



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Comment

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management and Budget

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT: Public Hearings for the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and FY 2021 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 5:00 PM by videoconference two Public Hearings are scheduled:

- 1)2020 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget
- 2)FY 2021 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY 2021 Proposed Budget was presented to City Council on August 6, 2020. The budget is balanced as required by law and reflects both the City's continued commitment to long-term recovery and resilience from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as to address the community's priorities including health and human services, workforce development, affordable housing, infrastructure, and violence prevention while also maintaining the City in a strong financial position.

The Proposed FY 2021 Consolidated Annual Budget, comprised of all funds, excluding transfers, totals \$2.9 billion. The General Fund budget is \$1.28 billion; restricted funds such as Airport, Development Services, Solid Waste, and Hotel Occupancy Tax total \$999 million; and the Capital Budget totals \$641 million.

Following the presentation of the proposed budget a series of City Council budget worksessions are scheduled from August 11 to September 16. At these sessions, City staff will review the budget proposals with the Mayor and City Council in detail. The budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 17 for the City's fiscal year that begins on October 1.

State Law currently requires that a municipality hold one Tax Rate Public Hearing when the Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate exceeds the lower of the No-New Revenue Tax Rate or the Voter-Approval Tax Rate. In keeping with prior practices, the City will continue to hold two Tax Rate Public Hearings as part of the Tax Year 2020 Tax Rate Adoption Process. The first Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 and the second Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020.

City Charter also requires one Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget. Staff recommends two Public Hearings on the FY 2021 Proposed Budget to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 and Thursday, September 10, 2020.

The 2020 Proposed Ad Valorem Rate Public Hearing will be held over videoconference and will begin at 5:00 pm and the FY 2021 Proposed Budget Public Hearing will begin immediately thereafter.

Notices for the Budget and/or Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearings were published in the Express-News in English and Spanish on Sunday, August 23. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for purchase and/or inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, Municipal Plaza as well as online at www.sanantonio.gov/budget.

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Members of the public can offer testimony at each of these public hearings. To submit comments or sign up to speak, please go to www.sanantonio.gov/agenda and click on the eComment link associated with the Agenda for the public hearing for instructions.

Each public hearing will be available to the public at: AT&T channel 99; Grande channel 20; Spectrum channel 21; digital antenna 16, www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA <<http://www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA>>; and [www.Facebook.com/COSAGOV](https://www.facebook.com/COSAGOV). Each public hearing will also be available by calling (210) 207-5555 (English and Spanish available).

ALTERNATIVES:

State Law requires that a municipality holds two property tax rate public hearings when the Proposed Ad Valorem City Tax Rate exceeds the Effective Tax Rate. Additionally, the City Charter requires at least one public hearing on the City's Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public hearings on the 2020 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget and the Proposed Budget will not require City Council action. Final approval of the FY 2021 Proposed Budget is scheduled for September 17, 2020.