



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DR., FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - United States Pledge and State of Texas Pledge.

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 551.0415 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council of the City of Friendswood may receive reports about items of community interest from City staff and/or a member of the City Council, but no action or possible action shall be taken or discussed concerning the subject of such report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

To comply with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not deliberate any item not listed on the agenda, as such, the City Council will listen to public comment and may (i) refer the item to City Management for further action or (ii) direct staff to place an item on a future agenda. During public comment, the public shall comply with the Council's rules of decorum.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- A. Present the City of Friendswood Five Star Spirit Award for the Second Quarter of 2026 to Karen Hart, Assistant Director of the Friendswood Library.
- B. Recognize Captain Doug Lauersdorf for his thirty-two years of service with the City of Friendswood and congratulate him on his retirement.
- C. Accept the resignation of Municipal Court Judge James Woltz, recognize him for his forty-three years of service with the City of Friendswood, and congratulate him on his retirement.

7. COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Receive the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation Annual Report.
- B. Receive the Friendswood Property Tax and Court Collection Report.

8. WORK SESSION TOPICS

- A. Receive and discuss the Engineering Department's Quarterly CIP Update.
- B. Receive a presentation regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan Update, to specifically discuss goals, objectives and strategies.
- C. Discuss Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Friendswood (TIRZ #2), including the City's existing obligations and options available for future projects and agreements.

9. MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

- A. Consider on first and final reading an ordinance adopting the City of Friendswood's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Municipal Budget.
- B. Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the City of Friendswood's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

10. TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

- A. Conduct a public hearing regarding the City of Friendswood proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- B. Consider on first and final reading an ordinance adopting and levying the ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operation expenditures for the City of Friendswood's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, and adopting and levying the ad valorem tax rate for debt service for the City of Friendswood's fiscal year commencing October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Recognize the Friendswood Police Department for being awarded a Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant from the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office Grant Programs.
- B. Recognize the Finance Department for receiving the Investment Policy Certificate of Distinction Award from the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT).
- C. Recognize Assistant Director of Engineering Heather Van Dine for being selected for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Texas Region Leader Development Program.
- D. Recognize the Friendswood Public Library for being awarded a Federally Funded Reimbursement Award from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) for ILL Services.
- E. Present an update regarding the Friendswood Public Library improvements.
- F. Highlight the upcoming "Bet on the Library" Friends of the Library Fundraiser Gala scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026.
- G. Highlight the upcoming National Night Out on October 6, 2026.

12. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Consider authorizing a Fire and Rescue Services Agreement with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department for a three-year term.
- B. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the City of League City for emergency medical services.

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- A. Consider on second and final reading an ordinance repealing Section 2.1 of Ordinance No. 2002-16 and renaming a portion of Baker Road southeast of Stonewall Pass Road as Hackney Road.
- B. Consider on first and final reading an ordinance amending the City's General Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by approving "Budget Amendment XI" and providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Consider a resolution amending Resolution No. R2026-12 concerning the Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Project related to the Sunset Drive Signal Improvements Project to update the City's cash match.
- B. Consider authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., for engineering services related to the Sunset Drive Signal Improvements Project.
- C. Consider awarding a construction contract to Sustanite Support Services, LLC, for the Lift Station #8 Upsizing and Force Main Project (CSP No. 2026-09).
- D. Consider authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the Lift Station No. 2 Rehabilitation Project for gas line relocation and TNMP meter racks and duct banks.
- E. Consider accepting the Sterling Falls Wedding Venue Waterline Improvements Project and authorize the commencement of the contractor's one-year maintenance period.
- F. Consider authorizing a Treasury Management Services Agreement, a Bond Accounting and Safekeeping Service Agreement, and related documents with PNC Bank, National Association.
- G. Consider authorizing an agreement with NLUC, PLLC (Next Level) for certain acute and primary care medical services as part of its medical benefits package.
- H. Consider accepting the Council Chamber Renovation Project and authorizing the commencement of the contractor's one-year maintenance period.
- I. Consider approving the disposal of three (3) Police Department vehicles through America's Auto Auction.
- J. Consider authorizing the disposal of a decommissioned Fire Marshal vehicle through Public Surplus.
- K. Consider designating the person holding the position of Deputy Chief of Police as the Local Rabies Control Authority and appointing the person appointed to such position to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.
- L. Consider reappointing Judge Robert J. Barfield as an Associate Municipal Court Judge and designating him as the Acting Municipal Court Judge until a Municipal Court Judge is appointed to fill the position vacated due to the retirement of Judge James Woltz.
- M. Consider appointing Judge Julie K. Escalante, Judge Richard J. Cope, Jr., and Judge Richard P. Flake as Associate Municipal Court Judges.
- N. Consider reappointing Jeff Smith to the Construction Board of Appeals, effective immediately and ending on June 30, 2028.
- O. Consider approving the ad valorem tax report for July 2026.
- P. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting held on August 11, 2026.
- Q. Consider approving the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting held on August 24, 2026.

15. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION LISTED ABOVE, THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 - 551.090 TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS LISTED ABOVE.

THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD IS COMMITTED TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND EQUAL ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY PHONE AT (281) 996-3270, FAX (281) 482-1634, OR CONTACT (281) 996-3270 VIA RELAY TEXAS AT 711 OR 1-800-735-2988 FOR TYY SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING RELAY TEXAS, PLEASE VISIT: [HTTP://RELAYTEXAS.COM](http://RELAYTEXAS.COM).

City of Friendswood FYE 2025 Taxpayer Impact Statement* (Based upon Balanced Budgets)			
Description	Property Tax Bill for FYE 2024	Property Tax Bill for FYE 2025 at the No-New- Revenue Tax Rate	Property Tax Bill for FYE 2025 at the Adopted Tax Rate
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.500728	\$0.495117	\$ 0.514172
Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in City (with 20% Homestead Exemption)	\$354,005	\$369,935	\$369,935
Tax on Median-Valued Homestead	\$1,772.60	\$1,831.61	\$ 1,902.10

*Proposed amendment does not affect the 2024 taxpayer impact statement

City of Friendswood FYE 2026 Taxpayer Impact Statement (Based upon Balanced Budgets)			
Description	Property Tax Bill for FYE 2025	Estimated Property Tax Bill for FYE 2026 at the No New Revenue Rate	Estimated Property Tax Bill for FYE 2026 at the Proposed Tax Rate
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.514172	\$0.50117	\$ 0.514172
Value of Median-Valued Homestead Property in City (with 20% Homestead Exemption)	\$369,935	\$384,073	\$384,073
Tax on Median-Valued Homestead	\$ 1,902.10	\$1,924.86	\$1,974.80

Raquel Martinez



Posted by: Raquel Martinez, TRMC, City Secretary
Posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on this
8th day of September 2026, at 5:30 P.M.