

## TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS

### MINUTES

#### Special Town Council Meeting

Friday May 20, 2016

**Present:**

Mayor Stephen L. Tatum  
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson  
Council Member John Thompson III  
Council Member Marcus Snyder  
Council Member Jack Koslow

**Absent:**

Council Member Elliot Goldman

**Staff Present:**

Lyle Drescher, Town Administrator

The special meeting of the Town of Westover Hills Town Council commenced at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Westover Hills Town Hall pursuant to written notice posted Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

**1. Call To Order.**

With a quorum of Town Council Members present, Mayor Stephen L. Tatum called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

- 2. Public Forum:** To discuss the impact of substantial increases in the appraised value of residents' property within the Town of Westover Hills and evaluate how to coordinate a collective protest on behalf of all Town residents prior to the May 31, 2016 protest deadline imposed by the Tarrant Appraisal District.

The purpose of the public forum was to provide Westover Hills' property owners with an opportunity to discuss the potential property tax implications from the recent 2016 property appraisals received from the Tarrant Appraisal District. Three Westover Hills' residents were present and expressed their concerns with the increases in property values from the previous year.

Mayor Tatum explained that, by State Law, the Town had no standing in establishing property values in that the responsibility rests with the local appraisal district; however, Mayor Pro Tem Thompson noted that preliminary data indicated a net increase of all Town values of 17.6% over 2015 values and that in some cases the 10% statutory homestead value increase cap has been exceeded.

Those present were encouraged to file their objections to the Tarrant Appraisal District within the time allotted to ensure they would be afforded a hearing on their concerns.

**Adjournment to Executive Session at 4:55 p.m.:** Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Mayor Tatum adjourned into Executive Session for the purpose of seeking advice from the Town Attorney pending contemplated action relating to the 2016 property values within the Town of Westover Hills.

**Reconvened to Open Session at 5:30 p.m.:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Thompson, seconded by Council Member Marcus Snyder, approving a Resolution be drafted of the Town Council urging the Tarrant Appraisal District to exhibit fair and equitable treatment of property tax payers in the Town of Westover Hills and to strictly adhere to the generally accepted and legally allowed property appraisal methods and procedures.

**3. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Stephen L. Tatum adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Approved:



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Lyle H. Dresher  
Town Administrator



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Stephen L. Tatum  
Mayor