



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM

City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas

AGENDA

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Sweeny will meet in **Special Session** on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM.** at City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Rd, Sweeny, Texas with the following agenda. Council is conducted under modified Roberts Rules of Order as approved by Resolution 102-16; July 19, 2016. In accordance with Chapter §551 of the Texas Government Code, if required, the Council may conduct an executive session on any of the agenda items provided the City Attorney is present.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGES & INVOCATION

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL

This item is available for those citizens wishing to address City Council on an issue not on the agenda. Any item discussed cannot be voted on but could be considered for placement on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. Limited to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.901224 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF SWEENY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.901224 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.623281 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.740596 per \$100

DE MINIMIS RATE \$0.907397 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF SWEENY from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF SWEENY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for CITY OF SWEENY exceeds the voter-approval rate for CITY OF SWEENY.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for CITY OF SWEENY, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for CITY OF SWEENY.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF SWEENY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 26, 2025 AT 5:00PM AT Sweeny City Hall, 102 W. Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, Texas 77480.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If CITY OF SWEENY adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the CITY OF SWEENY may petition the CITY OF SWEENY to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the CITY OF SWEENY will be the voter-approval tax rate of the CITY OF SWEENY.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Neal Bess Jr., Reese C. Cook, Brian Brooks, Sandra Blaine, Caniel "Shaun" Massey
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Dusty Hopkins
ABSENT: None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF SWEENY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF SWEENY this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.635481	\$0.901224	increase of 0.265743 per \$100, or 41.82%
Average homestead taxable value	\$164,938	\$172,315	increase of 4.47%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,048.15	\$1,552.94	increase of 504.79, or 48.16%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,672,858	\$2,422,623	increase of 749,765, or 44.82%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF SWEENY at 979-864-1320 or taxoffice@brazoriacountytx.gov, or visit <https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/tax-office> for more information.

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 32.78 PERCENT AND

**WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A
\$100,000 HOME BY \$170.53.**

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action to extending the solid waste contract with Waste Connections.
3. Discussion and possible action to adopt the annual Budget by Ordinance for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year; *MUST BE A RECORD VOTE*
4. Discussion and possible action to ratify the Tax Rate and approve Ordinance 25-109, adopting the Tax Rate for the 2025 / 2026 Fiscal Year; *MUST BE A RECORD VOTE*
5. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 25-107, restricting the expenditure of funds from designated capital outlay accounts, pursuant to proposed tax rate approval. (If adopted tax rate does not coincide with the proposed rate, this agenda item will be null/void.)

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

I certify that the notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Sweeny City Council on **August 26, 2025** was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on the 22nd day of August, 2025, at approximately 10:00 AM.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was removed from the City Hall bulletin board on the ____ day of _____, 2025 at approximately _____ AM / PM.

Kaydi Smith, City Secretary