
City Council Special Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance
FROM: Martin Avila, Finance Director
MEETING: August 15, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a resolution proposing a tax rate for the 2023 tax year with a record vote.
(Staff Presenter: Martin Avila, Finance Director)

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.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code requires the City 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 general 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 Councilmember 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.

The proposed rate for the 2023 tax year is \$0.6325 per \$100 value. Of course, the proposed tax rate is subject to final approval by the City Council.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the resolution
- 2) Modify the resolution
- 3) Deny the resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the resolution

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

n/a

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