



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

TITLE:

Receive presentation of the Strategic Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Annually, staff provides Council with a calendar outlining the important dates for the upcoming fiscal year's budget planning process. The calendar takes into consideration planning sessions, funding requests, and the laws that govern timing of specific activities as it pertains to approving a tax rate and budget.

Texas Tax Code

- Chapter 26 Sec. 26.01 (a) By July 25, the chief appraiser shall prepare and certify to the assessor for each taxing unit participating in the district that part of the tax roll for the district that lists the property taxable by the unit.
- Sec. 26.05 (d) the governing body of a taxing unit may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval tax rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate calculated as provided by this chapter until the governing body has held *one* public hearing on the proposed tax rate.
- Sec. 26.06 (a) The public hearing required by Sec. 26.05 may not be held before the *fifth* day after the date the notice of the public hearing is given. (d) The governing body may vote on the proposed tax rate at the public hearing (*this is new with SB2*).
- Sec. 26.063 municipalities with a population of less than 30,000 are allowed to adopt a de minimus tax rate (sum of the no-new-revenue tax rate plus a rate that will raise \$500,000 plus the current debt rate) that exceeds voter-approval tax rate but must follow the requirements of Sec. 26.07 regarding holding an election. By adopting the de minimus rate, qualified voters can petition to require an election, that is why it follows the election requirement timeline.
- Sec. 26.07 The order calling the election may not be issued later than the 71st day before the date of the election.

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 102 Municipal Budget

- 102.0065 (c) Notice under this section shall be published not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of the budget hearing.

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 140.010 Proposed Tax Rate notice for Counties and Municipalities

- 140.010 (f) (1) provide the notice required by Subsection (d) or (e), as applicable, not later than the later of Sept. 1 or the 30th day after the date that the taxing unit has received each applicable certified appraisal roll.

City Charter

- Sec. 6.02 The City Manager, at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the fiscal year, shall prepare and submit a budget to the Council.
- Sec. 6.04 At the Council meeting at which time the budget is submitted, the Council shall, in conformance with the requirement of state law, name the date, time and place of a public hearing and shall cause to be published the date, time and place thereof.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY2025-2026 Strategic Budget Planning Calendar

