

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAW
THE AGENDA WAS POSTED MAY 20, 2021 AT 10:20 A.M.
AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 723 SOUTH LEWIS, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA**

**MINUTES
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL HEARING ROOM
723 S. LEWIS
MAY 24, 2021**

**PRESENT: MAYOR WILLIAM H. JOYCE, VICE MAYOR ALANE ZANNOTTI
COUNCILORS, JOHN WEDLAKE, AMY DZIALOWSKI AND CHRISTIE HAWKINS**
ABSENT: NONE

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. Moms Demand Action in Oklahoma Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Joyce presented a proclamation declaring June 4, 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Stillwater to Diane Tipley and Kelly Goff, representatives of Moms Demand Action, and encouraged all citizens to support our community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

3. GENERAL ORDERS

- a. Staff presentation and discussion on potential revenue options for citywide projects

Chief Civic Innovation Officer Becky Taylor and Chief Performance Innovation Officer Brady Moore introduced the T.I.M.E. Project (Together Investing in Municipal Excellence), which encompasses but is not limited to the following:

- a. Fire Station #2
 - i. Projected cost: 7-9 million
 - ii. New construction on Western
- b. Animal Welfare
 - i. Projected cost: 3-4 million
- c. Specific Transportation Projects
 - i. Projected cost for the unfunded current needed transportation projects (on collectors and arterial roads): 68.5 million
- d. Public Safety Protection District
 - i. 80% of the General Fund revenue sources currently goes towards Police and Fire
 - ii. OK SB838 permits municipalities to establish a Public Safety Protection District
 - iii. 5 mills for Public Safety ad valorem levy = 1.9 million to be put towards public safety operational expenses

Timeline and funding options for the T.I.M.E. campaign includes:

- Public meetings for input on the citizen's view of a sales tax/bond/public safety district ballot proposal in the different quadrants of town beginning in late summer.
- Develop a Citizen Advisory Committee that is diverse, represents the community, and involves stakeholders.
- Funding options include a bond, additional half cent sales tax, and/or 5 mills ad valorem.
- If Council wishes to move forward, the questions can be on a ballot as early as February 8, 2022.

Drew Simmons, Sr. VP at the Baker Group and the City's financial advisor, did a presentation on considerations for general obligation bond issuance and reviewed the City's financial standing. He concluded by saying the City is very healthy and in a good position with low debt.

Councilors commented that none of the projects presented are new. They agreed that community input and financial education are key components of the campaign as well as identifying community champions.

Councilor Wedlake reiterated that the City's tax rate is nowhere near being in the highest percentile in the state and would not be if a sales tax option is approved.

Mayor Joyce commented he likes the T.I.M.E. logo as presented.

City Manager McNickle said staff will continue to gather information and report to Council, and will begin meeting with the community in late summer.

No action was taken on this item

4. ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILOR WEDLAKE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DZIALOWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MAY 24, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL VOTE: JOYCE-YEA, WEDLAKE-YEA, DZIALOWSKI-YEA, HAWKINS-YEA. NAY-NONE. MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR YEA VOTES.

The May 24, 2021 special meeting of the Stillwater City Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR
STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL**

**PATTI OSMUS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK**