



EDINBURG CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EDINBURG, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

Location: City of Edinburg
City Hall-Council Chambers
415 West University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541
AUGUST 29, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
12:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM

II. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold Second Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Revenue Increase for the City of Edinburg for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and Schedule a Meeting to Adopt the 2017-2018 Tax Rate. [Ascencion Alonzo, Director of Finance]

IV. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify this Notice of a City Council Special Meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, at the City Offices of the City of Edinburg, located at the 415 West University entrance outside bulletin board, visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours. This notice was posted on August 23, 2017 at 11:45 a.m.

By: 

Myra L. Ayala Garza, City Secretary
City of Edinburg, Texas

Disability Access Statement

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the City Secretary Department at (956) 388-8204 at least two business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at Edinburg City Hall, 415 West University.

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEM AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY
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STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Senate Bill (S.B.) 18, 79th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings and publish notices if the unit proposes a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate or the rollback rate, whichever is lower. Although the 2017-2018 proposed tax rate will remain at \$0.6350 for the twenty-third consecutive year, if adopted, it will increase Property Tax revenues by 2.5% over the effective tax rate. The Property Tax Revenue increase is attributed mainly to property value increase, new improvements and new annexations.

The proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 was voted by Mayor and City Council on August 15, 2017 to remain at \$0.6350. The proposed tax rate is \$0.6350 per \$100 of assessed valuation allocated at \$0.5584 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.0766 for the Interest and Sinking Fund.

The first Public Hearing was held on August 22, 2017 at the City Hall-Council Chambers, located at 415 W. University Dr., Edinburg, Texas. At that Public Hearing, Mayor and City Council affirmed the proposed tax rate of \$0.6350 and set the date for the second public hearing.

City Manager recommends scheduling a meeting to adopt the 2017-2018 Tax Rate for the City of Edinburg for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 to be held on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall-Council Chambers, 415 W. University, Edinburg Texas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold Second Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Revenue Increase for the City of Edinburg for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and Schedule a Meeting to Adopt the 2017-2018 Tax Rate to be held on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall-Council Chambers, 415 W. University Dr., Edinburg, Texas.

REVIEWED BY:

/s/Richard M. Hinojosa
 Richard M. Hinojosa
 City Manager

PREPARED BY:

/s/Ascencion Alonzo
 Ascencion Alonzo
 Director of Finance

RECORD OF VOTE:

APPROVED _____
DISAPPROVED _____
TABLED _____
NO ACTION _____

 Richard Molina
 Councilmember

 J. R.
 Betancourt
 Mayor Pro-
 Tem

 Richard H. Garcia
 Mayor

 Homer Jasso, Jr.
 Councilmember

 David Torres
 Councilmember

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF EDINBURG

A tax rate of \$0.6350 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of CITY OF EDINBURG. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of CITY OF EDINBURG proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of keeping up with the continued city's growth while maintaining and providing the same level of services to the City of Edinburg's taxpayers and to pay debt service.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.6350 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.6350 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.6195 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.6554 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF EDINBURG from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF EDINBURG may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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

property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr.
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Edinburg, TX 78539
(956) 318-2157
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www.hidalgocountytax.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 12:00 PM at City of Edinburg City Hall-Council Chambers, 415 West University Dr. Edinburg, TX 78541.

Second Hearing: August 29, 2017 at 12:00 PM at City of Edinburg City Hall-Council Chambers, 415 West University Dr. Edinburg, TX 78541.