

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
6:30 PM
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 regular meeting and a public budget hearing at the above-named date, time, and location.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order, Verification of Quorum
2. Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags
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 2020).*
4. Recognition and Presentations
5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on department reports/ requests.
 - a. Police Department
 - b. Public Works
 - c. Administrative
 - d. Financial Report
6. Consent Agenda

a. Approve previous meeting minutes- August 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting
b. Approve previous meeting minutes- September 11, 2025, Budget Workshop & Special Meeting
c. Approve "ARPA" Lift Station Project Pay Application #4 for Taknek LLC, for \$99,370 for work performed January 26, 2025, through June 30, 2025.
7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Event Permit Application #2025-260 for the Leonard Chamber of Commerce to use the Leonard Square on Saturday, December 6th, 2025, for "Christmas Parade & Festivities." (Sheryl Stanley, Leonard Chamber of Commerce)

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Board and Commission activity reports/requests:
 - a. Leonard Community Development Corporation (*Minutes*)
 - b. Parks & Recreation Board (*Minutes*)
 - c. Parking Ordinance Committee Meeting (*no meeting*)
 - d. Planning & Zoning Commission (*no meeting*)
9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the appointment/reappointment of expiring members.
10. Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal budget.
 - a. Open Hearing
 - b. Budget Presentation
 - c. Public Comments
 - d. Council Comments
 - e. Close Hearing
11. Take action on the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal budget- approve or postpone the final budget vote.
12. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 250819-01 (tabled at the last council meeting).



2025-2026 Proposed Budget

ORDINANCE NO. 250819-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX A, “FEE SCHEDULE,” OF THE CITY OF LEONARD CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE A6.000, “UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES,” TO REVISE RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF LEONARD; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 250916-01 adopting the 2024 International Codes and 2023 National Electric Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 250916-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3 “BUILDING REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE 3.03 “CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS,” DIVISION 2 “BUILDING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.031 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 3 “ELECTRICAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.061 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 4 “PLUMBING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.101 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 5 “MECHANICAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.131 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 6 “FUEL AND GAS CODE,” SECTION 3.03.161 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 7 “RESIDENTIAL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.191 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 8 “EXISTING BUILDING CODE,” SECTION 3.03.221 “ADOPTED,” DIVISION 9 “SWIMMING POOL CODE,” SECTION 3.03.251 “ADOPTED,” TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODES AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS AND

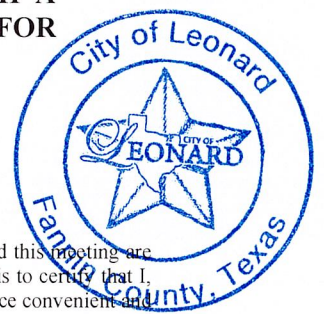
RETITLE THESE SECTIONS; AND BY REPEALING DIVISION 10 "EXCAVATION AND GRADING CODE," AND DIVISION 11 "AMUSEMENT DEVICE CODE," IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," ARTICLE 5.04 "FIRE PREVENTION CODE," SECTION 5.04.001 "ADOPTION," AND SECTION 5.04.002 "AMENDMENTS," TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS AND RETITLE THESE SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON CONVICTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND A SEPARATE OFFENSE SHALL BE DEEMED COMMITTED UPON EACH DAY DURING OR WHICH A VIOLATION OCCURS OR CONTINUES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 14. Presentation and discussion regarding Ordinance No. 250916-02 amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to create a Historic Overlay District.

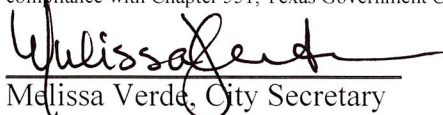
ORDINANCE NO. 250916-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14A, "ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CONTAINING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TO CREATE A NEW HEADING SECTION 24 "OVERLAY DISTRICTS" AND ADD A NEW SECTION 24C "HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT"; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON CONVICTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE, AND A SEPARATE OFFENSE SHALL BE DEEMED COMMITTED UPON EACH DAY DURING OR WHICH A VIOLATION OCCURS OR CONTINUES; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 15. Announcements
- 16. Adjournment



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 before 6:30 P.M. on September 10, 2025, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.


Melissa Verde, City Secretary

**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.