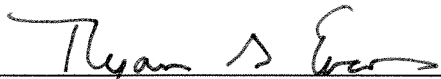
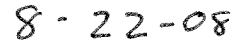


**AUGUST 25, 2008 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET BRIEFING AGENDA
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Mary K. Suhm
City Manager



Date



Edward Scott
City Controller



Date

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CITY COUNCIL BUDGET BRIEFING

August 25, 2008

DATE

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- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
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AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008
CITY HALL
1500 MARILLA
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
9:00 A.M.

9:00 am Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance 6ES

Briefings 6ES

- A. Stormwater Fee Study Results and Recommendations
- B. Water Utilities: Overview and Recommended FY09 Budget
- C. 2009 Employee/Retiree Health Benefit Plans
- D. Property Tax Rate Legal Options and Discussion

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Office of Financial Services

- 1. Authorize **(1)** public hearings to be held on September 10, 2008 and September 15, 2008 to receive comments on a proposed tax rate; and **(2)** a proposal to consider adoption of a 74.79¢/\$100 valuation tax rate, or a lower rate as may be proposed by the City Council on September 24, 2008 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Adjournment

The above schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated briefings and is subject to change at any time. Current agenda information may be obtained by calling (214) 670-3100 during working hours.

Note: An expression of preference or a preliminary vote may be taken by the Council on any of the briefing items.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation, or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

AGENDA ITEM # 1

KEY FOCUS AREA: Make Government More Efficient, Effective and Economical

AGENDA DATE: August 25, 2008

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: Office of Financial Services

CMO: Dave Cook, 670-7804

MAPSCO: N/A

SUBJECT

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BACKGROUND

The City Manager's recommended FY 2008-09 budget includes a tax rate of 74.79¢/\$100. To set a property tax rate above the effective rate of 71.88¢/\$100, which is the lower of the effective and rollback tax rates, State law requires the following:

Specify a proposed desired rate; take record vote and schedule two special public hearings;

Publish "notice of public hearings on tax increase" (quarter-page notice) at least seven days before public hearing (September 3, 2008);

Minimum 72-hour notice for public hearing;

Hold two special public hearings, schedule and announce meeting to adopt tax rate 3-14 days from this date (September 10, 2008 and September 15, 2008);

Publish "notice of vote on tax rate" (quarter-page notice) prior to meeting to adopt tax rate (September 17, 2008);

Minimum 72-hour notice for meeting at which Council will adopt tax rate;

Meeting to adopt tax rate (September 24, 2008)

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

City Council Budget Workshop on August 11, 2008.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City

August 25, 2008

WHEREAS, the City Manager's proposed FY 2008-09 Budget includes a 74.79¢/\$100 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the publication of two notices and holding two public hearings be considered should a tax rate above the lower of the effective or rollback rate; and

WHEREAS, the City's FY 2008-09 effective rate is calculated to be 71.88¢/\$100; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to reserve the option to exceed the calculated effective rate of 71.88¢/\$100; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to providing the citizens with the opportunity to speak on the City's FY 2008-09 tax rate;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That the City Council will consider adoption of a 74.79¢/\$100 valuation property tax rate, or such other rate as may be proposed by Council for FY 2008-09.

Section 2. That public hearings on the City's FY 2008-09 proposed tax rate be held on September 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. and September 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Dallas City Hall.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

