

**PUBLIC HEARING  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING (REGULAR MEETING)  
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 28, 2018**

The members of City Council convened for a Public Hearing - Special Called Meeting (Regular Meeting) – Budget Workshop of the City of Bayou Vista City Council on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center, - 783C Marlin, corner of Neptune and Marlin, Bayou Vista, Texas, concerning the following items:

A quorum of the City Council was present and included the following:

Mayor:	Daniel Konyha	Present
Position 1:	Bob Althaus	Present
Position 2:	Tami Inman	Present
Position 3:	Carlos Price	Present
Position 4:	Louis Wortham	Present
Position 5:	James L. Cook, III	Present

Legal Counsel was present

**1. Call Meeting To Order**

Mayor Konyha called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken as reflected above.

**3. First Order of Business**

A. Announcement by the Mayor of the presence of a quorum that the meeting had been duly called, and the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag**

The Pledges were led by Mayor Konyha

**5. Public Hearing regarding Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.4000/100**

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

Citizens stated they felt as though the salary increase for the City Secretary was excessive on top of what they believed to be a significant raise last year.

Public Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**6. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items Only**

Citizen expressed their support of City employee raises. Small cities are losing employees due to insignificant salaries. May not always have had a Chief who was desirable, but now we have one who is respected County wide and his and all employees' salaries need to be comparable.

Citizen expressed agreement with the Chief's salary increase assuming he has taken on additional duties with the Captain gone, however, feels the City Secretary's raise is excessive.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA: All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests.**

**A. Approval of the Minutes of:**

- **Regular Meeting of July 31, 2018**
- **Special Called Meeting - Budget Workshop of August 14, 2018**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cook to approve the Minutes of July 31, 2018 and August 14, 2018 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Price.

Motion carried all in favor.

**8. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. City Departmental Reports**

- **Police Department activity report for the month of July 2018.**
- **Municipal Court activity report for the month of July 2018.**
- **Building Permit activity report for July 17<sup>th</sup> thru August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
- **Code Enforcement activity report for July 2018.**

Mayor Pro Tem Cook requested the vehicle mileage be added to the Police Department Activity each month.

Alderman Inman stated she is glad to see such improvement in the Code Enforcement.

Chief Gillane reported the issue with calls has been cut in half partly because of the usual time of year slow down.

Mayor Konyha requested a date of delivery for the replacement vehicle.

Chief Gillane estimated it would be here within 2 weeks.

**B. Discuss and accept the Financial Statement ending July 2018, prepared by Whitley-Penn.**

No financials reports were received for review.

Mayor Konyha stated contact will be made with Elizabeth Isles at Whitley-Penn to set up her attendance for the October or November Regular Meeting.

**C. Special Reports by Aldermen – if any.**

Mayor Pro Tem Cook reported there have been issues with having a sufficient number of lifeguards to operate the pool. The Goal is to get through the Labor Day Weekend.

**8. C. cont'd**

Alderman Inman reported she met with Commissioner Guisti about the County Bond Road Project and he would like to set a meeting with Alderman Inman and Mayor Konyha to discuss the amount of money required to repair Blue Heron and to be certain it is properly corrected.

Alderman Wortham reported the Bayou Vista Fishing Club's proposal at the MUD 12 meeting concerning the cleaning out of the culverts between the lateral canal and Blue Heron to improve the water flow and water condition. He believes it is a good project.

Mayor Konyha reported on the ARK meeting and the Animal Shelter is doing better. There has been a large influx of animals but they are working several adoption programs that have shown a marked improvement. All cities rates will remain the same as last year.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Executive Session: Council will convene to Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters to deliberate the evaluation of all public officers and employees with respect to salaries.**

Mayor Konyha called the members of City Council into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. for the purposes permitted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

**B. Reconvene from Executive Session and take the appropriate action, if any.**

Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

No action was taken.

**10. DISCUSSION**

**A. Budget Workshop to discuss and revise, where determined by City Council, the proposed budgeted amounts for anticipated revenues and anticipated expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget – Draft 2.**

Alderman Inman asked about possibly having a supplemental insurance for vehicles.

Mayor Konyha administrative adjustments City Secretary salary to \$48,000.00 which will adjust the expenses of payroll taxes.

Alderman Inman asked about the rise in the internet service. The City Secretary explained the prior service being received was inefficient for the number of computers being utilized in City Hall and Police Department.

Mayor explained the Chief's salary is due to having dual roles of Chief and EMC Need to change Siren to Grant Writer and bring contingency down to \$17,500 and add the difference along with all excess revenues to Grant Writer.

## 11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider and take possible action to approve the Resolution confirming support of the nominations made to the Galveston County United Board of Health by Galveston Commissioners' Court.**

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to approve the Resolution confirming Support of the nominations made to the Galveston County United Board of Health by Galveston County Commissioner's Court.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook.

Motion carried all in favor.

- B. Consider and take possible action to cast a vote for one (1) of three (3) qualified nominees for a seat on the Board of Trustees for TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.**

A motion was made by Alderman Inman to cast a vote for Jason Reynolds for a seat on the Board of Trustees for TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Price.

Motion carried all in favor.

- C. Consider and take possible action to appoint a representative and an alternate to the H-GAC 2019 General Assembly.**

Mayor Konyha and Mayor Pro Tem Cook volunteered as representative and alternate to the H-GAC 2019 General Assembly.

A motion was made by Alderman Price to appoint Mayor Konyha as representative and Mayor Pro Tem Cook as alternate to the H-GAC 2019 General Assembly.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Inman.

Motion carried all in favor.

- D. Consider and take possible action to approve the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Cook, Bid Review Committee Chairperson to award the contract for the service of Legal Counsel.**

Mayor Pro Tem reported the findings of the Bid Review Committee were based on a number of factors and the recommendation to Council is to continue with Gregg & Gregg as Legal Counsel for the City of Bayou Vista.

A motion was made by Alderman Althaus to award the bid for a 5 year contract for Legal Counsel to Gregg & Gregg, P.C., Attorneys at Law.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Wortham.

Motion carried all in favor.

## 12. COMMENTS

- **Citizen's Comments**

No Citizen's comments

- **Aldermen Comments**

The Council expressed thanks to those who attended as well as for the patience and input.

- **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Konyha stated the budget is based on the .3850/100 tax rate. He reminded all that once a citizen reaches the age of 65 and applies for a tax freeze and meets the requirements, the tax rate will remain at the tax rate of that time.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Wortham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cook, duly put and unanimously carried, the Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Mitchell – Administrative Assistant

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Daniel S. Konyha, Mayor

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Lisa Mitchell – City Secretary