



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Comment Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management & Budget

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Justina Tate

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Public Hearings for the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and FY 2023 Proposed Budget

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the Norma S. Rodriguez City Council Chamber, two Public Hearings are scheduled:

- 1) 2023 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Proposed Budget
- 2) FY 2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The FY 2024 Proposed Budget was presented to City Council on August 10, 2023. The proposed budget reflects both City Council and Community priorities focuses on four key areas: property tax relief, keeping San Antonio safe, enhancing quality of life and improving customer service.

The Proposed FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Budget, comprised of all funds, excluding transfers, totals \$3.7 billion. The General Fund budget is \$1.60 billion; restricted funds such as Airport, Development Services, Solid Waste, and Hotel Occupancy Tax total \$1.33 billion; and the Capital Budget totals \$798 million.

Following the presentation of the proposed budget, a series of City Council budget worksessions

are scheduled from August 15 to September 13. 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 14 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 2023 Tax Rate Adoption Process. The first Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2023 and the second Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023.

City Charter also requires that one Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget be held. Staff recommends two Public Hearings on the FY 2024 Proposed Budget to be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 and Thursday, September 7, 2023.

The 2023 Proposed Ad Valorem Rate Public Hearing will be held in the Norma S. Rodriguez City Council Chamber on August 30, 2023 and will begin at 5:00 pm. The FY 2024 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 in La Prensa Texas in Spanish on Sunday, August 20 and Sunday, August 27. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for purchase and/or inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 100 Military Plaza as well as online at www.sanantonio.gov/budget.

ISSUE:

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- 1) 2023 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing
- 2) FY 2024 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

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.saspeakup.com and click on the link associated with the Agenda for the Budget Public Hearing for instructions.

Members of the public wishing to speak at either Budget Public Hearing may also sign-in to speak at the West Lobby Kiosk of the City Council Chamber beginning at 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM on Wednesday, August 30. VIA vouchers and parking validations for City Tower Garage can be requested at the West Lobby Kiosk for those signed up to speak.

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. Each public hearing will also be available by calling (210) 207-5555 (English and Spanish available).

ALTERNATIVES:

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. Additionally, the City Charter requires at least one public hearing on the City's Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The public hearings on the 2023 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for the FY 2024 Proposed Budget and the Proposed Budget will not require City Council action. Final approval of the FY 2024 Proposed Budget is scheduled for September 14, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a public hearing for input on the FY 2024 Proposed Budget and is for briefing purposes only.