

HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Member(s) Present: Mayor Hart, Mayor Pro Tem Bert, Councilman Loughmiller, Councilman Vickers, Councilwoman Stone, Councilman Allen, Councilman Bass

Member(s) Absent: N/A

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hart.

Invocation was led by Councilman Allen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #1- FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #392

First item on the Agenda is the requested First Reading of Ordinance 392, Ad Valorem Tax Rate, by title only reading was done so by the Town Clerk, Kimberly McMillan.

The Mayor asks the Council if there was any discussion concerning the Ordinance. There were no comments from the Council.

The Town Manager asks the Town Mayor to read the millage levy ordinance record. The Town Mayor proceeds to read the FY 2022-2023 tentative millage.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:

Mr. Ronnie Butler of 600 Twin Ponds Drive states his question is with the increase of millage rate. He states that it looks like America is on a roll of taxation as the taxes seem to increase. As a consumer it is going to be impossible for us to keep up with the way things are going from a 12 oz. bag of coffee being \$9.00 at this rate he states his salary is not keeping up with the increases. He states that hopefully the council will consider and think about these things. He said he knew the Council has already made their mind up as to how they were going to vote. In his personal opinion, he lastly states that we cannot tax our way out of this. We must come up with some other solutions besides taxing.

The Mayor asks if there was any feedback from the visitors comment and the council said there was not.

The Mayor requests approval of the reading of Ordinance 392. Motion was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilwoman Stone to approve Ordinance 392. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #393

Second Item on the Agenda is the requested First Reading of Ordinance 393, Adoption of the FY 2022-FY 2023 Budget, by title only reading was done by the Town Clerk, Kimberly McMillan.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:

Ms. Terri Paul is the owner of The Wanderings located at 215 NW 1ST Street. Ms. Paul is requesting a copy of the budget. Mayor Pro Tem said that would be fine it is public record. Ms. Paul was told to see the Town Clerk after the meeting for a copy of the Budget.

Mr. Caleb Riggins of 50 Hinson Circle approaches the Council and requests that the Council while looking over the Budget to look at how much is being allocated to the Parks and Recreation Budget. He states that since it is public information that he does believe that it is the lowest funded department in the city and as a youth who grew up here in Havana this has always been one of his concerns. There has been a lack of community services and recreational services. He states he has spoken to a couple of Congressman about our lack of town resources for recreation and he has not heard anything back so I am coming before the Council today to present it to take notice in future meetings.

The Mayor asks if there was any feedback from the visitors comment and the council said there was not.

The Mayor requests approval of the reading of Ordinance 393. Motion was made by Councilwoman Stone and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve Ordinance 393. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER:

Councilman Vickers- No Comment.
Councilman Loughmiller – No Comment
Mayor Pro Tem Bert – No Comment
Mayor Hart – No Comment
Councilman Allen – No Comment
Councilwoman Stone – No Comment
Councilman Bass – No Comment

Motion was requested by Mayor Hart, motion made by Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Bass to adjourn 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kimberly J. McMillan, Town Clerk

Janice Hart, Mayor