
City Council Special Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance

FROM: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance

MEETING: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a resolution proposing a tax rate for the 2026 tax year with a record vote. (Staff Contact: Kevin Hennessey, Director of Finance)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services	1.4 Be a responsible steward of the city's financial resources by providing rates and fees that represent a strong value to our citizens; providing timely, accurate and transparent financial reporting; and utilizing long-range planning.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the resolution is to have the City Council vote on the proposed tax rate so that City staff can comply with the notice requirements of Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code. Adoption of this resolution establishes the maximum property tax rate the City Council may consider during the remainder of the tax rate adoption process. The Council may ultimately adopt a lower tax rate but may not adopt a higher tax rate than the one proposed in this resolution without taking additional action as required by law.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code requires the City to give notice to the public before the City Council can adopt a tax rate. The law requires that the notice contain very specific content and information. The notice required under Chapter 26 gives the public important information on the proposed tax rate and adoption process. For example, the notice must list the proposed tax rate, the no-new-revenue tax rate, and the voter-approval tax rate, and it must define those terms. The notice must state the date and time of the meeting at which the tax rate will be discussed by the City Council. The notice must list a mathematical formula that a property owner can use to determine tax liability and must list historical tax rate information in table format. In addition to the other requirements, the notice required under Chapter 26 must also list

the names of each City Council member and show how each member voted on the proposed tax rate or indicate if a Council member was absent.

The resolution will set forth the proposed tax rate and list how each Councilmember voted on the proposed rate. The resolution will allow staff to gather the information necessary to give proper notice under Chapter 26.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve, modify, or deny the resolution proposing a tax rate for the 2026 tax year.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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