

**Minutes of the City Council Special Called
Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate
August 30, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Mayor	Ronald E. Jones
Mayor Pro Tem	John Willis
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Preston Edwards
Council Member	Marvin 'Tim' Campbell
Council Member	Anita Goebel
Council Member	B. J. Williams
Council Member	Lori Barnett Dodson
Council Member	Rick Williams

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Jim Cahill

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager William E. Dollar
City Attorney Brad Neighbor
Interim City Secretary Elaine Simpson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ronald E. Jones who led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Jones called the Public Hearing to Order:

1. Hold a public hearing regarding the 2012-13 Proposed Budget.

Section 5, Article VII, of the City Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the Proposed Budget for the coming fiscal year. At the public hearing, all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item contained in the Proposed Budget. The 2012-13 Proposed Budget has been available for public inspection in the City libraries, in the City Secretary's Office, and on the City's website since August 8, 2012. A public hearing on the Proposed Budget was previously held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. The 2012-13 Budget is scheduled for adoption on September 4, 2012.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Jones called the Public Hearing to order.

2. Hold a public hearing regarding the 2012-13 Proposed Tax Rate.

The Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.05(d), provides that a governing body may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or 103 percent of the effective rate until it has held two public hearings on the proposed increase. The 2012-13 Proposed Budget is based on a tax rate of 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation, which does not exceed 103 percent of the effective tax rate of 71.48 cents or the rollback rate of 74.23 cents. The City, at its option, is choosing to have two public hearings on the proposed tax rate. A previous public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

	<u>Proposed Tax Rate</u>		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<i>O&M</i>	<i>39.40</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>39.40</i>
<i>Debt Service</i>	<u><i>31.06</i></u>	<u><i>0.00</i></u>	<u><i>31.06</i></u>
<i>TOTAL TAX RATE</i>	<i>70.46</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>70.46</i>

There were no speakers.

3. Adjourn.

There being no further business before the Council the Public Hearings were closed and the meeting as adjourned at 7:02 p.m..

CITY OF GARLAND

Signed:

Mayor Ronald E. Jones

Attest:

Interim City Secretary