



## **NOTICE AND AGENDA OF BUDGET WORKSHOP & SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025  
9:00 AM  
CITY HALL  
111 W. COLLIN ST.  
LEONARD, TEXAS 75452**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, that the City Council of the City of Leonard, Texas, will hold a Budget Workshop and Special Meeting at the above-named date, time, and location.

### **AGENDA**

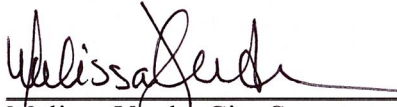
1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum
2. Pledges of Allegiance, Invocation
3. Open Forum – *This portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Council about any item except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless otherwise required by law. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council cannot act on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Texas Government Code Sec. 551.007 (Texas Open Meetings Act).*

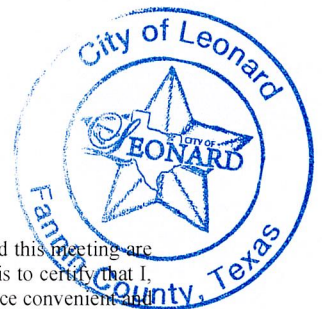
### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

1. Presentation and discussion of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.  
*(The proposed budget and impact statement are posted online and available for inspection at [www.cityofleonard.net](http://www.cityofleonard.net))*

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

1. Presentation, Discussion, and Action to Propose a tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
2. Adjournment

  
Melissa Verde, City Secretary



This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Persons who may require auxiliary aid or services and who plan to attend this meeting are requested to call 903.587.3334 at least two working days before this meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made. This is to certify that I, **Melissa Verde, City Secretary**, do hereby certify that a copy of this Agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.cityofleonard.net](http://www.cityofleonard.net) on September 5, 2025, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

\*NOTE: The City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive Session closed to the public at any time in the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including §551.071 (private consultation with the attorney for the City); §551.072 (purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property); §551.074 (personnel or to hear complaints against personnel); §551.076 (deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices); and §551.087 (economic development negotiations). Any decision held on such matters will be taken or conducted in Open Session following the conclusion of the Executive Session.



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget  
Taxpayer Impact Statement

House Bill 1522, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2025, amends section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to require that the notice of a meeting required to be posted under section 551.043(a) of the Texas Open Meetings Act, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body, must include a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year, if the No-New-Revenue Rate is adopted, versus the proposed rate.

The City of Leonard has proposed a budget for the City's 2025-2026 fiscal year, assuming a tax rate equal to the Voter-Approval Tax Rate, which is \$0.695382 per \$100 of taxable value. The City Council will hold a public budget hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. The City Council intends to adopt a budget after a public tax rate hearing, to be held on September 23, 2025. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

Item for Comparison	Fiscal Year 2025-2026			
	Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Approved Rate)	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 No- New-Revenue Rate	Voter-Approval Tax Rate (Proposed Rate)	
Median-Valued Homestead Value	\$ 243,741.00	\$ 228,623.00	\$	228,623.00
Average HS Exemption	\$ 57,724.00	\$ 32,169.00	\$	32,169.00
Taxable Value	\$ 186,017.00	\$ 196,454.00	\$	196,454.00
Property Tax Rates (per \$100 of taxable value)	0.549594	0.529257		0.695382
Estimated Property Tax Bill	\$ 1,022.34	\$ 1,039.75	\$	1,366.11

The estimates in this Impact Statement are valid only for the proposed budget and proposed tax rate that the City Council will discuss at its meeting on September 11, 2025.