

Tax Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Meeting of July 15, 2025
10:00 am

TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Meeting called order at 10:08 am by Angela Brinkley

Members Present: Maria Pasillas, Angela Brinkley, Walt Byers, David Solis, Jessica Garza, Val Armendariz, Andrea Carillo, Belen Briones, Martha Piekarski

Others Present: Dinah Kilgore, David Stone, David Flores, Jose Padilla, Isaura Valdez, Esther Alarcon, Rosa Reyes, Oscar Gomez, Jose Romero, Jessica Garza

1. Tax Advisory Committee Minutes for the July 3, 2024 Meeting were read and approved.
2. Maria Pasillas, City Tax Assessor Collector, presented the preliminary budget for the tax office, highlighting the increase in employee salaries and benefits, using a Temp Agency to provide temporary staff to increase efficiencies, higher postage due to increased number of parcels and postage rates, and the increase in the indirect costs due to paying other departments, most notably, the City Attorney's Office for services provided to the Tax Office.

The City Tax Office FY 2025 Preliminary Budget is \$3,020,527.

The Per Parcel Rate is \$1.00.

3. Dinah Kilgore, Chief Appraiser, discussed the progress of the 2025 protests and hearings. Approximately 10% of the appraisal role is under protest, about the same as last year. Approximately 76% of the protests are being handled informally mostly residential, while 55% going to the ARB mostly by commercial agents. 80% of the residential protests have been settled informally. The goal is to deliver the certified values by July 24, 2025.

David Stone discussed the impact of the additional exemptions to be voted on this fall. The certified values are at original pre-exemption amounts, but

for TNT, we must use the values with exemptions. The school districts will calculate both values and there may be additional compression.

The CAD Budget is based on the levy and will shift how much the entities owe. The costs will shift from the school entities, causing non-school entities to pay increased amount/contribution.

5. Maria invited everyone to attend the Legislative Update hosted by the LGBS Law Firm on August 20th. Invitations will be sent out.

Maria reminded everyone to register and attend the Truth- In-Taxation Webinars scheduled for July.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 10:48am.