

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

**Thursday
August 25, 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Garland, Texas, will hold a special meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. and, beginning at 7:00 p.m. will hold public hearings on the Proposed Operating Budget and on the Proposed Tax Rate for the fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2016, and ends on September 30, 2017. The meeting and hearings will be held in the Duckworth Building, Goldie Locke Room, 217 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas. The City Council will consider the following matters:

1. Continue departmental budget presentations:

- Community Development Block Grant – *Vasquez*
- Convention and Visitors Bureau – *Arrant*
- Street Update - *Oliver*

2. Hold a public hearing regarding the 2016-17 Proposed Budget.

Section 5, Article VII, of the City Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the Proposed Budget for the coming fiscal year. At the public hearing, all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item contained in the Proposed Budget. The 2016-17 Proposed Budget has been available for public inspection in the City libraries, in the City Secretary's Office, and on the City's website (www.garlandtx.gov) since August 3, 2016. A public hearing on the Proposed Budget was previously held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. The 2016-17 Budget is scheduled for adoption on September 6, 2016.

NOTICE: This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$7,458,690 or 9.44%, and of that amount, \$785,374 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

3. Hold a public hearing regarding the 2016-17 Proposed Tax Rate.

The Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.05 (d), provides that a governing body may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective rate until the governing body has held two public hearings on the proposed tax rate and has otherwise complied with Section 26.06 and Section 26.065. The 2016-17 Proposed Budget is based on a tax rate of 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation, which does exceed the effective tax rate of 64.20 cents and the rollback rate of 69.83 cents due to a 10.6% increase in taxable values.

A previous public hearing was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Proposed Tax Rate

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
O&M	39.40	0.00	39.40
Debt Service	<u>31.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31.06</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	70.46	0.00	70.46

4. Continuation of departmental budget presentations as necessary and adjourn.

5. Council discussion and deliberation.