



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 at 4:30 PM

Barron Casteel, Mayor
Shane Hines, Councilmember (District 1)
Justin Meadows, Councilmember (District 2)
Harry Bowers, Councilmember (District 3)

Matthew E. Hoyt, Councilmember (District 4)
Wayne Peters, Mayor Pro Tem (District 5)
Leah A. García, Councilmember (District 6)
Robert Camareno, City Manager

MISSION STATEMENT

***The City of New Braunfels will add value to our community
by planning for the future, providing quality services, encouraging
community involvement and being responsive to those we serve.***

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL: City Secretary

INVOCATION: Councilmember Matthew Hoyt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

1. WORKSHOP

- A) Presentation and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Plan of Municipal Services and the 2019 effective and rollback tax rates.
Robert Camareno, City Manager
- B) Discuss and consider approval of the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate.
Jared Werner, Chief Financial Officer
- C) Discuss and consider scheduling the public hearings on the 2019 tax rate and the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.
Jared Werner, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall on August 7, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Patrick Aten, City Secretary

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Special City Council Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

8/12/2019

Agenda Item No. A)

Presenter/Contact

Robert Camareno, City Manager
(830) 221-4280 - rcamareno@nbtexas.org

SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Plan of Municipal Services and the 2019 effective and rollback tax rates.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

N/A

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

8/12/2019

Agenda Item No. B)

Presenter/Contact

Jared Werner, Chief Financial Officer
(830) 221-4385 - jwerner@nbtexas.org

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

In order for property owners in the State of Texas to be informed of any increases in their property values, truth-in-taxation requirements were embodied in the Texas Constitution and the Tax Code. Taxing units are required to calculate the effective tax rate and the rollback tax rate after receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser.

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and 2019 tax year. The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the City may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

The proposed tax rate is equal to the current tax rate of 48.822 cents. While the total tax rate remains unchanged, the two components that make up the rate have been modified. The Interest & Sinking (I&S - debt service) portion of the rate totals 21.4498 cents while the Operations & Maintenance (O&M - General Fund) portion of the rate totals 27.3722 cents. The total rate of 48.822 cents is equal to the rollback rate for this year as well. As a result of the rollback calculation, the O&M (General Fund) portion of the rate decreases slightly. The I&S Rate increases to the level needed to support our debt service and maintain the current tax rate. By increasing the I&S rate to the point that our rollback rate and current rate are aligned, it allowed for us to increase our first issuance for the 2019 bond program to approximately \$18.5 million. As discussed during the debt issuance strategy presentation at the July 22nd City Council meeting, these additional funds will be added to the allocation for the Police Department and Veterans Memorial project. Following is a summary of the tax rate calculations completed by the Comal County Tax Office.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.48822 PER \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.48822 PER \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.45292 PER \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.48822 PER \$100

State law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the final tax rate. These hearings will be held on August 22 and September 3.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	City Council Priority	Strategic Priorities: 8-Maintain fiscal stability of City operations
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Property Tax is one of the primary sources of revenue supporting the General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council set the proposed tax rate with a record vote.

8/12/2019

Agenda Item No. C)

Presenter/Contact

Jared Werner, Chief Financial Officer
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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider scheduling the public hearings on the 2019 tax rate and the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Plan of Municipal Services.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

In order for property owners in the State of Texas to be informed of any increases in their property values, truth-in-taxation requirements were embodied in the Texas Constitution and the Tax Code. Taxing units are required to hold two public hearings on the tax rate before adopting the final rate. These hearings are scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019, and Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 550 Landa Street, at meetings beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Texas Local Government Code requires that a public hearing be held on the budget to allow citizen input before adopting the budget. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 22 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 550 Landa Street, at a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Before holding the public hearings on the tax rate and the budget, City Council will need to formally set the dates, times, and locations of these hearings.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	City Plan/Council Priority:	Strategic: 8-Maintain fiscal stability of City operations
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget and Plan of Municipal Services will provide funding for all programs and projects for the new fiscal year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council set the public hearings for the 2019 tax rate for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2019 and Tuesday, September 3, 2019 and the public hearing on the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2019, in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 550 Landa Street.

