects of mother nature. Emmons noted the extent of the City's tree preservation plan includes protecting the integrity of the torn up area and watering trees. Alderwoman Patel suggested the Agreement be strengthened with increased clarity of the tree

preservation both from the City side and the property owner side so that there's no future misunderstanding. City Attorney Zech noted the Agreement has the appropriate clauses regarding standard of care and factual dispute as to whether negligence occurred. Alderwoman Patel asked that the Agreement use the "standard of strict liability clause" instead.

MOTION: Made by Alderwoman Havard, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to approve drainage easements on 7760 Intrepid Drive, 7730 Intrepid Drive, 31040 Meadow Creek Trail, and 7245 Silver Spur Trail as detailed in the proposed Agreements but to add in the 7730 Intrepid Drive Agreement a strict liability statement, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign said Agreements.

VOTE: 4-0; Motion Passed.

B. Discuss and consider possible action on the Fountains Drainage Alternative A or B of the bid tabulation for the Roadway Reconstruction and Water Improvement Projects presented at the September 1, 2016 City Council meeting

MOTION: Made by Alderman Hartpence, seconded by Alderwoman Havard to make this agenda item a discussion only.

DISCUSSION: Alderman Hartpence noted at the September 1 Council meeting Council had voted not to include The Fountains subdivision in the Roadway Reconstruction Project and feels no action is required. Alderwoman Havard concurred and stated several meetings and conversations have been held regarding whether the City can use public funds on private property and that the City has a master drainage plan in the works to address not only this issue but approximately 45 other drainage issues.

VOTE: 3-1; Motion Passed (Nay: Alderwoman Patel)

Public Works Director Emmons presented drawings of the Subdivision and the flooding issues. He noted Alternative A is a pipeline that will be laid between the current drainage easement through the Subdivision and that Alternative B is a pipeline that will be laid in the public right-of-way along Ralph Fair Road down Dietz Elkhorn. Alderwoman Havard asked if road degradation would occur along Dietz Elkhorn due to water velocity. Emmons stated although there is already a concrete channel, Staff has not completely analyzed this option and as such, A is the preferred method. He further noted other issues with Alternative B includes going around a right of way is problematic, trees need to be removed, heavy discharge will occur on Dietz Elkhorn, and land/road erosion could occur. When asked by Mayor Manitzas if high curbing is successful in water drainage, Emmons stated yes and has thought of using this method but has not, at this time, looked at it in depth. When asked by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt if A or B are not done, would we consider curbing. Emmons stated yes as curbing can assist water to drain in the appropriate path. Emmons continued his presentation by stating Harper Brothers, the road reconstruction project contractor, has notified the City they are unable to extend the 30-day bid value due to subcontractor agreements and as such, no action today will affect the original awarded bid price. When asked by Alderman Hartpence, Emmons noted the project should start in 4-5 months, first being the drainage followed by road repair. When asked by Alderwoman Patel if the City had designed and asked for the two Alternatives, Emmons responded yes.

1. Harry Thomas, 29015 Tivoli Way, asked where does the liability of the flooding issue lie as he believes The Fountains was to be a catch basin and not a residential subdivision? He stated the City needs to be more diligent and careful in their review of plats/plans as The Fountains should never have been approved. Again, is the City liable even if their action was unknowingly?

2. Kathy Phillips, 29018 Tivoli Way, stated her home is constantly affected by flooding waters coming from Windemere and Fair Oaks Parkway...she can't sell her home, furniture is on blocks, five homes are affected, the subdivision road constantly is in need of repairs, and that 60 residents can't alone fix the issue. As such, the City should be a partner in fixing the issue.

3. Jim Havard, meeting attendee, stated he's noticed the drainage easements in The Fountains have been filled in by landscape materials and asked if the easements were restored as purposed, would that relieve the issue? Emmons noted Staff would need to evaluate the channeling as he is not sure the current easements are wide enough. Cody Phillips, meeting attendee, stated that even if the easements were re-purposed, he does not believe it would help.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt read a hand out detailing his justification of using bond funds for The Fountains drainage issue (see attached Exhibit A). Alderwoman Havard stated water has always flowed from Windemere down to The Fountains area, the approved subdivision plat, at the time, met the city standards, there are over 45 drainage issues in the City - some with homes totally flooded and the City needs to prioritize all these issues, is concerned Dietz Elkhorn will be impacted by the velocity of the water, and feels The Fountain issue needs to be a planned and fact based decision and not based on emotions. Alderwoman Patel stated she does not have the comfort level of understanding the Alternatives in ensuring they will address the flooding issue. She questioned if there are other solutions we have not considered? Alderman Hartpence summarized his notes (see attached Exhibit B) from the September 28, 2016 Save the Fountains Town Hall meeting he attended. As for tonight's discussion he is concerned with the use of public funds for a private purpose and recommends Council articulate "public purpose" in a formal document, the approved Bond needs to be used for street improvements - if Council continues with drainage, a second legal opinion should be sought, and that 5 of the 47+ existing drainage issues have homes flooded and prioritization of each needs to be done. Mayor Manitzas noted the City has not done an outstanding job in planning for the future and that the Council has addressed this in this fiscal year's budget by funding Plans/Projects to address current issues. He recommends addressing city-wide drainage in a complete and thorough thought including providing answers to what's included in a drainage plan, how quickly can the projects be completed, resources of funding, and establishing a prioritization method. Alderman Hartpence stated the City has a wound that is bleeding that needs fixing and asks that any future workshop/discussion be focused on the five (as noted in previous meetings) urgent properties. Mayor Manitzas expressed his desire for Staff to move forward on the Master Drainage plan contract vs hosting an immediate workshop for further discussion.

VI. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

None

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Pursuant to Section 551.101 and 551.071 of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Govt Code, City Council convened at 12:05 p.m. into closed session to consult with the City Attorney regarding Cause No. 2016-CI-5444; the City of Fair Oaks Ranch vs R.W. Pfeiffer Properties, LLC.

VIII. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 12:50 p.m. and took no action

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Manitzas adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Garry Manitzas, Mayor

ATTEST:

C. Vanzant, Interim City Secretary

Residents' comments to Council on 9/1/2016...

Cody Phillips ...

- More water over the years from developments in and out of Fountains.
- Should it have been foreseen ?
- Their engineers have told them there is nothing they can do. Most of problem is on Parkway side.
- It would be a Public use of funds by eliminating a danger or public harm.

Harry Thomas ...

- When Fountains was approved there was no hydrological study.
- City approval was a flawed process...City has responsibility.

Max Roesch ...

- 70 % of water not theirs... it's Windermers'... NOT OUR WATER.
- **Fountains and Intrepid/Robin Dale have been included for long time in bond work plans and several times briefed to Council.**
- **Council minutes are ...**

Oct 15, 2014 ... bond initiative briefed including **addressing drainage issues.**

Nov 19, 2015... Cody Phillips showed video of Oct 30 2015 flooding and asked for "speed up" of the drainage project. At same Council meeting the contractor (Pape-Dawson) presented Preliminary Engineering report including " **Fountains** subdivision, Meadow Creek trail and Intrepid/Robin Dale drainage issues ".

Feb 4, 2016..... Pape -Dawson gave quarterly project report including the design phase submittal for drainage and utilities.

May 19, 2016 ...Pape- Dawson gave quarterly project report giving updated schedule, probable costs for roads and drainage and highlighted Intrepid/Robin dale and the **Fountains**. This briefing **included a Fountains design aerial chart showing the Alternative A and B routes.**

Jun 16, 2016 Ron Emmons and Pape-Dawson gave project updates saying the construction priorities were doing Intrepid/Robin Dale first, **Fountains second** and other drainage and culverts.

47 drainage issues... at the recent briefing by Ron on 47 drainage issues the chart # 34 showing the **Fountains** and drainage easements had in the description ... " **Large amount of runoff from Windermere crosses Fair Oaks Parkway and is intercepted by homes. This issue will be addressed as part of the Road Bond Project** ".

Sep 1, 2016 ... " City Attorney Santee concurred with City Attorney Zech and Bond Attorney's previous opinion as there is latitude in the Constitution regarding use of public funds on private property, but it is City Council who determines if a project is a public purpose and whether they want to mitigate the situation or not . "

- **The attorneys say it can be done.** Appropriate file justification documentation can be done. It is an appropriate use of public funds directly related to the bond Parkway project.
- Design work has already been done and paid.
- Construction equipment and personnel will be in the area and makes sense to do at same time. Less cost and time.
- **Rectifies a situation that was not caused by residents.** Has become worse in recent years.
- **Fountains residents don't have the resources to fix this** nor can they do anything outside their subdivision.
- Existing culvert on Parkway doesn't allow much water to flow under wall and water is diverted along the wall.
- The Phillips have been flooded 4 times and have spent \$ 18,000 on it. Another resident has spent \$ 12,000. The Phillips now have a bare concrete floor in their bedroom and furniture is on blocks. Several folks have placed sandbags. 6 to 8 homes are directly affected.
- \$ 6,500 spent by homeowner's HOA in 2015 on Tivoli way for a drainage concrete trough, asphalt repair and crack sealing because of excessive storm water runoff from the Parkway.
- **Real estate values are significantly affected.**
- **Most of the water generates OUTSIDE of the Fountains** from Parkway, Windermere and Pimlico.
- HOA indicated it might consider giving a reasonable dollar contribution or fund replacement trees. If Alternative B is done, the HOA could address the water from inside the Fountains themselves.
- Alt B keeps most of the water from entering the Fountains.
- There is a lot of blame that can be discussed, however the **City has responsibility for the welfare of residents and home values.** This major problem will not go away. Situation comes from several factors...
 - City drainage requirements/reviews
 - Developer / builder plans
 - Mother nature rains
 - Upstream development changes
 - Homeowners' diversions
 - Ground shifting over the years

Each drainage issue in the city must be reviewed based on its' own facts. The City must step to its' " greater good "responsibility and work to correct the Fountains situation which has been planned since the Bond project inception and protect home values. A reversal of previous Council understandings and direction is inappropriate and would affect the trust that City residents have in us. It would be a negative precedent. It is not consistent with the Council's role to safeguard City assets.

Al Schmidt
10/5/16

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9/28/2016 - SAVE THE FOUNTAINS TOWN HALL MEETING NOTES

Handout for Fair Oaks Ranch Mayor, City Council, and the City Administrator to Consider at the October 6, 2016 City Council Meeting

Roy Elizondo, Steve Hartpence & 25 Fountain residents & other concerned Ranch supporters attended a "Save The Fountains Town Hall Meeting" on 9/28 in the Phillips home.

The points discussed below were from meeting notes and emails after the Town Hall Meeting. These reasons explain why the City Council should vote in favor of one of the bond alternatives that would help The Fountains from being flooded by city storm water runoff from Fair Oaks Parkway.

*First, if drainage work is done on Fair Oaks Parkway, the conflict is gone as Fair Oaks Parkway is a public road and the work would prevent flooding of Fair Oaks Parkway as well as flooding in the Fountains. The public reason it would be OK to cure or mitigate flooding in the Fountains is because the City's failure to better manage the storm water runoff that comes from Windermere and crosses Fair Oaks Parkway has created a condition that causes damage to homes, yards, and the street in the Fountains.

(Kathy Phillips Note: This massive amount of storm water drainage run off from the parkway has caused damage to homeowners, our street & drainage sluice.)

*If work is done on Tivoli Way in order to fix the inadequate drainage from Fair Oaks Parkway, that's a public purpose - curing the drainage issue and abating the damage the inadequate drainage is causing.

*The Fountains Neighborhood is in a bad situation and the City Council should not act like the drainage issue isn't something the city needs to do something about.

*Regarding developers. The City's Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 10 of the City Ordinances) requires subdivision developers to obtain various approvals before they begin construction. One approval involves drainage plans. Per Article V, Section 1.A of Exhibit A (follows Article 10.04 in the Code of Ordinances), "The Subdivider [developer in the Fountains' case] shall provide an adequate storm drainage system to protect each lot throughout the subdivision from flooding." The regulations require the drainage plan be submitted for review by the City Engineer and eventually be approved by the City Administrator. Whether the developer

proposed adequate drainage or not, the City Engineer and City Administrator approved the developer's plan, so there's likely some responsibility on the City's part if drainage on Tivoli Way is inadequate.

*The City OKed the plan and under the Subdivision Regulations, that implies the City thought the developer's drainage plan would meet the requirement to protect each lot throughout the subdivision from flooding.

*Texas Constitution. Article I, section 17(a) of the Texas Constitution says: "No person's property shall be taken, damaged, or destroyed for or applied to public use without adequate compensation being made, unless by the consent of such person, and only if the taking, damage, or destruction is for: [two listed purposes]." An argument could be made that by not diverting the water flow from Windermere across Fair Oaks Parkway, the City is using Tivoli Way/the Fountains as drainage for Fair Oaks Parkway. Since allowing the storm water to flood the Fountains damages homes, yards, and the street, using Tivoli Way as drainage could violate section 17(a) unless the City compensates the affected homeowners.

(Kathy Phillips Note-The only drainage the Parkway has is into The Fountains subdivision. The Parkway has no storm drains, no curbs, and no gutters.)

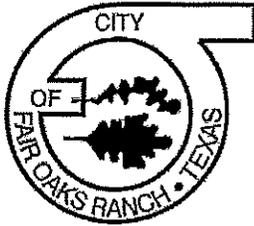
The bond legal counsel states infrastructure improvements such as adding non-existent drainage to The Parkway & Dietz Elkhorn would improve the infrastructure of The Parkway & Dietz Elkhorn. This would get the water out of The Fountains and would be covered under the Bond.

***Adam Gilles-29106 Tivoli Way**-stated on 9/28 at a Town Hall Meeting that he had to pay \$12,000 to fix a 48-inch retaining wall that was damaged during the October 2015 flooding.

***Cody & Kathy Phillips-29018 Tivoli Way have lost about \$18,000 NOW** with 3 major home floodings—this does not include the new carpet that will need to be purchased and installed in the Master Suite and Bath after the City's drainage issues have been resolved.

***HOA spent \$6,533 in 2015 on Tivoli Way** for asphalt repair, cracksealing and a concrete trough. This was done because of the excessive storm water runoff from the parkway. Our 30 homes would not have needed to repair Tivoli Way that early and would have waited until the street totally needed resurfacing.

(Kathy's Notes: It is expensive to keep up a private home and private street. There is potential for a decrease in neighborhood property values if the word gets around that the City is causing damage to private property and has no plans to do anything about it.)



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

TITLE: Approval of Resolution 2016-21 approving the 2016 property tax levy roll
START/END DATE: October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017
DEPARTMENT: City Council
PRESENTED BY: Consent Agenda – C. Vanzant, Asst City Administrator

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code, Chapter 26.09(e), after City Council sets the 2016 property tax rate, the levy roll is determined, by the property tax collector, based on said approved property tax rate, and presented to Council for approval: *The assessor shall enter the amount of tax determined as provided by this section in the appraisal roll and **submit it to the governing body of the unit for approval.** The appraisal roll with amounts of tax entered as approved by the governing body constitutes the unit's tax roll.*

City Council, on September 19, set the 2016 property tax rate at \$.32336 on each \$100 taxable valuation of property. See attached 2016 Levy Total report for calculation of Total Levy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

M&O Levy @ \$.2815 tax rate:	\$3,778,801.56*	M&O Tax Revenue Budgeted:	\$3,708,753
I&S Levy @ \$.04186 tax rate:	561,921.12*	I&S Tax Revenue Budgeted:	<u>551,552</u>
AG Penalty (late application received; penalty assessed):	<u>313.23</u>		
Total Levy:	\$4,341,035.91	Property Tax Revenue Budgeted:	\$4,260,305

*Levy of taxes assumes 100% taxpayer payments and no early payment discounts taken

RECOMMENDATIONS

As approval of the levy roll is required by statute, "I move to approve Resolution 2016-21 approving the City of Fair Oaks Ranch 2016 property tax levy roll of \$4,341,035.91 "

2016 LEVY TOTALS

CFO - FAIR OAKS RANCH
Grand Totals

Property Count: 4,025

9/23/2016 10:26:16AM

Land		Value			
Homesite:		282,088,301			
Non Homesite:		65,249,049			
Ag Market:		21,618,419			
Timber Market:		0	Total Land	(+)	368,955,769
Improvement		Value			
Homesite:		977,221,398			
Non Homesite:		84,490,079	Total Improvements	(+)	1,061,711,477
Non Real		Count	Value		
Personal Property:	183		11,387,647		
Mineral Property:	0		0		
Autos:	0		0		
			Total Non Real	(+)	11,387,647
			Market Value	=	1,442,054,893
Ag		Non Exempt	Exempt		
Total Productivity Market:	21,618,419		0		
Ag Use:	54,548		0	Productivity Loss	(-) 21,563,871
Timber Use:	0		0	Appraised Value	= 1,420,491,022
Productivity Loss:	21,563,871		0		
				Homestead Cap	(-) 4,148,028
				Assessed Value	= 1,416,342,994
				Total Exemptions Amount	(-) 73,962,608
				(Breakdown on Next Page)	
				Net Taxable	= 1,342,380,386

Levy Info			
M&O Rate:	0.281500	M&O Tax:	3,778,801.56
I&S Rate:	0.041860	I&S Tax:	561,921.12
Protected I&S Rat	0.000000	Protected I&S Tax	0.00
		Ag Penalty:	313.23
		PP Late Penalty:	0.00
		Total Levy	4,341,035.91
Tax Increment Finance Value:			0
Tax Increment Finance Levy:			0.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21
APPROVING THE 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY ROLL FOR CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Section 26.09(e) the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, must officially approve the tax levy roll of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas for the year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS, that:

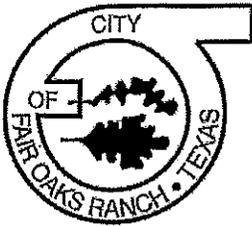
1. The City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch hereby officially approves the 2016 property tax levy roll as required by the Property Tax Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Section 26.09(e) in the amount of \$4,341,035.91 based on a tax rate of \$0.32336 per \$100 valuation of a total net taxable value of \$1,342,380,386.
2. A signed copy of this Resolution shall be submitted, by the Interim City Secretary, to the city's property tax collector, Kendall Appraisal District.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of October, 2016.

Garry Manitzas, Mayor

ATTEST:

C. Vanzant, Interim City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

TITLE: Discussion of draft Resolution defining when a public purpose is served in using public funds to ameliorate storm water drainage problems

START/END DATE: N/A

DEPARTMENT: City Council

PRESENTED BY: Alderman Hartpence

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Attached is a DRAFT Resolution defining when a public purpose is served in using public funds to ameliorate storm water drainage problems. This discussion item was requested by Alderman Hartpence. The goal is to initiate a discussion to determine if a Resolution of this nature is warranted. Subsequent to City Council discussion, Staff will advance the Resolution as directed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A at this time

RECOMMENDATIONS

If applicable, provide direction to Staff

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A RESOLUTION DEFINING WHEN A PUBLIC PURPOSE IS SERVED IN USING FAIR OAKS RANCH CITY FUNDS TO AMELIORATE STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 50 of the Texas Constitution prohibits lending the credit of the state, and Article III, Section 52 prohibits the Legislature from authorizing political subdivisions to lend their credit or to grant public money for private purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Texas courts have granted broad discretion to local governments in defining a public purpose for expending funds that benefit a private entity; and,

WHEREAS, there are numerous stormwater drainage issues in Fair Oaks Ranch which have been, to varying degrees, created by either city action/ inaction, residents, developers, builders, etc.; and

WHEREAS, many stormwater drainage issues cannot be ameliorated without bringing the resources of the city as a whole to bear; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Fair Oaks Ranch have an interest in maintaining the safety of our streets and the market value of our homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS:

We declare a public purpose to use city funds to ameliorate stormwater drainage issues in the following circumstances and for the following reasons:

1. Roads are impassable or deemed dangerous due to stormwater flooding (public safety).
2. Stormwater enters homes (public safety and protection of property value for all residents).
3. Any other reason to be defined in specific terms by Council when an unforeseen circumstance arises.

Recognizing that every stormwater drainage issue is unique as to its cause, impact, solution and cost, this resolution is not intended to require the city to repair any specific problem nor does it require the city to bear any specific portion of the cost. It is intended to allow the city to use public funds to ameliorate specific stormwater drainage problems when the Council makes a judgement to do so.

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