CITY OF BANDERA COUNCIL AGENDA Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2024-026 accepting the state defined tax rates and setting the preliminary 2024 tax rate.

SUBMITTED BY: Stan Farmer & Allyson Wright

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: Stan Farmer

BACKGROUND:

The city needs to approve the *preliminary* 2024 tax rate. Once this is approved, staff will put notice in the newspaper scheduling a tax rate public hearing for August 27. Council will ADOPT the tax rate at this meeting.

We are still awaiting the Certified Values from the CAD, but in the meantime, we are using the latest estimates that they provided on July 25. Staff is proposing a tax rate of \$0.47, the same rate as the current year. This rate is higher than last year's *voter approval rate* but lower than the *de minimis rate*, so it does not force an election. Since we are under 30,000 population, we can go up to the *de minimis rate* without calling an election. Last year's de minimis rate was \$0.74, so we feel very confident that keeping the \$0.47 rate will not put us at risk of needing to have an election.

The tax rate is a combination of the operations and maintenance O&M tax rate and the debt I&S tax rate. Currently the breakdown of both is: O&M \$0.428675 and I&S \$.041325.

Hopefully staff will have the final certified CAD values by the August 13 meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

None.