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City Manager/City Secretary  
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**NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
September 21, 2020**

**Special Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
504 N. Queen Street  
Palestine, Texas**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Order of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the Palestine City Council will conduct its meeting by telephone/video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the COVID-19. There will be public access to the location described above. All attendees are required to wear a face covering.

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82052919042?pwd=bmdQb0RjRlZ2OEQwVDhZWmpMb2hlQT09>

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The public will be permitted to submit public comments electronically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of the public may submit their comments by completing the required Request to Speak form by using the weblink below. All comments submitted by 5:00 p.m., the day of the meeting will be read during the meeting. All comments must be no more than five minutes in length.

<http://cityofpalestinetx.com/government/city-secretary/policies-forms/request-to-speak/>

*It is not the intention of the City of Palestine to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of an individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the*

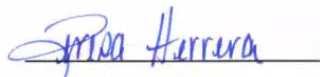
*Council to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty and/or integrity of any person or threaten any person. Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language will not be read aloud at the meeting.*

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public hearing regarding the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.683774 per \$100 valuation by the governing body of the City of Palestine.
2. Public hearing regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the main entrance to City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on **Friday, September 18, 2020, at 3:10 p.m.**



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS IN NEED OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE VIA EMAIL AT [therrera@palestine-tx.org](mailto:therrera@palestine-tx.org) or 903-731-8414.



Agenda Date: September 21, 2020  
To: City Council  
From: Teresa Herrera, City Secretary  
Agenda Item: Public hearing regarding the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.683774 per \$100  
Date Submitted:

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**SUMMARY:**

City Council at its September 8th, meeting set the public hearing date. Today, we will hear from citizens wishing to comment on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.683774 per \$100.

M&O Rate of \$0.555678  
I&S Rate of \$0.128096

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Palestine from the same properties in both 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

No action recommended at this meeting. City Council will receive input from citizens wishing to comment on the proposed tax rate. City Council will vote on the Proposed Tax Rate on September 28, 2020, at 5:30 PM at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, TX.

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:**

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Agenda Date: September 21, 2020  
To: City Council  
From: Teresa Herrera, City Secretary  
Agenda Item: Public hearing regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.  
Date Submitted:

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**SUMMARY:**

City Council at its September 8th, meeting scheduled a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The City Manager filed a proposed budget with the City Secretary on August 20, 2020. The public hearing is occurring after the 15th day after the date the proposed budget was filed with the city secretary and before the date City Council makes its tax levy.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

No action recommended. City Council will receive input from citizens wishing to comment on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. City Council will vote to adopt the budget at its meeting of September 28, 2020.

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:**

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