

CITY OF INGLESIDE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
JULY 22, 2023
8:00 A.M.

Agenda

1. Call Budget Workshop Meeting to order.

The Budget Workshop of the City of Ingleside was called to order by Mayor Adame at 8:00 a.m. on July 22, 2023, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ingleside, TX and live video streaming.

2. Roll Call.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

Council Members Present: Steven Diehl, Stewart Wilson, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, Julio Salinas, and Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame.

3. Invocation.

Council Member Pruitt led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adame led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

5. Citizen Comments and Reports.

At this time, written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

Citizen Comments presented to Council were received after 5:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled Budget Workshop Meeting. City Secretary Mowles read the submitted comments.

Martha Habluetzel of Ingleside submitted a Citizen Participation notice in reference to the Garden Center. Habluetzel wrote about the importance of having the Garden Center back, especially for the Garden Club meetings.

Martha Habluetzel of Ingleside submitted a Citizen Participation notice in reference to Code Enforcement on Flowering Plants. Habluetzel wrote about how a change is needed in the Ordinances to distinguish between turf and flowering plants when overgrown lawns are an issue.

Council Member Diehl asked to have Citizen Comments, when received, forwarded to Council.

Council Member Wilson made a comment about not having information on today's meeting.

6. Hear and deliberate on presentations of proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget:

- a. City Manager Overview and Next Steps**
- b. Projected Governmental and Enterprise Revenues**
- c. Projected Special Revenues and Expenses**

d. Council Priorities

Discussion was held among Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the overview and next steps with the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, as the Budget needs to be adopted by Council by September 25 according to the City Charter.

Council Members discussed their priorities on streets, drainage, infrastructure, and finishing projects that have already been started. Council Members discussed the Garden Center and Animal Shelter being a main priority for projects that need to be completed.

City Manager Lewis and Finance Director Vela informed Council of \$850,000 collected in delinquent taxes. City Manager Lewis and Finance Director Vela also informed Council that they are working with a rate consultant.

Council Member Diehl inquired on what the deficit is between revenues and expenses, and would like to see the numbers at the next meeting.

e. Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Contract

City Manager Lewis discussed with Council Members that there were no changes at this time. Council Member Diehl commented on being skeptical about the increase of funds. Council Members asked City Manager Lewis to negotiate with the Chamber of Commerce about the contract, and then come back to Council.

f. Finance - Debt Issuance

City Manager discussed with Council Members about General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation. Discussion was held among Council Members of being in favor of Bond Elections and having a plan to do so without deferring from it. Planning the City's future with a Bond, with the citizens understanding of the Bonds, becomes a long-range plan to enhance the City.

7. Hear and deliberate on Legislative Updates and the potential budget impact.

City Manager Lewis addressed the Council about Legislative Updates and the potential budget impact. City Manager Lewis informed Council that the Legislative Updates, at this time, mainly pertain to school districts. City Manager Lewis explained Homestead Exemptions and their tax rates.

Teresa Flores, Ingleside ISD Board of Trustees President, addressed the Council to inform the Council that the school district is looking at the Legislative Updates closely, as they do not have all the details.

Discussion was held among Council Members about tax rates and inflation. Discussion was also held on having the City Manager and Ingleside ISD coordinate together to get the information needed, and have it presented back to the Council and to the public.

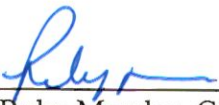
8. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the Budget Workshop of the City of Ingleside at 9:49 a.m.

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ruby Mowles, City Secretary