

BUDGET CYCLE IS YEAR-ROUND

July 2024 – September 2024 **Preparation**

- Create and present the budget
- Budget workshops
- Public hearings for budget, proposed tax rate, fee increases

October 2025 – December 2025 **Reporting**

 Budget Audit at FYE: Accounting & financial reporting via an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that is reviewed by an independent auditor.

September 2024 Legislative

 City Council carefully considers suggestions expressed by local citizens and, as appropriate, amends the proposed budget then votes to approve.

October 2024 – August 2025 **Executive**

 Budget amendments and supplemental appropriations must include offsetting revenue sources



Emphasis on Communication

Budget Workshops

- Typically an internal meeting where members of the governing body discuss and deliberate the
 details of the proposed budget. It's an opportunity for officials to review financial forecasts, proposed
 expenditures, revenue sources, and strategic priorities in a more informal setting. The primary goal
 is to gather input, make adjustments, and potentially reach a consensus on the budget proposal
 before it advances to the next stage.
- Participants typically include elected officials, financial staff, and department heads within the
 organization. There is potential for the governing body to conduct a closed-door meeting aimed at
 facilitating internal discussions and decision-making.
- Budget workshops often involve presentations, discussions, and sometimes breakout sessions focused on specific aspects of the budget. It's less formal compared to a public hearing and allows for more in-depth analysis and deliberation.
- The outcome of a budget workshop may include revisions or amendments to the proposed budget based on the discussions and feedback received. It serves as a precursor to the formal adoption process.

Public Hearings

- A formal event where members of the public are invited to provide feedback, comments, and
 concerns about the proposed budget and tax rate. It's a crucial part of the democratic process,
 allowing citizens to voice their opinions and influence decisions that affect their communities.
 Elected officials listen to public input before making final decisions on the budget and tax rates.
- Participants include members of the public, elected officials, government administrators, and sometimes representatives from community organizations. The focus is on gathering input and feedback from the broader community.
- Public hearings typically follow a formal structure mandated by law or organizational procedures.
 There are usually established rules for speaking time, order of speakers, and guidelines for
 maintaining decorum. The primary purpose is to give members of the public an opportunity to
 express their views on the proposed budget and tax rates.
- The outcome of a public hearing is to gather public input, which elected officials consider when
 making final decisions on the budget and tax rates. It informs their voting and helps ensure that
 decisions reflect the needs and priorities of the community.

2024-2025 BUDGET CALENDAR

April 1 April 30 May 1 Chief appraisers send notices of appraised value on SFRs ¹ Chief appraisers prepare and certify the estimate of taxable value ² Chief appraisers send notices of appraised value on all other property ³

July 2024

М	Т	W	R	F	S	S
1 Financial policy annual review	2 Publish on website dates for workshops, public hearings	3	4 City Hall Closed for Independence Day	5	6	7
8 City Secretary distribute workbooks, estimates of revenues for proposed tax rate	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Workshop #1, Regular Council Meeting, Approve Financial Policy	17	18	19	20 Appraisal review boards approve the appraisal records. ⁴	21
22	23	24	25 Chief appraisers certify the appraisal roll to the taxing units. ⁵	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

August 2024

М	Т	w	R	F	S	s
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Publish no-new- revenue & voter- approval tax rates on website ⁶	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Deadline to file proposed budget if tax rate is to be approved on 9/17 (-30 days) 10	17	18
19 (8/18 - 9/7) Period for Newspaper Notice of Budget Hearing on 9/17 11	20 Workshop #2, Regular Council Meeting, Approve proposed tax rate	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

*The public hearing must be held at least five days after the date notice of public hearing is given.

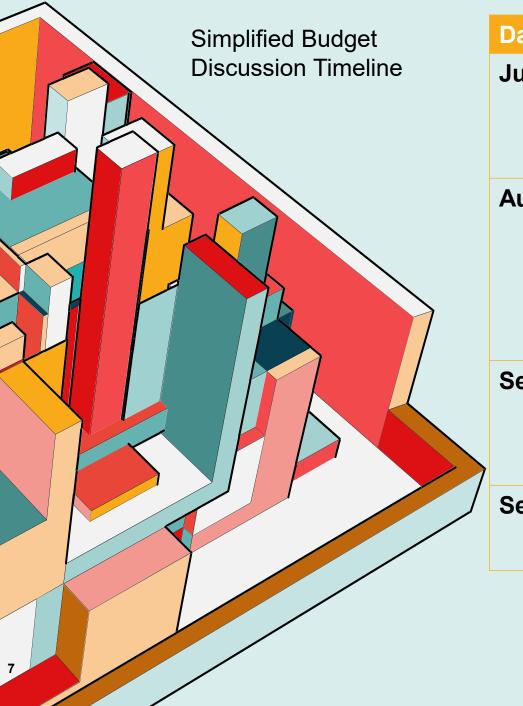
September 2024

Must adopt tax rate before 9/30 or 60 days after receiving the appraisal roll, whichever is later, tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate no later than the 71st day before the next uniform election date that occurs in November of that year. 8

If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate, internet notice of the tax rate hearing must be posted continuously for 7 days preceding the date of the vote. ¹² Public Hearing on proposed budget and capital facility plan must be held 15 days after proposed budget is filed (scheduled for 8/16). ¹³

М	Т	w	R	F	S	S
2 City Hall Closed for Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Workshop #3	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Regular Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Approve the Budget & Tax Rate	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 End of Fiscal Year	1 Start FY 2023-2024 Tax assessors prepare and mail tax bills. ⁹	2	3	4	5	6

To Be Scheduled: Spring Valley City Council public hearing on proposed SVPD budget. SV Council approves or rejects the SVPD Budget. Assessment to HV based on 16.1% of operations budget.



Date	Meeting & Purpose
July 16	Budget Workshop #1 Discussion on revenue sources, general expenses and expected increases from contracted services, capital expenditure planning
August 20	Budget Workshop #2 Presentation of salary surveys, possible executive session on salary increases Preliminary end-of-year projections Approve proposed tax rate (the highest tax-rate we are willing to adopt, not necessarily the final rate)
September 10	Budget Workshop #3 Finalize end-of-year projections, make adjustments where needed, additional discussion on any budget or tax item if needed
September 17	Public Hearing Adoption of Budget followed by adoption of Tax Rate

REFERENCES

Texas Tax Code; Title 1. Property Tax Code https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/?link=TX

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<sup>1</sup> § 25.19(a)
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- ² § 26.01(e)
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- ⁴ § 41.12(a)
- ⁵ § 26.01(a)
- ⁶ § 26.04(e)
- ⁷ § 44.004(b)
- ⁸ § 26.05(a)
- ⁹ § 31.01(a)
- ¹² § 26.065

Texas Local Government Code; Title 4. Finances https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/?link=LG

¹³ § 102.006(b)



¹⁰ § 102.005

¹¹ § 102.0065