

City of Bellaire

CITY COUNCIL
Monday, September 9, 2019

**Council Chamber, L.I.F.E.
Activity Room, Council
Conference Room**

Regular Session

6:00 PM

**FIRST FLOOR OF CITY HALL
7008 S. RICE AVENUE
BELLAIRE, TX 77401**

Agenda

Mayor

Andrew S. Friedberg

Mayor Pro Tem

Gus E. Pappas

Council Member

Neil Verma

Council Member

Trisha S. Pollard

Council Member

Pat B. McLaughlan

Council Member

Michael Fife

Council Member

David R. Montague

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**I. REGULAR MEETING**

- A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**
- B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.**
- C. Board Interviews (L.I.F.E. Activity Room):**

Interview, discussion, and evaluation of applicants interested in serving on the City of Bellaire Board of Adjustment and the City of Bellaire Culture and Arts Board - Submitted by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk, on behalf of the City Council.

[Board Applications - Pdf](#)

[NOTE: THE BOARD INTERVIEWS ARE ANTICIPATED TO CONCLUDE, AND THE REGULAR SESSION TO CONTINUE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.]

- D. Inspirational Reading and/or Invocation - Gus E. Pappas, Mayor Pro Tem.**
- E. Pledges to the Flags - Gus E. Pappas, Mayor Pro Tem.**

1. U.S. Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

2. Pledge to the Texas Flag:

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

F. Personal/Audience Comments.

To address the City Council, please complete a sign-up sheet (located at the entrance to the Council Chamber), and submit it to City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton prior to the time for personal/audience comments. Each speaker shall have a time limit of up to five (5) minutes, with no extension, and with notice after four (4) minutes that one (1) minute is left. In the event of pressing business before the City Council or matters requiring its immediate attention or action, the City Council may, prior to the opening of audience comments, set a different maximum time limit for each speaker by a vote of four (4) members of the City Council.

The purpose of this item is to allow the residents of Bellaire and other interested persons an opportunity to address the City Council on agenda issues and on non-agenda issues that are a matter of the jurisdiction of the City Council (i.e., City policy and legislative issues). Non-agenda issues regarding daily operational or administrative matters should be first dealt with at the administrative

level by calling City Hall at (713) 662-8222 during business hours.

[Note: The Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, prohibits the City Council from fully discussing, debating, or considering subjects for which public notice has not been given on the agenda. Issues that cannot be referred to the City Staff for action may be placed on the agenda of a future City Council Session.]

G. Certified 2019 Tax Roll and Property Tax Rates.

1. Presentation, consideration, and acceptance of the submittal of the "Certified 2019 Tax Roll and the 2019 Property Tax Rates in the City of Bellaire, Texas" - Presented and submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

[2019 Tax Roll & Truth in Taxation Calculations - Pdf](#)

2. Consideration of and possible action regarding the taking of a record vote to increase the tax revenue for the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the 2019 Tax Year by proposing a tax rate of \$0.4540 per \$100 valuation and authorizing the City Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to publish a "Notice of 2019 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for the City of Bellaire." The dates for two public hearings on the referenced proposal are Monday, September 23, 2019, and Wednesday, October 2, 2019, both of which will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401 - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

[Record Vote to Increase Tax Revenue - Pdf](#)

H. Reports and Presentations:

1. City Manager's Report regarding communication, field and personnel updates, calendar reminders, and notes of appreciation - Submitted by Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager.

[City Manager's Report - Pdf](#)

2. Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2019 - Submitted by Terrence Beaman, Chief Financial Officer.

[Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2019 - Pdf](#)

I. New Business.

1. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing one (1) member to the Board of Adjustment of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of filling a partial term commencing on the date of appointment or September 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020 - Submitted by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

[Ballot and Ordinance - Pdf](#)

2. Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, appointing one (1) member to the Culture and Arts Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, for the purpose of filling a partial term commencing on the date of appointment or September 9, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020 - Submitted by Tracy L. Dutton, City Clerk.

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J. Community Interest Items from the Mayor and Council.

It is the intent of this item to provide members of the City Council the opportunity to make a report

about items of community interest, which may include expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognition of City officials, employees, or other citizens or entities; reminders of upcoming events sponsored by the City or another entity that is scheduled to be attended by a City official or City employee; and announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in Bellaire that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

No action may be taken on a reported item of community interest, and no possible action discussed except a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

See Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Section 551.0415.

K. Adjourn.

II. CLOSED MEETING

A. Call to Order - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

B. Announcement of a Quorum - Andrew S. Friedberg, Mayor.

C. Retire into Closed Meeting in the Council Conference Room:

Retire into closed meeting pursuant to the *Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Open Meetings, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting*, to deliberate the evaluation of the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas.

D. Reconvene in Open Meeting in the Council Chamber:

Reconvene in open meeting and take action, if any, on items discussed in the closed meeting.

E. Adjourn.