

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD

PLEASE NOTE:

Public comments and matters from the floor are limited to 3 minutes per person. Allotted minutes cannot be transferred to other individuals.

If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request to Address Council form available upon entrance to the meeting.

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

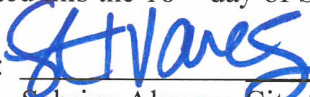
Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hempstead will be held on **Monday, the 25th day of September A.D., 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** at the **Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas**, at which time the following subjects will be considered, to-wit:

1. Call to order and invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments.
4. Consideration and action on an Ordinance of the City of Hempstead, Texas providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the 2023 tax year and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; providing the date on which such taxes shall be due and payable; providing for severability and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.
 - a. Public Hearing on Tax Rate
 - b. Consideration and action on an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.075027 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for debt service. **(Record Vote)**
 - c. Consideration and action on ad valorem tax rate at the rate of \$0.570658 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for maintenance and operations. **(Record Vote)**
 - d. Consideration and action on an Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of ad valorem taxes for the year 2023. **MOTION : “*I move that the property tax be increased by the adoption of tax rate of \$0.582685, which is effectively an 9.04% percent increase in the tax rate.*” (Record Vote)**
5. Consideration and action on payment of current bills.
6. Consideration and action on a recommendation from HEDC on a Project to sell approximately 4.98 acres of HEDC-owned land for purchase and use as a retail store.

The City Council of the City of Hempstead reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below authorized by Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), and 551.086 (Certain Public Power Utilities: Competitive Matters). Council may act in Open Session on any item listed for Executive Session.

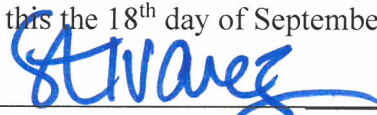
7. Adjourn City Council Meeting.

Dated this the 18th day of September, A.D., 2023.

By: 
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of a Special Meeting of the governing body of the City of Hempstead is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that a true and correct copy of said Notice was posted on the City Hall bulletin board and entrances to City Hall, in the City Hall of said City of Hempstead, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and that said Notice was posted on September 18, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 18th day of September, A.D., 2023.

By: 
Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Monday the 25th day of September 2023 at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas.** The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public upon written request.

The toll-free dial-in number to participate in the meeting telephonically is:

1-346-248-7799; Access Code 989-478-2100

IF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE GOING TO APPEAR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE A QUORUM OF COUNCILMEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE LOCATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

The City of Hempstead City Council **may** conduct the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Monday the 25th day of September 2023 at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas** by videoconference in addition to allowing in person attendance. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the Hempstead City Hall, 1125 Austin Street, Hempstead. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting by using the following information:

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City of Hempstead

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY, AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; PROVIDING THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code provides that by September 30th or the 60th day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, the governing body of each taxing unit shall adopt a tax rate for the current tax year; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code further provides that where the tax rate consists of two components (one which will impose the amount of taxes needed to pay the City's debt service and the other which will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City for the next fiscal year), each of such two components must be approved separately; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax rate for the current tax year of the City of Hempstead, Texas, consists of two such components, a tax rate of \$0.075027 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for debt service and a tax rate of \$0.507658 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation to fund maintenance and operation expenditures; and

WHEREAS, by separate motions heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, at a meeting of said City Council held on the 18th day of September 2023, said City Council have approved separately the tax rate heretofore specified for each of said components; and

WHEREAS, having thus separately approved the tax rate for each of such components, it is necessary and appropriate for the City Council to now formally pass, approve, and adopt a 2023 tax rate ordinance for the City of Hempstead, Texas; and

WHEREAS, all notices and hearings required by law as a prerequisite to the passage, approval, and adoption of said tax rate ordinance have been timely and properly given and held; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted, ratified, confirmed and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. All property including real, personal, and mixed subject to ad valorem taxation by the City of Hempstead, Texas, shall be equally and uniformly assessed for such purposes at One Hundred Percent (100%) of the fair market value of such property.

Section 3. For the purpose of paying the interest on bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City of Hempstead, Texas, including the various installments of principal due on the serial bonds, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness issued by the City as such installments shall respectively mature, and for the purpose of paying any sums borrowed in anticipation of current revenues for use in the payment of bonds and certificates of obligation and interest thereon maturing in the fiscal year 2023-2024, and for the purpose of repaying interest and making provisions for the sinking fund on such other bond issues, warrants, certificates of obligation, or other lawfully authorized evidence of indebtedness as may be authorized, there is hereby levied for the year 2023 and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, to be assessed and collected upon all property described in Section 2 of this Ordinance, an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.582685 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation for debt service.

Section 4. There is hereby levied for general purposes and use by the City of Hempstead, Texas, for the year 2023-2024, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.582685 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property described in Section 2 of this Ordinance. The proceeds from such tax shall be applied to the payment of the general and current expenses, also known as maintenance and operations, of the government of the City. All such taxes shall be assessed and collected in current money of the United States of America.

**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
___5.21___% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000
HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$ 25.16.**

Section 5. All ad valorem taxes levied hereby, in the total amount of \$0.582685 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation, as reflected by Sections 3 and 4 hereof, shall be due and payable

on or before January 31, 2024. All ad valorem taxes due the City of Hempstead, Texas, and not paid on or before January 31st following the year for which they were levied shall bear penalty and interest as prescribed in the Texas Tax Code.

Section 6. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Hempstead, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 25th day of September, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

Erica Gillum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Alvarez, City Secretary