

**City Council Special Meeting
MINUTES
September 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Countryman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Casey Olson Mayor Pro Tem
 Carol Langley City Council Place #1
 Cheryl Fox City Council Place #4
 Stan Donaldson City Council Place #5

Also Present: Gary Palmer City Administrator
 Dave McCorquodale Director of Planning & Development
 Maryann Carl Finance Director
 Diana Titus Deputy City Secretary

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cheryl Fox gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

Pledges to the American and Texas Flag were conducted.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Speakers.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will convene into a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

1. Hear comments on the Proposed 2024 Tax Rate of \$0.4000 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Convene into Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

2. Hear comments on the Proposed FY2025 City of Montgomery Annual Budget.

Convene into Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Meeting at 6:02 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Consideration and possible action, by record of vote, on: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$145,499, WHICH IS A 7.49 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$73,825.

Ms. Carl said what is before Council this evening is the proposed budget that was approved back in August and has been posted on the website since August 14th when it was filed with the Deputy City Secretary. This is what they are presenting for consideration.

Councilmember Casey Olson made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Stan Donaldson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Carol Langley – Aye, Councilmember Casey Olson – Aye, Councilmember Cheryl Fox – Aye, Councilmember Stan Donaldson – Aye. **Motion Passed (5-0).**

4. Consider, Adopt and Set by Ordinance the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations, **\$.3089/\$100.**

Ms. Carl said this item is the breakdown of the overall tax rate you will be considering in item #6. We have to have a motion for the maintenance and operation separate as well as the debt service separate before we combine any in the ordinance.

Councilmember Casey Olson made a motion to adopt item #4 as presented. Councilmember Stan Donaldson seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion Passed (5-0).**

5. Consider, Adopt, and Set by Ordinance the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service, **\$0.911/\$100.**

Councilmember Casey Olson made a motion to adopt item #5 as presented. Councilmember Stan Donaldson seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion Passed (5-0).**

6. Consideration and possible action, by record vote, on: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A RATE OF **\$0.4000** PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024 SPECIFYING SEPARATE COMPONENTS OF SUCH RATE FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND FOR DEBT SERVICE; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2024 PROVIDING FOR DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION AND ORDAINING OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Ms. Carl said this is now the combination of the maintenance and operation and the debt service. This also requires a record vote.

Councilmember Casey Olson asked how long has it been since they raised the taxes. Ms. Carl said she believes it was 2017 that Council started adopting the 40 cents.

Councilmember Casey Olson moved to approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.4000 per 100 dollars which is effectively a 4.9 percent increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Carol Langley seconded the motion.

Councilmember Carol Langley – Aye, Councilmember Casey Olson – Aye, Councilmember Cheryl Fox – Aye, Councilmember Stan Donaldson – Aye. **Motion Passed (5-0).**

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Countryman moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Casey Olson seconded the motion. **Motion Passed (5-0).**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

Date Approved: 10-8-2024

Submitted by: Diana Titus
Diana Titus, Deputy City Secretary

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Mayor Sara Countryman