MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2024, MEETING OF THE HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 17

A meeting for **AUGUST 19, 2024,** was duly called of the **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17**, which was held at the District's Administration Building located at 10410 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas.

Call meeting to order and establish a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by **BILL BLASDELL**. Those commissioners present when the meeting was called to order were **BILL BLASDELL**, **KENNETH ADCOCK**, and **ROBIN HAYSLIP**. **DON GILKEY** and **EVERETT GRIFFIN** were unable to attend. Also, present were District legal counsel David Manley of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., Fire Chief Sean Richardson, and Assistant Chief James Cone.

2. To receive public comment and conduct a 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 Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. There was no public in attendance.

3. To conclude the Public Hearing

The Board concluded the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m.

4. To adopt the District's 2025 Budget.

The 2025 Budget was presented and discussed. A motion to adopt the 2025 budget as presented was made by MR. BLASSDEL and seconded by MR. HAYSLIP. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

5. To adopt the District's 2024 Tax Rate.

Discussion on all the possible scenarios for the 2024 Tax Rate for the District. A Motion was made by MR. BLASDELL, seconded by MR. HAYSLIP that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.100000, which is effectively a 23.24 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

6. To review and take action on matters relating to an election to be held on November 5,2024.

A Motion was made by **MR. HAYSLIP**, seconded by **MR. BLASSDEL** to call for an election to be held on November 5, 2024 and to approve the Order of Election as presented. After review and discussion, the Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

7. To approve payment of Houston Chronicle invoice for publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase.

Motion to approve payment of Houston Chronicle invoice was made by MR. BLASDELL and seconded by MR. HAYSLIP. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Secretary of Board