



CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OCTOBER 6, 2014

Council Chamber

Public Hearing

6:00 PM

7008 S. RICE AVENUE
BELLAIRE, TX 77401

SPECIAL SESSION (SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES) - 6:00 P.M.

A. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum - Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem.

Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem, called the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014. She announced that a quorum of the members of City Council were present as set forth below.

Full Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Nauert	Mayor	Absent	
Amanda B. Nathan	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
John Reed	Councilman	Present	
John Aviola Sr.	Councilman	Present	
John Appas	Councilman	Present	
John Laughlan	Councilman	Present	
John S. Friedberg	Councilman	Present	
John Hofmann	City Manager	Present	
John Dutton	City Clerk	Present	
John Rank	Chief Financial Officer	Present	

B. Reading of Notice of Public Hearing - Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk, read the "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" into the record as follows:

"The City of Bellaire will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.06 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing was held on September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Bellaire, City Hall, Council Chamber, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401.

The second public hearing will be held on October 6, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Bellaire, City Hall, Council Chamber, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor
Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem
Roman F. Reed, Councilman - Position No. 1
James P. Avioli, Sr., Councilman - Position No. 2
Gus E. Pappas, Councilman - Position No. 3
Pat B. McLaughlan, Councilman - Position No. 4
Andrew S. Friedberg, Councilman - Position No. 5

AGAINST:

None

PRESENT and not voting:

None

ABSENT:

None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Bellaire last year was \$534,810. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.3999 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$2,138.71.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Bellaire this year is \$588,131. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.3658 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$2,151.38.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.3936 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$2,314.88.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views."

C. Summary of Public Hearing Procedures - Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager, summarized the public hearing procedures for the evening.

D. Presentation:

Presentation regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues for the 2014 tax year from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.60% percent by proposing a tax rate of \$0.3936 per \$100 valuation.

There were no members of the public in attendance for this public hearing; therefore, a second presentation regarding the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.06 percent was not given.

(Requested by Linda Symank, Finance Administration)

E. Recognition of Citizens and/or Other Interested Parties - Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem.

There were no members of the public in attendance for this public hearing.

F. Questions from City Council - Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem.

Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem, opened the floor for questions from City Council. There were no questions from the City Council.

G. Close of Public Hearing - Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem.

Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem, announced that the public hearing before City Council regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.06 percent was closed. She indicated that oral comments would not be received on this matter; however, written comments could be directed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk prior to final deliberation. It was anticipated that final deliberation would occur on Monday, October 20, 2014. It was noted that written comments must be received by noon on Thursday, October 16, 2014, in order to be considered for the record.

H. Adjourn.

Amanda B. Nathan, Mayor Pro Tem, adjourned the Special Session (Public Hearing) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, at 6:07 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014.