

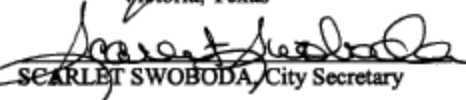
AYES: Council Members Guittard, Neitsch, Russell, Buckert, Watkins and Mayor Middleton
NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Middleton announced that there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED: 
GARY MIDDLETON, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
August 22, 2002

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Middleton at 6:07 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2002 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Middleton, Mayor
Philip Guittard
Lewis Neitsch
Bill Russell
Shirley Buckert
Wayne Watkins

STAFF PRESENT

Denny Arnold, City Manager
Charles Windwehen, Assistant City Manager
David Smith, City Attorney
Miles Risley, Assistant City Attorney
John Johnston, Director, Public Works
John Kaminski, Director, Planning
Gilbert Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance
Charmelle Garrett, Director, Human Resources
Doug Cochran, Director, Parks and Recreation
Wayne Cockroft, Director, Utilities
Steve Trevino, Director, IMS
Tim Braaten, Chief of Police
Rick Henrichs, Dir., Information Technology
O. C. Garza, Public Information Officer
Jerry James, St/Fed Environmental Coordinator
Harold Irvin, Assistant Chief, Fire and EMS
Emmitt Phillips, Battalion Chief, Fire and EMS
Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Wyatt

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one wished to address Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Middleton opened a public hearing on the following item:

ORDINANCE 2002-03 - APPROVING THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The ordinance considers approving and adopting a budget for operating the Municipal Government of the City of Victoria for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2002, and ending on September 30, 2003. First Reading. Gilbert Reyna, Jr.

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Gilbert Reyna, Jr. advised that there would be some proposed changes to the original budget submitted to Council on August 6, 2002. Council indicated that they wished to go through the entire list before making any changes so that they had the total picture.

The following topics were discussed:

Water/Wastewater Fund

Mr. Reyna advised that there are no proposed increases in the water or sewer rates. He advised that \$6.67 million in working capital is projected to end up the year. Next year there is a projected drop of \$1.3 million. He went over the items in the budget that have increased.

Denny Arnold, City Manager, advised that the Utilities Department had requested an additional crew in its budget, however, after staff evaluation, it was decided not to fund at this time. Wayne Cockroft, Director of Utilities, gave an overview of items requested in his budget, and advised that the treatment plant would be listed as a separate cost area so that the actual cost of chemically treating water could be better tracked. He advised that the program to replace deteriorating water lines would be continued. Mayor Middleton requested that these types of projects be initiated earlier in the year, so that the funds do not have to be carried over to the next year.

Mayor Middleton suggested putting up permanent barriers to control flood damage to fences at the water treatment plant electrical house. He inquired whether there was a plan to get rid of any of the old water wells. Mr. Cockroft advised that he was planning on getting rid of five and keeping the other ten.

General Fund "One Time Nonrecurring" Expenditures

Denny Arnold, City Manager, presented a recap of the proposed 2003 Budget for General Fund, which included the changes that staff had made since the budget was originally presented on August 6, 2002.

Gilbert Reyna, Jr., Director of Finance, advised that the fiscal policy of the City was to maintain a minimum fund balance of 15% of the proposed expenditures, which is approximately two months of operating expenditures. He further advised that the available fund balance above the 15% should be used on "nonrecurring" expenditures. Those items proposed are as follows:

• Economic Development Program	250,000
• Downtown Revitalization Program	75,000
• Health Fund transfer	100,000
• Park Stone Subdivision Phase I Project	86,000
• City Hall A/C replacement	400,000
• Fire pumper truck	410,000
• Navarro Del Norte building improvements	70,461
• Senior Citizens Program	-0-
• Youth Employment Program	-0-
• Neighborhood Revitalization Program	-0-
• SAP Software Up-grade	210,000
• Nave Museum	40,000
• Riverside Stadium Project	38,000

Library

Denny Arnold, City Manager, advised that along with the \$150,000 requested for books, he had included \$20,000 for an efficiency study at the Library. James Stewart, Director of the Library, advised Council that a consultant recommended replacing six of the oldest air conditioning units at the library at an estimated cost of \$78,000, with one having already been replaced at a cost of \$20,000.

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Police, Fire, and Parks

The Police, Fire, and Parks Departments went over items requested and answered questions from Council. Tim Braaten, Chief of Police, explained to Council the need for an additional detective car, and he and representatives of the Fire Department expressed disappointment in the proposed 8% across the board reduction in training.

Mayor Middleton asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none, and Mayor Middleton closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION 2002-137R – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BAY, LTD., FOR LONE TREE CREEK OFF-CHANNEL STORAGE BASIN FLOOD PROTECTION EXCAVATION PROJECT, PHASE II

The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Bay, Ltd. of Corpus Christi, Texas for the Lone Tree Creek Off-Channel Storage Basin Flood Protection Excavation Project, Phase II, to provide for the excavation of approximately 500,000 cubic yards of embankment fill, associated clearing, grubbing, and root plowing, and removal and replacement of topsoil and pit maintenance during excavation in the total amount of \$2.79 per cubic yard for an estimated total cost of \$1,395,000. John Johnston.

Cm. Watkins moved that the resolution be adopted, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guitard, Neitsch, Russell, Buckert, Watkins and Mayor Middleton
NAYS: None

ORDINANCE 2002-03 - APPROVING THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF VICTORIA

City Attorney, David Smith, read the caption of Ordinance 2002-03, which approves and adopts a budget for operating the Municipal Government of the City of Victoria for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2002, and ending on September 30, 2003. It appropriates money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and principal sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness. First Reading. Gilbert Reyna, Jr.

Cm. Watkins moved that the ordinance pass on first reading, with Cm. Neitsch seconding the motion. The ordinance passed on first reading by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Guitard, Neitsch, Buckert, Watkins and Mayor Middleton
NAYS: Council Member Russell

Caption:

APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2002, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2003; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

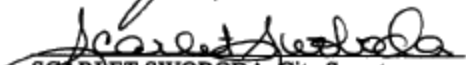
ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Cm. Watkins requested that the transit system contract be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

APPROVED: 
GARY MIDDLETON, Mayor of the City of
Victoria, Texas

ATTEST: 
SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

**VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Victoria City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Middleton at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2002 in the Council Chambers, 107 W. Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas. The pledge of allegiance was said, and all citizens were welcomed.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Gary Middleton, Mayor
- Philip Guittard
- Lewis Neitsch
- Bill Russell
- Shirley Buckert
- Jim Wyatt
- Wayne Watkins

STAFF PRESENT

- Denny Arnold, City Manager
- Charles Windwehen, Assistant City Manager
- David Smith, City Attorney
- Miles Risley, Assistant City Attorney
- John Johnston, Director, Public Works
- John Kaminski, Director, Planning
- Gilbert Reyna, Jr., Director, Finance
- Scarlet Swoboda, City Secretary

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one wished to address Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Middleton opened a public hearing on the following item:

ORDINANCE 2002-14 - APPROVING SETTING THE TAX RATE AT \$.70 PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUATION

The ordinance considers setting a tax rate of \$.70 per \$100 of property valuation. Gilbert Reyna, Jr.

Mayor Middleton asked if there were any questions from Council or the audience. There were none, and Mayor Middleton closed the public hearing.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

John Johnston, Director of Public Works, presented the 2002 Street Inventory. He introduced Edward Zuniga and Brian Bailey students from Texas A&M University, who collected the information this summer, and advised that they had done a great job.