

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 16**

A special meeting was duly called of **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16**, which was held at **9755 Landry Blvd., Houston, Texas 77379** on Monday, August 22, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., by **Lance Wilson**, President and Chairman of the meeting.

Chairman **Lance Wilson** announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present were:

Lance Wilson	Present
Steve Falkner	Present
Mike Pate	Present
Gary Morrison	Present
Anna Vollenweider	Present

Also present at the meeting were Chief Mike Montgomery, Ryan Holak, General Manager of the District, Ira Coveler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., and members of the public.

The Board proceeded to item 2, to receive public comment and conduct the public hearing/open forum to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed property tax rate setting. The Board opened the floor to public comment. Ryan Horton and Aaron Ford were present, but did not comment on the proposed tax rate, but did ask questions regarding transition matters. Therefore, the Board received no feedback or commentary from the public related to the District's proposed tax rate.

Mr. Coveler next reviewed with the Board the District's tax rate scenarios and answered questions from the Board about the various scenarios and the tax setting process. Mr. Coveler explained that while the District's tax rate was being significantly reduced, the rate set would still be regarded as a "tax increase" because the total amount of additional revenue to the District increased from the prior year.

The Board then concluded the Public Hearing on the Tax Increase and moved to the next item on the District's agenda.

The Board did not take action regarding the District's 2023 budget as it had previously been approved by the Board.

The Board next addressed the adoption of the District's 2022 tax rate. After discussion and review, a Motion was made by Mr. **Pate**, wherein he stated:

"I move/motion that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.047107/\$100, which is effectively a 7.00% increase in the tax rate."

Ms. **Vollenweider** seconded the Motion. Commissioner **Wilson** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0. The Board requested that the minutes reflect that the District's 2021 Tax Rate was \$.05/\$100 and the District's 2022 Tax Rate was \$.047107/\$100.

Therefore, despite the language contained above, the District's tax rate was reduced by \$.002893/\$100.

The Board then addressed item 6, cancelation of the District's tax rate election. A Motion was made by Mr. **Pate**, seconded by Mr. **Morrison** to cancel the District's tax rate election. After discussion, Commissioner **Wilson** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. **Vollenweider** made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. Mr. **Falkner** seconded the Motion. Commissioner **Wilson** called for a vote and the Motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 12, 2022.



Gary Morrison
Secretary of the Board