

# CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

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Council Chamber

Special Session

6:00 PM

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7008 S. RICE AVENUE  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401



## Mayor

Andrew S. Friedberg

## Mayor Pro Tem

Roman F. Reed

## Council Member

Gus E. Pappas

## Council Member

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David R. Montague

### 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 - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**

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

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

**D. Presentation of Proposal:**

Presentation regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues for the 2016 tax year from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.7% percent by proposing a tax rate of \$0.3874 per \$100 valuation - Submitted and presented by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

**E. Public Comment.**

The Mayor will recognize speakers who have completed a sign-up sheet prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Each speaker shall have a time limit of up to five (5) minutes, with no extension, and with notice after four (4) minutes that one (1) minute is left.

**F. Questions from the Mayor and Council.**

**G. Close of Public Hearing.**

A second public hearing will be held on the same subject matter on Monday, October 10, 2016, and oral public comment will be received on that same date. The public may submit written comments to the City Council prior to its final deliberation. All written comments must be received by the City Clerk's office by noon on the Thursday preceding the meeting of final deliberation for inclusion in the public record of the proceedings. It is anticipated that final deliberation will occur on Monday, October 17, 2016; therefore, written comments should be submitted by noon on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

*See Rules of Procedure of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, as of January 25, 2016.*

**H. Adjourn.**

**Mayor and Council**

7008 S. Rice Avenue  
Bellaire, TX 77401



Meeting: 09/29/16 06:00 PM  
Department: Finance Administration  
Category: Truth-In-Taxation  
Department Head: Terrence Beaman  
DOC ID: 2039

**SCHEDULED  
ACTION ITEM (ID # 2039)**

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**Item Title:**

Presentation regarding a proposal to increase total tax revenues for the 2016 tax year from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.7% percent by proposing a tax rate of \$0.3874 per \$100 valuation - Submitted and presented by Terrence Beaman, 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 2016 (FY 2017), the effective tax rate was calculated as \$0.3665 and the rollback tax rate as \$0.3924. The proposed tax rate for tax year 2016 is \$0.3874 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 19, 2016, the City Council took a record vote proposing to adopt a tax rate of \$0.3874 for tax year 2016 (FY 2017). This proposed rate exceeds the effective rate by \$0.0209 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 Thursday, September 29, 2016 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 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

The proposed property tax rate of \$0.3874 would raise \$18,569,889 in revenue, which is \$1,443,276 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 19, 2016 Acceptance of 2016 Tax Roll and the calculated Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Tax Rate.

Sept 19, 2016 Record vote to adopt tax rate of \$0.3874 and scheduled two public hearings.

**Fiscal Impact:**

n/a

**Recommendation:**

n/a