

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 03, 2024**

Opening Agenda

1. Call regular meeting to order.

The Special City Council Meeting of the City of Ingleside was called to order by Mayor Adame at 6:30 p.m. on August 20, 2024, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ave., Ingleside, TX and live video streaming.

2. Roll Call.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

Council Members Present: Steve Diehl, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, and Mayor Oscar Adame.

Council Members Absent: Stewart Wilson and Julio Salinas.

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.

There were no Citizen Comments presented for this meeting.

Special Agenda

6. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis and Director of Finance Vela about the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

City Manager Lewis addressed the Council about the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget having a comparison of .642061 and .672061. The only difference in the budget being presented is the unobligated fund balance.

Council Member Diehl asked Director of Finance Vela why the Economic Development Department had 2.5 employees, and she stated that the employee number was incorrect and they were not splitting the employee anymore. This would be corrected.

Director of Finance Vela confirmed that the numbers for Pre-Cals for FY 2025 Budget, pages 10 – 12, on the top of the page do not affect the numbers at the bottom of the page. Council Member Diehl stated that they couldn't bring a tax increase on the citizens. Water rates are going up, and will not go above \$0.64 on the tax rate.

Council Member John Salinas stated that there is a lot of budget to process and understand, the need to build and retain employees in order to address any issues that need to be fixed, and that it is a give and take situation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Long requested that the Director of Finance explain Capital Projects and Purchases, page 97, and what Fund 30 is. Director of Finance Vela stated that Fund 30 is for all the infrastructure projects that are listed. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if this was for projects for the next year, and City Manager Lewis stated that these are items for the next 3-5 years. Fund 30 is what the City has set money aside for. Mayor Pro-Tem noted the Feasibility Study in the funds, and that the remodel of City Hall was listed.

Mayor Adame asked how they were going to operate a lift, if purchased. He also requested to look at Pre-Cals for FY 2025 Budget, page 10, where discussion was held about the TMRS rate at 5% vs 6% but not at 7%, and the request to see the numbers of each percentage. Director Vela stated that on page 12, that the Council will see where each percentage was taken out of the General Fund and the Utility Fund, and that the majority of combined numbers came from employees that are a part of the Public Works crews.

Council Member Diehl asked about the projects list, and if the money was being budgeted already for said projects. Director Vela stated that the Capital Projects and Purchases, page 97, bottom of the list was considered a wish list from departments; the projects/requests are there, but are not budgeted. Council Member Diehl requested that the City Hall Repairs be removed from the list, due to the Feasibility Study that the City is fixing to go out for.

Council Member Pruitt stated that he wants to help the citizens and our employees as much as possible, tough choices, does not want to compare bigger cities to our small city, and the need to review water rates.

Director Vela stated that New Fund for CO 2024 Bond, page 101, were projects/items that the bond issuance would go towards, if Council were to approve. Further discussion on the projects/items on page 101 were about generators, soccer fields, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Manager Lewis stated that the City has to make sure we have the money first before awarding bids.

Mayor Adame stated that he understands that this is a budget proposal, that a bond issuance is coming, Wastewater Treatment Plant is a big project, and generators are big items to purchase and move forward on. Mayor Adame requested to meet with the City Manager to discuss the budget in more depth, and suggested that all Council Members do the same.

City Manager Lewis addressed the Council about the budget looking at the \$0.64 vs \$0.67 tax rate. Director Vela stated that FY 2024-2025 Projected Fund Balance by Fund, page 22, the numbers in orange is the tax rate at \$0.642061 and the numbers in green is that of \$0.672061.

Further discussion on the tax rate; street recommendations being brought up about the previous 10 streets being close to completed, and the Council liking to see another 10 streets brought up; bring back to Council in six months for a mid-year review of TMRS at 6%; Council wanting to know what is missing in the current proposal; and Council confirming the tax rate set to \$0.642061.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the restructuring of departments; with the action of the tax rate, finance can come back with exact figures; positions in the City that are not needed at this time; un-funding the Economic Development department and certain positions in the Municipal Court; Economic Development contract to be renegotiated to fall under the Development Services department, and Municipal Court falling under the Finance Department; and the request of all the fluff taken out of the budget proposal for the next meeting.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to direct staff to bring back a proposed budget with \$0.642061 in regards to property tax to use in the adopted budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to direct staff to continue the budget preparations to have TMRS at 6%. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Executive Session

Mayor Adame requested to withdraw Item 7-D from the Closed Session on the agenda. There were no objections by Council and Mayor Adame stated that the item was withdrawn.

Mayor Adame requested to withdraw Item 8-D from the Open Session on the agenda. There were no objections by Council and Mayor Adame stated that the item was withdrawn.

Mayor Adame requested to withdraw Item 8-D from the Open Session on the agenda. There were no objections by Council and Mayor Adame stated that the item was withdrawn.

7. Closed Session

City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- B. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – To seek or receive legal advice regarding pending litigation**
- C. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – City Manager Employment Contract**
- D. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Deliberations regarding the reassignment of duties**

At 7:59 p.m. Mayor Adame convened the Ingleside City Council into a closed session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations, Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – To seek or receive legal advice regarding pending litigation, Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – City Manager Employment Contract, and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Deliberations regarding the reassignment of duties.

8. Open Session

City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

- A. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- B. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – To seek or receive legal advice regarding pending litigation**
- C. Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney – City Manager Employment Contract**
- D. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Deliberations regarding the reassignment of duties**

At 8:53 p.m. Mayor Adame reconvened the Ingleside City Council into a open session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any action necessary related to the executive session noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

Item A: No Action taken.

Item B: No Action taken.

Item C: No Action taken.

Item D: No deliberation or action was taken on Item 8-D since the item was withdrawn.

9. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member Diehl sent condolences out to the family and friends of Michael Morgan.

Mayor Adame requested to have an action item about bigger boards and signs when placed in the community about zoning and mowing grass.

Council Member John Salinas requested a Parking Sign out at Cove Park.

10. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

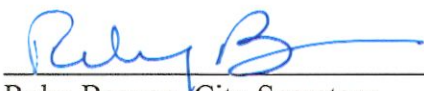
Mayor Adame adjourned the Special City Council Meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:55 p.m.



APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ruby Beaven, City Secretary