



## AGENDA

**Special Session of the Bedford City Council  
Monday, August 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Bedford City Hall Building A  
2000 Forest Ridge Drive  
Bedford, Texas 76021**

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### CALL TO ORDER

### SPECIAL SESSION

**OPEN FORUM** *(The public is invited to address the Council on any topic that is posted on this agenda. Citizens desiring to speak on Public Hearing(s) must do so at the time the Public Hearing(s) are opened. In order to speak during Open Forum, a person must first sign in with the City Secretary prior to the Special Session being called to order. Speakers will be called upon in the order in which they sign in. Any person not signing in prior to the commencement of the Special Session shall not be allowed to speak under Open Forum. Further, Open Forum is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. Should speakers not use the entire 30 minutes Council will proceed with the agenda. At the majority vote of the Council the Mayor may extend the time allotted for Open Forum.)*

- 1. Discussion on budget work session held August 1, 2020 and other budget related items.**
- 2. Call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget to be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.**
- 3. Consider a proposed tax rate and set two public hearings on the proposed tax rate, if required.**

### ADJOURNMENT

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the outside window in a display cabinet at the City Hall of the City of Bedford, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by the following date and time: Friday, July 31, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting convened.

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**Michael Wells, City Secretary**

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**Date Notice Removed**

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# Council Agenda Background

<b><u>PRESENTER:</u></b> Meg Jakubik, C.G.F.O., Strategic Services Manager		<b><u>DATE:</u></b> 08/03/20
<b>Council Mission Area:</b> Be responsive to the needs of the community.		
<b><u>ITEM:</u></b> Call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget to be held on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. <b>City Attorney Review:</b> N/A		
<b><u>SUMMARY:</u></b> This item is to call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget to be held on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.		
<b><u>BACKGROUND:</u></b> Section 4.05 of the City Charter states that the City Council shall determine the place and time of the public hearing on the budget.  In order to meet the appropriate timeline to approve the budget and tax rate for submittal to Tarrant County, it is recommended that the City Council call the public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget for August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.		
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b> Staff recommends the following motion:  Call a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget to be held on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.		
<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT:</u></b> N/A	<b><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u></b> N/A	



# Council Agenda Background

**PRESENTER:** Meg Jakubik, C.G.F.O., Strategic Services Manager

**DATE:** 08/03/20

**Council Mission Area:** Be responsive to the needs of the community.

**ITEM:**

Consider a proposed tax rate and set the public hearing on the proposed tax rate, if required.

**City Attorney Review:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

This item is to consider a proposed tax rate and the public hearing on the proposed tax rate, if required. The public hearing would be held on Monday, August 17, 2020, with the actual vote on the tax rate taking place on Monday, August 24, 2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

The tax rate used to propose funding for the FY 2020-2021 budget as presented is \$0.571968 per \$100 assessed valuation.

**Definitions:**

**No-New-Revenue (NNR) Tax Rate:** The tax rate that will generate the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year from the same property. This rate serves as the benchmark from which all Truth-in-Taxation requirements are measured. The NNR rate for FY 2020-2021 is \$0.562799 per \$100 valuation.

**NNR Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate:** The tax rate that will generate the same amount of tax revenue for maintenance and operations as the previous year. The NNR M&O rate (prior to the sales tax rate adjustment) for FY 2020-2021 is \$0.447476. The NNR operating rate after the sales tax rate adjustment of \$0.073683 is \$0.373793.

**Voter-Approved Tax Rate:** The maximum tax rate the City may adopt without requiring an election. The voter-approved tax rate for FY 2020-2021 is \$0.571968.

**Debt Tax Rate:** The rate required to generate revenue to meet debt service requirements, which is unlimited in terms of calculating the rollback rate. The debt tax rate for FY 2020-2021 is \$0.182515.

**Maximum Public Hearing Rate:** The NNR tax rate or the voter-approved rate, whichever is less. The calculated maximum public hearing rate for FY 2020-2021 is \$0.562799, which is equal to the NNR tax rate.

It is necessary at this time for the City Council to vote on the maximum tax rate that would be considered for implementation of the FY 2020-2021 budget. The City Council is not actually setting a tax rate at this time. The purpose of this vote is to establish the upper threshold for the tax rate that the City Council will consider when an actual vote is required on August 24, 2020. At that time, the City Council may consider any rate up to the amount that is approved at this time but may not exceed that rate.

**IN SUMMARY:**

2019-2020 Adopted Tax Rate: \$0.569000 / \$100 AV

2020-2021 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.562799 / \$100 AV

Maximum public hearing rate: \$0.562799 / \$100 AV

The rate used to project the property tax revenues presented in the FY 2020-2021 budget is:  
\$0.571968 per \$100 assessed valuation

Should the City Council vote to consider a tax rate greater than \$0.562799, a public hearing will be required (per section 26.06 of the Tax Code). In order to meet the publication and scheduling requirements in both the City Charter and the Truth-in-Taxation laws, the recommended date for the public hearing is the following:

- Monday, August 17, 2020
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The actual vote on the tax rate will take place on Monday, August 24, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the following motion:

Consider a tax rate of \$0.\_\_\_\_\_ per \$100 assessed valuation to be voted on the August 24, 2020 agenda, and schedule a public hearing to discuss the tax rate on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford City Hall or may be held virtually utilizing procedures as authorized by the State of Texas.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A