

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL  
June 29, 2017**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Schiff and Council Members Peterson, Nelson, Ennis and Jones. Officers present were City Manager Lynda Humble and City Secretary Ann Franklin. Staff present were Planning and Engineering Director, Wesley Brandon; Chief Financial Officer, Tracy Waldron; and Managing Director of Public Works and Leisure Services, Trey Job.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. WORK SESSION**

2C. Discuss the proposed Water & Wastewater Capital Improvement Program and implementation of required fees as outlined in recent Water/Wastewater Rate Study. **This item was withdrawn without objection.**

2A. Discuss overview of FY 2018 Budget process.

**Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble.**

**The following dates were listed for receipt of certified tax roll, future workshops and public hearings:**

**July 20, 2017 – Additional Budget Workshop**

**July 25, 2017 – Receive Certified Tax Roll**

**August 1, 2017 – Special Council Meeting to meet State Law Publication Notification Requirements on Tax Rate**

**August 8, 2017 – Present Budget to Council**

**August 16 and 17, 2017 - Budget Workshop**

**August 22, 2017 – First Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

**September 12, 2017 – Second Public Hearing on Tax Rate & First Public Hearing on Budget**

**September 26, 2017 – Adopt Budget and Set Tax Rate**

2B Discuss the proposed use of Red Light Camera Funds to fund traffic safety projects pursuant to Chapter 707 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble and Managing Director of Public Works and Leisure Services, Trey Job.**

**City Manager, Lynda Humble informed the Council that a consensus of the Council will be required in order to include the proposed projects using the Red Light Camera funds in the budget, as it is not included in the budget as of yet.**

**There was a consensus of the Council to include the proposed projects using the Red Light Camera funds in the budget.**

- 2D. Discuss the proposed Building Inspection Fees to support anticipated costs of future development.  
**Presentation was made by Planning and Engineering Director, Wesley Brandon. City Manager, Lynda Humble asked for a consensus of rate increase for permits from the Council.**

**There was a consensus of the Council of rate increase for permits.**

- 2E. Discuss need to establish a Municipal Drainage Utility System Fee to fund numerous drainage maintenance and improvement projects pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Local Government Code.  
**Presentation was made by City Manager, Lynda Humble and Managing Director of Public Works & Leisure Services, Trey Job.**

**City Manager, Lynda Humble asked for a consensus of utility use fee for drainage.**

**There was a consensus of the Council of utility use fee for drainage.**

- 2F. Receive input from Council regarding additional budget priorities for FY 2018 budget.  
**Mayor Pro Tem Schiff**
- **Wanted to make having enough staff to deal with mowing and litter issues a priority.**
  - **Would like to have a sound and voting system for the Chambers.**

**Council Member Peterson**

- **Concerned with the water, wastewater, infrastructure and piping underground. Feels it is time to start replacing some of the old infrastructure.**

**Council Member Ennis**

- **Encouraged Council to look at the comprehensive plan before getting too heavily into the budget talks and look at priorities set with the comp plan.**

**Council Member Nelson**

- **The City is in the catch-up stage and he would rather be more ears and less mouth and listen to what the staff needs and in doing so staff should express the value of what they are asking for and what it means to the Citizens of this City both short-term and long-term.**

**Council Member Jones**

- **Focus on Northside of town, give equal consideration.**

**Mayor Schroeder**

- **Public safety concerns regarding fire and communication ability.**


**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourned at 8:32 p.m. without objection.**

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary Ann Franklin

**The Minutes were approved on July 25, 2017, by Mayor Pro Tem Schiff's motion, Council Member Ennis' second. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Peterson was absent.**