

**CITY OF PALACIOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

AGENDA

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022
6:00PM**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**City of Palacios Council Chambers
311 Henderson
Palacios, Texas 77465**

CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Quorum Call.
- b. Invocation. Councilmember Samora.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- d. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- e. Pledge of Allegiance to the Palacios Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

With respect to items not listed on this agenda, Council Members may announce community events, may announce community recognitions, may request specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy from staff, or may request placement of items on the Board agenda for discussion or action at a following meeting.

- a. Mayor's Announcements
- b. Council Member's Announcements

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORUM:

At this time, the public is invited to address the City Council and speak on any matter not specifically listed for public hearing elsewhere in this Agenda. Please note Council Members may not deliberate on topics not included on this agenda. Presentation shall be no longer than three (3) minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All consent agenda items listed are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered after the remainder of the consent agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

1. **Schedule Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023** ~ Set a Public Hearing for citizen comments on the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 for **September 1, 2022**, at 6 PM and **September 8, 2022**, at 6 PM. Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager.
2. **Schedule Public Hearing – Proposed Tax-Rate for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023** ~ Set a Public Hearing for citizen comments on the Proposed Tax-Rate for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 for **September 1, 2022**, at 6 PM, and **September 8, 2022**, at 6 PM. Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager.
3. **Schedule Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget** ~ Schedule a meeting for **September 8, 2022**, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget at 6 PM. Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager.
4. **Schedule Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Tax-Rate** ~ Schedule a meeting for **September 8, 2022**, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Tax-Rate at 6 PM. Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

AGENDA NOTICES:

Action by Council Authorized: The City Council may vote and act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, pursuant to and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflict with the Open Meetings Act and may invoke this right where the City Attorney, the Mayor or a majority of the Governing Body deems an executive session is necessary to allow privileged consultation between the City Attorney and the governing body if considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. The City Attorney may appear in person or appear in executive session by conference call in accordance with applicable state law.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other city boards, commissions, and committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions, and committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions, and committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions, and committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting. Still, such in attendance will not take any action unless such item and action are expressly provided for on the agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel, and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally addressed in the closed portion of the meeting considering public views of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c). The meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Certification of Posting: This is to certify that the above notice of a Regular Called Council Meeting was posted on the front bulletin board of the City Hall of the City of Palacios, Texas, on **Monday, August 22, 2022, before 6:00 PM**. If you have any questions concerning the above items, please contact City Manager Cynthia Raleigh at (361) 972-3605. This Notice was posted under the Texas Open Meeting Act (TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN. Chapter 551) and recent guidelines from the Texas Attorney General.

Cynthia Raleigh

Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager

This facility is accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessible parking spaces are available. If you require special assistance or have a request for sign interpretative services or other services, please call 361-972-3605 at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The next City Council meeting will be held on
September 1, 2022, at 6PM.

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting: August 25, 2022
Department: City Manager
Subject: Consent Agenda Items

BACKGROUND

Per Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 102, Municipal Finance, a municipality must hold the first public hearing on the proposed budget after the 15th day it was filed with the municipal clerk, but before the governing body makes its tax levy. It shall hold a second hearing one week later.

The notice shall provide the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Per section 102.007 Adoption of Budget, the municipality shall act on the proposed budget by record vote.

The city must also hold two public hearings on the proposed tax rate, and it must be published in the newspaper.

GOALS

To set public hearings for budget and tax rate.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to hold public hearings.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve dates for public hearings.

ATTACHMENT

Notice of Meeting to Vote on New Tax Rate

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.76570 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Palacios.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.76570 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.76570 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.79908 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Palacios from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Palacios may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Palacios is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE HELD ON September 1, 2022 and September 8, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT City of Palacios Council Chambers, 311 Henderson, Palacios, Texas 77465. A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 8, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT City of Palacios Council Chambers, 311 Henderson, Palacios, Texas 77465.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Palacios is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of City of Palacios at their offices or by attending the public meetings mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax decrease as follows:

FOR the proposal:

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Palacios last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Palacios this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.81126	\$0.76570	decrease of \$-0.0, or -0%
Average homestead taxable value	\$108,692	\$116,276	increase of \$7,594, or 6.99%
Tax on average homestead	\$881.69	\$890.33	Increase of \$-8.64, or 0.98%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,523,126	\$1,558,112	increase of \$34,986, or 2.50%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Palacios at (979)244-7670 or bcook@co.matagorda.tx.us, or visit www.co.matagorda.tx.us for more information.