

B. TAX RATE RECORD VOTE

C. SCHEDULE TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to schedule 2024 Tax Rate Public Hearing for **September 9, 2025** and adopt the **tax rate of 0.7735** per \$100 property valuation.

Tax Rate record vote:

Mayor Mario Ruiz – Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones – Aye

Councilor Noel Galvan – Aye

Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez – Opposed

Councilor Anika Santana – Aye

Vote for approval 4-1. Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

2. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones to advertise for the City of Carrizo Springs Municipal Judge.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PEP RALLY EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT THE VETERANS PARK

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to allocate \$1,500 from council funds for the Pep Rally Event to be held on September 24, 2025 at the Veterans Park.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP

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A. OPEN BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Mario Ruiz open the budget workshop at 6:23 p.m.

Finance Director Edgardo Castillo presented Council with salary increases of \$1.25 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all employees and a longevity pay increase of \$0.10 per years of service.

City Manager Azalia Garcia recommends increasing the City Marshal Deputy's salary to \$45,000, but there is no money in the budget to hire an extra City Marshal Deputy.

Councilor Noel Galvan recommended the \$1.25 increase for all employees and a salary of \$45,000 for the City Marshal Deputies.

Mayor Mario Ruiz did not recommend the longevity pay per year because it would cause chaos between the employees.

Finance Director Edgardo Castillo also presented Council with a proposal from Centurion Industries, Inc. for \$61,965.00 to install a roof a City Hall and a quote for \$73,140.00 to install a roof at the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department building. Mr. Castillo states that the more expensive roof installation will be made with this year's budget and the other roof will be added to next year's budget.

Finance Director Edgardo Castillo recommends paying 3 employees (2 hourly and 1 salary) from the HOT Funds to coordinate special events for the city.

Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez states that the employees coordinating the events should be compensated to organize the events and recommends the salary employee get a stipend..

Councilor Noel Galvan states that the salary employee should also be compensated for coordinating the events.

Finance Director Edgardo Castillo states to Council that the 3 employees he is referring to organize the event for example doing all the paperwork, working with the vendors and entertainment and eventually also work the day of the event.

Finance Director Edgardo Castillo states that he has allocated \$35,000 for the 4th of July Event. Mayor Pro Tem Sofia Morones recommends increasing the budget for the 4th of July Event to \$45,000.

B. CLOSE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Mario Ruiz closed the budget workshop at 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Anika Santana to adjourn.

Vote for approval 5 - 0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 7:28 p.m.

/s/Mario Ruiz

Mario Ruiz, Mayor
City of Carrizo Springs

ATTEST:

/s/Melissa M. Guerra

Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk
City of Carrizo Springs