

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1997**

**1. MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 1997-1998 TO ORDER AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER PAUL HANCOCK WERE BOTH PRESENT. TIME: 10:04 A.M.**

**2. THE MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION. CITIZENS RESPONDED WITH THEIR VIEWS AND OPINIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE INCREASE. EXCERPTS INCLUDED:**

**PATTY MAUGHAM: ....FEEL THIS TAX RATE GOES AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTALS THE CITY IS BUILT ON...THIS IS A BIG JUMP FOR US...I DON'T BELIEVE THE BUDGET WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEMS...I MOVED HERE BECAUSE ....NO TAXES... THE (EXPECTED) \$9,000 REVENUE...WHERE IS IT GOING...PROBABLY WON'T FIX 60% OF THE STREETS...DOLLARS GO SOMEWHERE ELSE...NOT ROADS....**

**JOANNE AUSTIN: ....AGREE WITH PEOPLE WHO MOVED HERE BECAUSE TAX WAS LOW, BUT THE CITY..HAD POOR ROADS AND NO SEWER SYSTEM...THEN....BUT CURRENTLY LOOKING TOWARD TODAY'S COSTS AND WHAT PEOPLE WANT TODAY...PEOPLE WANT THE ROADS PATCHED AND WANT MORE SERVICES..WE CAN'T GET GRANTS IF WE DON'T SHOW OUR PART..SO I'M IN FAVOR.. (WE NEED) TO KEEP THE CITY GOING OR THE CITY IS GOING TO CEASE TO FUNCTION.**

**PATTY MAUGHAM:....SMALL TAX BASE...(I'M NOT) AGAINST ANY TAX RATE, BUT NOT FOR THIS ONE....**

**D.A. SCHWERTNER: I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 1964 WHEN THERE WAS STILL A P.O.A. AND WE PAID \$10 PER LOT FOR MAINTENANCE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I KNOW OF A TAX INCREASE AND I'M GLAD TO SEE IT. WE NEED...POLICE...PERMANENT STREETS...STREETS ARE EXPENSIVE...THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS....I'M IN FAVOR OF IT.**

**FRANK SMITH: ....MY WIFE AND I ARE BUILDING A HOUSE ON PECAN....WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE TAX RATE IS NOT MORE...THE CITY NEEDS MORE POLICE ...I SEE TEENS ROAMING THE STREETS AT 2 A.M. IN THE MORNING... NEED ROADS... IT TAKES DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THEM...MY INSURANCE IS ONE-THIRD HIGHER BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FIRE PLUGS NEAR MY PROPERTY...I UNDERSTAND THAT....I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS....I DIDN'T CHOOSE MARBLE FALLS (TO BUILD IN) BECAUSE OF A TAX RATE...THE TAX INCREASE WON'T SOLVE IT ALL, BUT . . .MY FAMILY IS ON A FIXED INCOME...LOOKING AT THIS BUDGET, I SEE A NET RESULT OF \$9,973 (INCREASED REVENUE)...AS FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, ABOUT 40% GOES TO POLICE AND 60% TO ROADS...YOU ARE MEETING REQUIREMENTS. I SEE THIS AS A NEW HOMEOWNER...**

**EUCLID PHIPPS: ...WE ARE ALSO ON A FIXED INCOME BUT DO APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR A TAX INCREASE...WE DIDN'T MOVE HERE BECAUSE OF LOW TAXES...WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS INCREASE.**

**MAYOR: ANYTHING FROM THE COUNCIL?**

**COMMISSIONER PFEIFER: WE ARE ON A FIXED INCOME, TOO, BUT WE KNOW WE HAVE TO DO THIS....**

**COMMISSIONER HANCOCK: I DO AGREE...REAL ESTATE PEOPLE FROM AUSTIN ARE AWARE OF THIS TAX INCREASE AND STILL (TELL ME) THEY WANT TO DEVELOP OUT HERE...I RECOMMENDED A TAX INCREASE PRIOR TO BECOMING INVOLVED WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. A GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE IS MORE LIBERAL IF THEY SEE YOU (CITY) ARE DOING SOMETHING. WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY (WHICH HAS NOT BEEN)...VALUED AND PROPERLY STORED. WE ARE NOT LOOKING AT THAT BIG A DOLLAR VALUE (INDIVIDUALLY) FROM THAT STANDPOINT.**

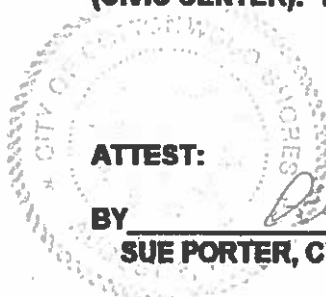
**THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPERTY VALUES, CHANGES IN BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOBILE HOMES, COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.....**

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY MAYOR PICKENS INCLUDED: THIS WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEMS BUT WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION...MORE POLICE SURVEILLANCE...NOT PAVING ROADS BUT ADDING TO MAINTENANCE OF THEM...PECAN IS BEING SEALED TO KEEP THE WATER OUT AND SHOULD LAST ANOTHER 10 YEARS...IT'S THE ONLY PROPERLY PAVED ROAD WE HAVE IN THE CITY, WE WANT TO SAVE IT. (THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, THE MAYOR CONTINUED) WE WILL SCHEDULE A MEETING TO VOTE ON THE TAX RATE FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 1997 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THIS LOCATION (CIVIC CENTER). THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED. TIME 10:28 A.M.**

  
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**DALE PICKENS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**BY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES**

**LOCATION: CIVIC CENTER,  
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1997**

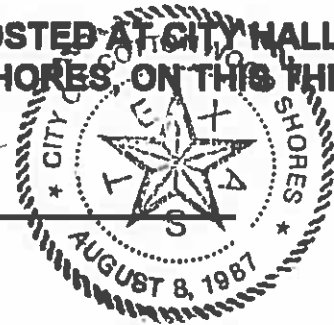
**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**
- 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998.**
- 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION TO SCHEDULE A CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE FOR FY 1997 -1998.**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT.**

**(INCORPORATED FOR REFERENCE IS THE PUBLIC NOTICE ALSO POSTED AND PUBLISHED IN THE HIGHLANDER NEWSPAPER)**

**I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, ON THIS THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997.**

  
**SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY**



**(THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY**

# Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 25.99 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Friday 9/12/97 at 10:00 a.m. / Civic Center.

FOR the proposal: Commissioners 4111 Cottonwood Drive  
Frank Pfeifer, Paul Hancock  
 AGAINST the proposal: -0-  
 PRESENT and not voting: -0-  
 ABSENT: -0-

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on 8/8/97. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ <u>35,876</u>	\$ <u>35,426</u>
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Average taxable value	\$ <u>35,876</u>	\$ <u>35,426</u>
Tax rate	<u>.3009/\$100</u>	<u>.3650 /\$100</u> (proposed)
Tax	\$ <u>107.95</u>	\$ <u>129.30</u> (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 21.35 or 19.8 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ .0641 per \$100 of taxable value or 21.3 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

**Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):** N / A

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Frank + Linda Smith  
~~Burl Harper~~ eHB  
~~Mr. [unclear]~~  
~~Bruce Jankis~~  
Edgar Proctor

Reebles Hearing Budget 9-8-97  
6pm