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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
September 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy Oaks City Hall located at 4451 Hickory Haven, Sandy Oaks, Texas 78112, which will be livestreamed and accessible to the public as provided below for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. In an effort to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), **there will be no in-person public access to the meeting.**

In accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Sandy Oaks will provide a livestream video and telephonic access of the meeting to the public. The public may participate in this meeting by using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6717793635> and Meeting ID 671 779 3635 or by dialing in to any the following phone numbers: (346) 248-7799, (669) 900-6833, (929) 205-6099, (253) 215-8782, (301) 715-8592 or (312) 616-6799. When requested, enter Meeting ID 671 779 3635.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically or by audio as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting and/or public hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the City Secretary up two hours before the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com and will be provided to the City Council for their consideration. Please indicate whether you are providing comment during Citizens to be Heard or testimony during the Public Hearing.

A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

- 1. Call to order and quorum call.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Proclamation** of the Mayor recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month in the City. (Mayor Ball)
- 4. Citizens to be heard. Persons wishing to speak may sign up with the City Clerk at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com or calling (210) 607-0834.** Please note that the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from responding, commenting, or discussing items or topics during this portion of the meeting that are not included on the agenda. The City Council appreciates hearing from the citizens and your thoughts and questions are valued; however, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to City Council. Speakers shall refrain from public criticism of members of the City Council that are prohibited by law. This item will be open

for up to 30 minutes, with 3 minutes to each speaker. One (1) person may speak on behalf of a group. Up to three (3) persons may register on behalf of the group in order for the spokesperson to be allotted up to nine (9) minutes to speak. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, each will be given two (2) minutes or six (6) minutes for a group spokesperson.

5. Consent Agenda. All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a) Approve August 2020 City Attorney Invoice 1255 from Kassahn & Ortiz not to exceed \$3,255.00.
- b) Approve the minutes from the September 10, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
- c) Approve Resolution 2020-121 approving an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

6. Public Hearing to consider the proposed tax rate to support the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This time is provided for citizens to address the Mayor and Council on the proposed tax rate to support the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget, which proposed rate is \$0.291976 on each \$100 valuation of property. **Persons wishing to speak during the hearing may sign up with the City Clerk at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing cityclerk@cityofsandyoaks.com or calling (210) 607-0834.** Please limit your time to a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.

7. Administration

- a) Discuss and/or possible action on Ordinance 2020-173 adopting the levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 not to exceed \$0.291976 on each \$100 valuation of property; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall be delinquent if not paid; providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Mayor Ball)
- b) Executive Session to deliberate the employment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for the Public Works employee pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. (Personnel Matters)
- c) Executive Session to deliberate pay adjustments for ACO Chris Maldonado and City Secretary Katherine Yelton for wage leveling purposes pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. (Personnel Matters)
- d) Discuss and/or possible action on the employment, compensation, hours, duties, benefits, and start date for the Public Works employee. (Aldermen Tremblay & Repino)
- e) Discuss and/or possible action on pay adjustments for ACO Chris Maldonado and City Secretary Katherine Yelton for wage leveling purposes. (Mayor Ball)

8. Adjourn

NOTE:

Enumerated agenda items are assigned numbers for ease of reference only and will not necessarily be considered by the council in that order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Discussion only – closed to the Public) The Council may close the meeting at any time and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney--on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or any other authorized provision of Chapter 551 on any of the above items. The Open Meetings Act permits a governing body to consult with its attorney privately in executive session by telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the Internet. Tex. Gov't Code § 551.129(a).

I certify that the above notice of a regular meeting was posted at City Hall on or before the 21st day of September 2020, 6:30 P.M. and notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Katherine Yelton
City Secretary

09/21/2020