

# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

OCTOBER 12, 2015

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Council Chamber	Public Hearing	6:00 PM
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7008 S. RICE AVENUE  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401



## Mayor

Dr. Philip L. Nauert

## Mayor Pro Tem

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### **Mission Statement:**

***The City of Bellaire is dedicated to outstanding quality service and facilities to ensure an open, progressive, and secure community.***

**SPECIAL SESSION (PUBLIC HEARING) - 6:00 P.M.**

**A. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.**

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

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

**D. Presentation:**

Presentation regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues for the 2015 tax year from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.69% by proposing a tax rate of \$0.3805 per \$100 valuation - Submitted and presented by Linda Symank, Chief Financial Officer.

**E. Recognition of Citizens and/or Other Interested Parties - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.**

During this agenda item, the Mayor will call on each speaker who has signed the "Sign-in Sheet" located at the entrance to the Council Chamber. The speaker should step up to the podium as soon as he or she is recognized by the Mayor. Each speaker should state his or her name before beginning his or her presentation. **Each speaker is limited to five minutes, with no extension.** Notice will be given to speakers after four minutes that there is one minute left for comments.

**F. Questions from the Mayor and City Council - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.**

**G. Close of Public Hearing - Dr. Philip L. Nauert, Mayor.**

Under the *Rules of Procedure* of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, as of July 13, 2015, *Article 9, Rules Governing Public Hearings, Section I, Written Comments*, **oral comments** regarding the proposed increase in tax revenues for tax year 2015 **will not be received after the close of this public hearing.** Written comments may be submitted to the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("City Council"), prior to final deliberation on the matter. It is anticipated that final deliberation will occur on Monday, October 19, 2015. Written comments should, therefore, be submitted to the City Council in care of the City Clerk by noon on Thursday, October 15, 2015, in order to be considered for the public record.

**H. Adjourn.**

**Mayor and Council**

7008 S. Rice Avenue  
Bellaire, TX 77401



Meeting: 10/12/15 06:00 PM  
Department: Finance Administration  
Category: Truth-In-Taxation  
Department Head: Linda Symank  
DOC ID: 1569

**SCHEDULED****ACTION ITEM (ID # 1569)**

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**Item Title:**

Presentation regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues for the 2015 tax year from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.69% by proposing a tax rate of \$0.3805 per \$100 valuation - Submitted and presented by Linda Symank, Chief Financial Officer.

**Background/Summary:**

The Texas Constitution sets out the general requirements for truth-in-taxation, including the calculation of an effective tax rate and a rollback tax rate. For tax year 2015 (FY2016), the effective tax rate was calculated as \$0.3600 and the rollback tax rate as \$0.3805. The proposed tax rate for tax year 2015 is \$0.3805 per \$100 valuation.

When a proposed tax rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective rate, whichever is lower, the taxing unit's governing body must vote to place a proposal to adopt the rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. This must be a record vote and the proposal must specify the desired rate. If the motion passes, the taxing unit must schedule two public hearings on the proposal.

At the City Council meeting on September 15, 2015, the City Council took a record vote proposing to adopt a tax rate of \$0.3805 for tax year 2015 (FY2016). This proposed rate exceeds the effective rate by \$0.0205 or 5.7%. Because the proposed rate exceeds the effective rate, the City Council scheduled two public hearings on the proposal.

The first public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Council Chambers, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401. The second public hearing is scheduled at the same location on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The proposed property tax rate of \$0.3805 would raise \$17,200,782 in revenue, which is \$1,256,790 more than taxes imposed last year. Citizens of Bellaire have a right to attend the public hearings to comment on the proposed tax rate.

**Previous Council Action Summary:**

Sept 15th Acceptance of 2015 Tax Roll and calculate effective and rollback tax rates.  
Sept 15th Record vote to adopt tax rate of \$0.3805 and scheduled two public hearings.  
Oct 5th Held first public hearing.

**Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

**Recommendation:**

n/a