



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AGENDA

City Hall, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person)

To address the City Council, residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the City Secretary at least five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure state that all comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker provided that there are no more than ten (10) speakers. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, the Mayor and/or the City Council may reduce the applicable time limits to speak to three (3) minutes. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item; (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda (Tex. Govt. Code §551.042). Each speaker shall approach the podium or designated speaker location and state his/her name and address before speaking. Speakers shall address the City Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. Speakers may only address the City Council and not individual officials, commission members, committee members, or employees. The public cannot speak from the gallery, but only from the podium or designated speaker location.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The City of Willow Park City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 20-25-2026 Fund Year at a Special City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2025, in the Willow Park City Hall, Council Chambers, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, Texas.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Discussion/ Action: To consider and act on adopting an ordinance adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property not to exceed \$0.421646 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2025 for the City of Willow Park, Texas including a Levy for Debt obligations (\$0.225893) and a levy for Maintenance and Operations (\$0.195753) consistent with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal Budget**
- 2. Discussion and Action: To consider and act on approving a resolution acknowledging and ratifying that the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget requires raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous Fiscal Year and ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Budget; and providing an effective date.**

INFORMATIONAL

City Manager Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

ADJOURN

As authorized by Texas Government Code, §551.127, one or more Council members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using video conferencing technology.

The City Council may convene a public meeting and then recess into closed executive session, to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda, if necessary, and if authorized under chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Situations in which a closed executive session may be authorized by law include, without limitation: (1) consulting with the Council's attorney to seek or receive legal advice concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or any other matter in which the ethical duty of the attorney to the Council clearly conflicts with the general requirement that all meetings be open, § 551.071; (2) discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, § 551.072; (3) discussing a prospective gift or donation, § 551.073; (4) discussing certain personnel matters, §551.074; and (5) discussing security personnel or devices, § 551.076.

CERTIFICATION I, the undersigned authority, does hereby certify that this Notice of a Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and was posted on the city website, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: September 17, 2025, at/by 6:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three (3) business days before said meeting is to convene.

Deana McMullen
City Secretary

The City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 817-441-7108, or by email at dmcmullen@willowpark.org. Requests should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. This agenda is posted on the city's web site at <http://www.willowparktx.gov/>



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING SHEET

Council Date: September 24, 2025	Department: Admin	Presented By: City Manager
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AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion/ Action: To consider and act on adopting an ordinance adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property not to exceed \$0.421646 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2025 for the City of Willow Park, Texas including a Levy for **Debt obligations** (\$0.225893) and a levy for **Maintenance and Operations** (\$0.195753) consistent with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Municipal Budget

BACKGROUND:

As has been discussed previously, and voted on during the September 9, 2025 City Council Meeting, the proposed Tax Rate for FY 2025 - 2026 is as follows:

M/O: 0.195753

I/S: 0.225893

Total Rate: \$0.421646

STAFF/BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

I move to adopt an ordinance adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property not to exceed \$0.421646 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2025 for the City of Willow Park, Texas including a Levy for Debt obligations of \$0.225893 and a levy for Maintenance and Operations of \$0.195753 consistent with the Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Municipal Budget.

EXHIBITS:

ADDITIONAL INFO:	FINANCIAL INFO:	
	Cost	\$
	Source of Funding	\$

CITY OF WILLOW PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 922-25

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE 2025 AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, NOT EXEMPT BY LAW; PROVIDING REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPENSES, AND FOR INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS ON OUTSTANDING CITY OF WILLOW PARK BONDS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS:

Section 1: That under the authority of the laws of the State of Texas, there is hereby levied for the 2025 tax year, on all taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Willow Park, and not exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$0.421646 on each \$100 assessed value of all taxable property.

Section 2: (a) That of the total tax, \$0.195753 on each \$100 assessed value, shall be distributed to the General Fund of the City to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the City.

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 2.15% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$9.35.

(b) The City Secretary shall cause the following notice to be posted on the homepage of the City's internet website:

THE CITY OF WILLOW PARK, TEXAS ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.15% PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$9.35

Section 3: That of the total tax, \$0.225893 on each \$100 assessed value, shall be distributed to pay the City's debt service as provided by Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code.

Section 4: That for enforcement of the collection of taxes hereby levied, the City of Willow Park shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 5: All monies collected under this Ordinance for the specific items therein named, shall be and the same are appropriated and set apart for the specific purpose indicated in the City Budget and the City shall

keep these accounts so as to readily and distinctly show the amount collected, and the amounts expended and the amounts on hand at any time belonging to such funds. All receipts for the City not specifically apportioned by the Ordinance are hereby made payable to the General Fund of the City.

Section 6: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Willow Park that if any phrase, sentence, section, or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remainder of this Ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, sentence, section or paragraph.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall become effective after enactment as provided by charter and/or State law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this the 24th day of September 2025.

Teresa Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deena McMullen, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andy Messer, City Attorney

The Willow Park City Council in acting on Ordinance No.922-25, did on the 24th day of September 2025 vote as follows:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Eric Contreras, Place 1	_____	_____	_____
Chawn Gilliland, Place 2	_____	_____	_____
Buddy Wright, Place 3	_____	_____	_____
Scott Smith, Place 4	_____	_____	_____
Nathan Crummel, Place 5	_____	_____	_____

