

**Notice of City Council Special Meeting
AGENDA**

July 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY GIVEN the City Council will conduct its City Council Special Meeting scheduled for **5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, at the City of Montgomery City Hall, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Texas.

Members of the public may view the meeting live on the City's website www.montgomerytexas.gov under Agenda/Minutes and then select **Live Stream Page (located at the top of the page)**. The Meeting Agenda Pack will be posted online at www.montgomerytexas.gov. The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the City's website.

Notice - any person(s) using profane, abusive or threatening language may result in them being removed from the Teleconference Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 1.** Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of a Resolution setting City of Montgomery tax exemptions for 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

/s/Susan Hensley

Susan Hensley, City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City of Montgomery City Hall, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Texas, on July 16, 2021 at 4:50 p.m. I further certify that the following news media was notified of this meeting as stated above: The Courier

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Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 20, 2021	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Admin	Prepared By: Dave McCorquodale

Subject

Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of a Resolution setting City of Montgomery tax exemptions for 2021.

Recommendation

Adopt the Resolution as presented or with amendments as City Council sees fit.

Discussion

The City Council authorized the following tax exemptions at the May 11th City Council Meeting:

- Homestead: \$10,000
- Over 65: \$50,000
- Disability: \$70,000

While the Over 65 and Disability exemptions can be set as a dollar amount, Texas Tax Code requires cities to adopt the Homestead exemption as a percentage of appraised value. MCAD contacted the City last week to ask for an amended homestead exemption format. The following summary helps explain how the proposed percentage calculation compares with the previously approved \$10,000 amount:

- Total properties with a homestead exemption on file in the City = 437
- Average home valuation in the City = \$260,000
- 4% of \$260,000 = \$10,400

The proposed 4% homestead exemption represents a reduction in City ad valorem tax collections of approximately \$18,000 for 2021, or about \$40 less in property taxes for the average Montgomery homeowner with a homestead exemption.

While cities may adopt fractional percentages (e.g., 3.85%), staff recommends an even number for simplicity. The city attorney is currently drafting the resolution which will be presented at the meeting. Staff will email the draft resolution to City Council early next week when it is available. The resolution will include all property tax exemptions for ease of reference in the future.

Approved By

Asst. City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date: 07/16/2021
City Administrator	Richard Tramm	Date: 07/16/2021