

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 17, 2020

The Board of Directors of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 47 (“the District”) met at a hearing, open to the public, on the 17th day of September, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Fire Department, 19636 Saums Rd., Houston, TX 77084, a designated meeting place of the Board and via telephone conference due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Commissioners and members of the general public may participate in the hearing via Zoom video conference (using the video provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code). The designated and primary method for participation is by telephone conference call pursuant to Chapter 551.125 of the Texas Government Code. The roll was called of the duly constituted members of the Board, to-wit:

Brian Havran	President
John P. Blanke	Vice-President
Sonia Yost	Treasurer
Gilberto Porras	Secretary and Records Retention Officer
Mitchell Copeland	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

Commissioner Havran and Commissioner Copeland were present at the Fire Station. Commissioner Yost and Commissioner Porras were present via electronic device. Commissioner Blanke was not in attendance. The hearing was recorded via zoom.

Also present at the fire station were W.A. “Butch” Callegari, Jr. of Callegari Law Firm, PC, Attorney for the District (“Attorney”); Brian Desilets and Santos Acuna of Precision Utility, LLC, the District’s Bookkeeper (“Bookkeeper”); Mark Palmer, Fire Chief of Westlake Volunteer Fire Department, and Ginny Valls, Fire Department bookkeeper (“bookkeeper”). Mike Hancock and Glen Klimek of Consolidated Traffic Controls and Global Traffic Technology were also present.

Commissioner Havran called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and established that there was a quorum.

Attorney Callegari confirmed that COVID emergency still exists and explained the protocol for electronic meetings and in person meetings.

The hearing was called to allow members of the public to comment on the taxes for 2020. Commissioner Havran recognizes Mark Palmer a resident of the District. He stated that the District is limited on new taxes for the future as the district is almost built out. He is concerned where funding will come from if the District continues to drop the tax rate. No other members of the public were in attendance at the hearing.

After no other input was available from the public, Commissioner Copeland made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Porras, to close the taxation hearing. The motion was unanimously accepted by the District and the hearing was adjourned at 7:20.