



Amarillo City Council Regular Meeting

September 17, 2024

3:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chamber

601 S. Buchanan Street, 3rd Floor

Amarillo, Texas 79101

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Public Comment** The public will be permitted to offer public comment on agenda items and items related to City business. Citizens interested in commenting may sign up online at <https://www.amarillo.gov/departments/city-manager/city-secretary/public-address-registration-form>, by calling the City Secretary's office at (806) 378-3014, or in person in Room 303 of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan. Citizens should sign up at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.

3. **Agenda Items**

3.A. **PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET:**

This Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$3,654,631 which is a 5.43% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,279,505.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO)

3.B. **PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE:**

THE CITY OF AMARILLO IS CONSIDERING A TAX RATE OF \$0.38723, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE CURRENT RATE.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 5.63

PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4.23.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO)

3.C. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8152 ADOPTING THE CITY OF AMARILLO BUDGET FOR THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR

This is the second reading of an ordinance adopting the City of Amarillo budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. This budget allows for the City to continue providing effective public services, programs and assistance to Amarillo residents in the upcoming year.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO)

3.D. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8153 APPROVING THE CITY OF AMARILLO TAX ROLL, SETTING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR:

This is the second reading of an ordinance approving the City of Amarillo tax roll, setting an ad valorem property tax rate and levying a tax on all property subject to taxation within the City for the 2024 tax year. This ordinance establishes an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.31867 per \$100.00 property valuation for City maintenance and operations expenses and \$0.06856 per \$100.00 property valuation for existing debt expenses resulting in a total ad valorem rate of \$0.38723 per \$100.00 property valuation.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 5.63 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4.23.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO)

3.E. RATIFICATION – CITY OF AMARILLO TAX RATE AND BUDGET:

Pursuant to the terms of Tex. Loc. Gov. Code, Sec. 102.007(c), the City Council is required to take a separate ratification vote on the tax rate when the adopted budget requires more property tax revenue than did the previous year's budget.

(Contact: Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager and CFO)

3.F. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-17-24-1

This item considers a resolution ratifying the Meet and Confer Agreement with the Amarillo Police Officers Association; providing for an effective date. (Contact: Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager)

3.G. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-17-24-2

This item considers a resolution ratifying the Meet and Confer Agreement with the Amarillo Professional Fire Fighters Association and providing for an effective date. (Contact: Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager)

4. Adjourn

Please note: The City Council may take up items out of the order shown on any Agenda. The City Council reserves the right to discuss all or part of any item in an executive session at any time during a meeting or work session, as necessary and allowed by state law. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the agenda and is of the opinion that all items noticed therein described for open and/or closed session comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act ("Act") and that this opinion may be relied upon by City officials for all purposes, including but not limited to, Section 551.144 of the Act as amended. Votes or final decisions are made only in open Regular or Special meetings, not in either a work session or executive session.

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/s/ Stephanie Coggins

Stephanie Coggins, City Secretary