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Kevin Rinn, City Council
John Dowell, City Council
Guillermo Garcia, City Manager

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
118 E. RICHMOND ST. GIDDINGS, TEXAS 78949**

1) CALL TO ORDER:

2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS:

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME:

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Presentation from Kenny Ray on the City's Brush & Limb Pickup Program.

6) CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

7) CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are deemed self-explanatory by this City Council and will be enacted collectively through a single motion. This item shall not be discussed separately unless a City Council Member requests otherwise.

- a. Approval of minutes from the Monday, September 14th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider approval of the Special Event Public Application submitted by St. Margaret's Catholic Church for the annual religious procession on Saturday, December 12, 2026.
- b. Consider approval of the City of Giddings 2027 Holiday Schedule.
- c. Consider approval of the City of Giddings 2027 Regular City Council Meeting Schedule.
- d. Consider approval of Resolution No. 649 authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with BRCT, LLC dba Blackrock Construction for the 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project.
- e. Consider Ordinance No. 926 amending water and sewer rates for residential and commercial service within and outside of the City, master metered properties, and schools, effective October 1, 2026.
- f. Consider designation of CAPCOG General Assembly Representative.
- g. Consider nomination of the CAPCOG General Assembly representative to serve on the 2027 Executive Committee.
- h. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Conduct a public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings proposal Tax Rate of \$0.6275 per \$100 valuation.
- i. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 927 adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Giddings for fiscal year 2026-2027



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TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Section 551.043(c) of the Texas Government Code)

This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, comparing what would be paid under the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate versus the Proposed Tax Rate.

	Median Homestead Taxable Value	Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	Estimated Property Tax Bill
2025 Tax Rate (Current Year)	\$216,166	\$0.6275	\$1,356.44
2026 No New Revenue Rate	\$239,742	\$0.6050	\$1,450.44
2026 Proposed Tax Rate	\$239,742	\$0.6275	\$1,504.38

j. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 928 adopting the 2026 Tax Rate of \$0.6275 per \$100 valuation in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.

k. Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

9) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.071 Government Code, related to consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, to wit, Wilson vs City of Giddings

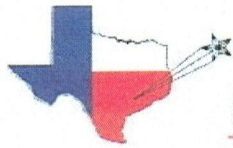
b. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.071 Government Code, related to consultation with the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, to wit, Lorenzo vs. City of Giddings

10) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:

a. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session item 9(a) and 9(b).

11) ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council shall have the authority to convene into Executive Session at any specified time during this meeting for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. All final actions, decisions, or votes shall be conducted in an open session.



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a copy of the Notice of the Giddings City Council Meeting for **Monday, September 28th, 2026** was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 118 E. Richmond St., Giddings, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

DATE OF POSTING: 09/22/2026 TIME OF POSTING: 5:00 PM

DATE OF REMOVAL: 09/29/2026 TIME OF REMOVAL: 8:00 AM

Andrea Ray

Andrea Ray, City Secretary
City of Giddings



From: Monica Smith <monica.thompson.smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 3:11 PM
To: citysec@giddings.net
Subject: Prayers July - September

Hi Andrea,

Here's what the schedule looks like for now (I hope to keep the substitutions to a minimum)

July 13: Josh Hahn, Immanuel Lutheran (I'm sorry, but I don't have his phone number. The church number is 979-542-2918)

July 27: Monica Smith, First Presbyterian, 210-846-3658

August 10: Josh Hahn, Immanuel Lutheran, ~~979-542-2918~~

August 24: Yuri Carralero, First Methodist, 786-262-1560

979-739-1131

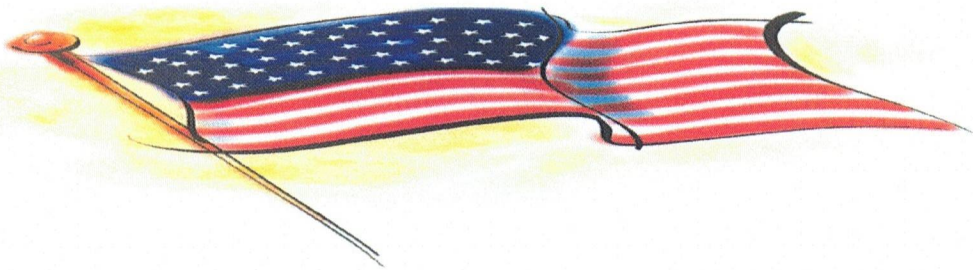
September 14: Bill Ellis, New Hope Baptist, 832-771-0115

September 28: Diane Herlitz, retired, 979-540-9422

Thanks!

Monica Smith

First Presbyterian Church



Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: *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.*



Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas State Flag: *Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9-28-26 **Item No.:** 5a presentation

Department: Public Services **Presented by:** Kenny Ray

Subject/Caption:

Presentation from the Director of Public Services for biannual limb and brush pickup.

Recommendation:

No action required

Discussion/Background:

This is the second year for limb and brush pickup. Previous year participation:

- October 2025 – no participation
- April 2026 – 2 pickups
- North side pickups will be Wednesday, October 28th.
- South side pickups will be Thursday, October 29th.

Customers will need to call City Hall to pay the fee ahead of time so the work order can be scheduled. We ask customers to have limbs and brush out by 7:00 A.M. on their scheduled day. Pickups will occur between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Up to one full truckload of limbs can be picked up from each residence.

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$ 0 **Amount Budgeted:** \$ 0

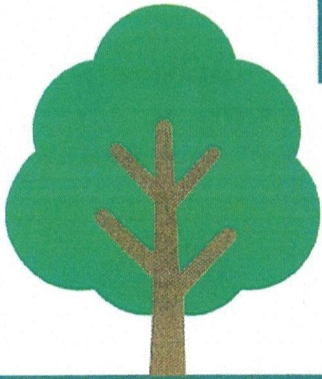
Account Number: N/A **Account Balance:** \$ 0

Fund Name(s): N/A **In Current Budget?** N/A

Attachments:

- Limb & Brush Pickup Flyer
 - Limb & Brush Pickup PowerPoint
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CITY OF GIDDINGS LIMB & BRUSH PICKUP



The City will now be offering limb and brush pickup twice a year — in April and October!

Schedule:

- North side of town: Last Wednesday of the month
- South side of town: Last Thursday of the month

Cost:

\$25 per truck load

How it works:

- Call or stop by City Hall to pay the fee and provide your pickup address.
- Place your limbs and brush by the curbside (not in the street).

LIMB & BRUSH PICKUP

Director of Public Services : Kenny Ray



Pickup

- The City will be offering limb and brush pickup in October !
- Schedule:
 - North side of town: October 28
 - South side of town: October 29
- Cost:
 - \$25 per truck load
- How it works:
 - Call or stop by City Hall to pay the fee and provide your pickup address.
 - Place your limbs and brush by the curbside (not in the street)



Thank you!



Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9-28-2026

Item No.: 7a

Department: City Secretary

Presented by: Andrea Ray

Subject/Caption:

Approval of minutes from Monday, September 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve minutes

Discussion/Background:

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2026.

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$0

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Account Number: N/A

Account Balance: \$0

Fund Name(s): N/A

In Current Budget: N/A

Attachments:

- Giddings City Council Regular Meeting Minutes



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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Linda Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Linda Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, and City Council Members Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn, and John Dowell.
Staff Present: City Manager Guillermo Garcia, Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Assistant City Police Chief Shane Ray, Director of Giddings Library Jessi Akins.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAGS:** The pledges were said.
- 3) **INVOCATION AND WELCOME:** Mayor Linda Pruitt welcomed all in attendance. Pastor Bill Ellis with New Hope Baptist Church gave the invocation.
- 4) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
- 5) **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - a. Presentation from Jessi for the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival
Library Director Jessi Akins gave a short presentation to the Mayor and City Council about the Books that will be presented at the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival. Jessi invited everyone to the Festival at the Giddings Library on September 25-26, 2026. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
 - b. Receive an update from Cory Harris on the Lee County Golf Association. Rescheduled Cory's presentation.
- 6) **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** No Citizens' Comments
- 7) **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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 - a. Approval of minutes from the Monday, August 24, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.
City Council Member Jacob Janda stated on 8a that Josh Hahn's name was misspelled.
The City Secretary will amend the misspelling.
A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve minutes from the Monday, August 24, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.
- 8) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Police Department for the annual National Night Out at Veterans Park, on October 6, 2026, scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Assistant Police Chief Shane Ray presented a PowerPoint to the Mayor and City Council. National Night Out is an annual event that strengthens community bonds by fostering positive relationships between residents and local law enforcement. The event creates a lively, enjoyable environment where community members can meet with first responders, view their vehicles, ask questions, and engage directly.



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Officers will participate in games with children and distribute treats. Traditionally held across various states on the first Tuesday in August, since 1984, Texas moved its date to the first Tuesday in October starting in 2008 due to the summer heat. GPD has consistently organized a community-wide celebration featuring food and activities. The event includes invitations to GVFD, EMS, LCSO, DPS, Game Warden, LCLESO, GHS Theater Club, American Legion, local churches, youth sports organizations, KBTX radio, Jacob's Ladle, Giddings Animal Shelter, and others. Trail Life volunteers cook hot dogs for volunteer hours, with Curtis Krause providing music.

City Council Member Kevin Rinn made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Police Department for the annual National Night Out at Veterans Park on October 6, 2026, scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn, Dowell.

Nays: None

b. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by Giddings Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cars and Coffee at the Downtown Plaza on October 3, 2026, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kelita Thomas with the Giddings Visitors Center presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. Cars and Coffee will be offered at no cost to the community. All participants are encouraged to bring their vehicles of all types to foster social interaction among automotive enthusiasts. The Giddings Chamber shall not sell or serve alcohol. We requested that restrooms be accessible on the day of the event and that a limited number of barricades be used to help manage traffic flow. All attendees are encouraged to explore and shop downtown and to dine at nearby restaurants. Maps and brochures will be distributed. This year, the Pop-Up Shop will be there on that Saturday morning. Kelita stated she spoke with Teresa Page; we worked out the details to coordinate both events to be held downtown. City Council Member Jacob Janda made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by the Giddings Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cars and Coffee at the Downtown Plaza on October 3, 2026, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn, Dowell.

Nays: None

c. Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by G.I.S.D. for the annual parade and pep rally at Veterans Park on October 14, 2026, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ami Fromme with the Giddings Independent School District presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Community-wide Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally for the Giddings Independent School District will be held in Veterans Park. The parade route will start at Raymond St., with reserved parking by the city pool. Raymond St. will be lined with floats from GES, GMS, GIS, and GHS students on both sides. The community is also



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encouraged to participate in the parade. The pep rally will follow the parade and be held at the pavilion. This event will showcase our community spirit across all participating schools. As in years past, we start early to finish early so school is the next day.

City Council Member John Dowell made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn, to approve the Special Event Public Application submitted by G.I.S.D. for the annual parade and pep rally at Veterans Park on October 14, 2026, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn, Dowell.

Nays: None

d. Consider Resolution No. 648-2026 approving the Hotel Occupancy Tax Post-Event Report Form. Giddings Economic Director Lori Deiz, a non-voting member of the Hotel Motel Board, presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council. During the training session with Justin Bragiel, General Counsel and Legislative Director, it was recommended to approve the Post Event Form. The Giddings Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Advisory Board recommended approving the Post Event Form. Mr. Bragiel informed the board that the form will serve as a mechanism for determining the precise allocation of funds. The respective entities must complete the form and return it to the City Secretary within 90 days, after which it will be included in the HOT Board Packet. The HOT Board Task Force will meet and bring a new HOT Application process to City Council in the near future. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey made a motion, seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz, to approve Resolution No. 648-2026, which approves the Hotel Occupancy Tax Post-Event Report Form.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn, Dowell.

Nays: None

e. PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council.

This public hearing gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

Mayor Linda Pruitt opened the public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget at 7:26 p.m. With no one wishing to speak at the public hearing for the City of Giddings FY 2026-2027 City of Giddings Budget. Mayor Linda Pruitt closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

f. Consider approving the City of Giddings fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to the Mayor and City Council.

Texas Local Government Code §102.007(a) requires City Council to take action on the proposed budget at the end of the public hearing. TML guidance states that Council may either adopt the budget or vote to postpone the final budget vote to a later meeting. Due to the timing of the required property tax rate and levy process, we can postpone final adoption of the budget until



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September 28th, 2026. Heather gave a PowerPoint on the following: 1. Meeting Overview 2. General Fund 3. Utility Funds 4. Capital Replacement 5. Summary 6. Public Comment. City Council Member John Dowell made the motion, seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda, to postpone the final budget vote to a later meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn, Dowell.

Nays: None

9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I want to open by recognizing one of our own. Carmen Arteaga, our custodian for City Hall and other City facilities, marked five years of service with the City this month. Carmen's steady, behind-the-scenes work keeps our buildings clean and welcoming for staff and residents alike, and I'm grateful for her dedication to Giddings.

The following summarizes some of the major activities within the city:

- Police Chief Search - The City has contracted with the Texas Police Chiefs Association to lead our search for a new Police Chief. This partnership brings a proven, professional process to one of our most important hires, and I will share more details in the coming weeks.
- Fall Clean-Up - This weekend's community clean-up was a strong success. Residents filled three dumpsters -roughly 120 cubic yards of material reflecting great turnout and a shared pride in keeping our city clean. My thanks to the Public Works team and everyone who participated.
- 2026 Utility & Road Improvements - We held the public bid opening on September 10 and received nine bids for this major infrastructure project. Our engineers are reviewing them now and will bring a tabulation and recommendation to Council, anticipated at the September 28 meeting.
- Texas A&M Partnership - We are developing a partnership with Texas A&M. Graduate students from the Mays Business School will provide recommendations on city marketing and branding, and the Soil & Crop Sciences division visited our golf course this week to evaluate the turf and offer management support both at little to no cost to the City.
- Giddings Public Library - The library continues its strong return. It was recently featured as a "day trip" destination in the Austin Chronicle, and staff are preparing for the Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival on September 25-26

10) ADJOURNMENT:



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Mayor Linda Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. on Monday, September 14th, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Linda Pruitt, Mayor

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 09/28/2026**Item No.:** 8a**Department:** City Secretary**Presented by:** Laura Orocio

Subject/Caption:

Consider approving the Special Event Public Application submitted by St. Margaret's Catholic Church for the annual religious procession on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the special event application

Discussion/Background:

A religious procession celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The proposed route, as follows: Begin at the corner of West Hempstead and South Dallas. Travel south on Dallas to West Bellville; travel east on Bellville to South Waco; then south on Waco to West Galveston; then travel east on Bellville to cross HWY 77 South on Bellville to end at St. Margaret's Church. There will be one motor vehicle pulling a flatbed trailer at the beginning of the procession. Participants will follow on foot behind.

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** \$0**Amount Budgeted:** \$0**Account Number:** N/A**Account Balance:** \$0**Fund Name(s):** N/A**In Current Budget?** N/A

Attachments:

- **Special Event Application**
- **Map**

City of Giddings

Event Application

(Date Modified: 09/22/2025)

Public Event: ☒ Private Event: ☐

Name of Requester: Laura Orocio(St. Margaret Catholic Church) Contact Phone Number: 979-542-0217

Email of Requester: lorocio@stmargaretgiddings.org

Location of Event: requested procession route and St. Margaret Campus

Date(s) of the Event: December 12, 2026 Time(s) of the Event: 11:00am

Number of People at Event: approximately 200 Will Alcohol be Consumed: YES / ☒ NO

Barricades Needed: Yes or ☒ No St. Margaret will have volunteers to help with traffic and safety

Description of Event in detail: A religious procession celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The proposed route as suggested by city officials is as follows: Begin at the corner of West Hempstead and South Dallas. Travel south on Dallas to West Bellville-travel east on Bellville to South Waco-south on Waco to West Galveston traveling east to Bellville, cross Highway 77 S. on Bellville to end at St. Margaret. There will be 1 motor vehicle pulling a flatbed trailer at the beginning of the procession. Participants will follow on foot. A map of the proposed route is attached.

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I acknowledge that I must be present during the above event date(s) and time(s), and will do my best to ensure all ordinances and laws are abided by.

Signature: Laura Orocio Date: 09/02/2026

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application reviewed by: (initial only)

KR Director of Public Services

Approved: ☒ YES / NO

Date: 9-8-26

SP Police Chief

Approved: ☒ YES / NO

Date: 9.10.26

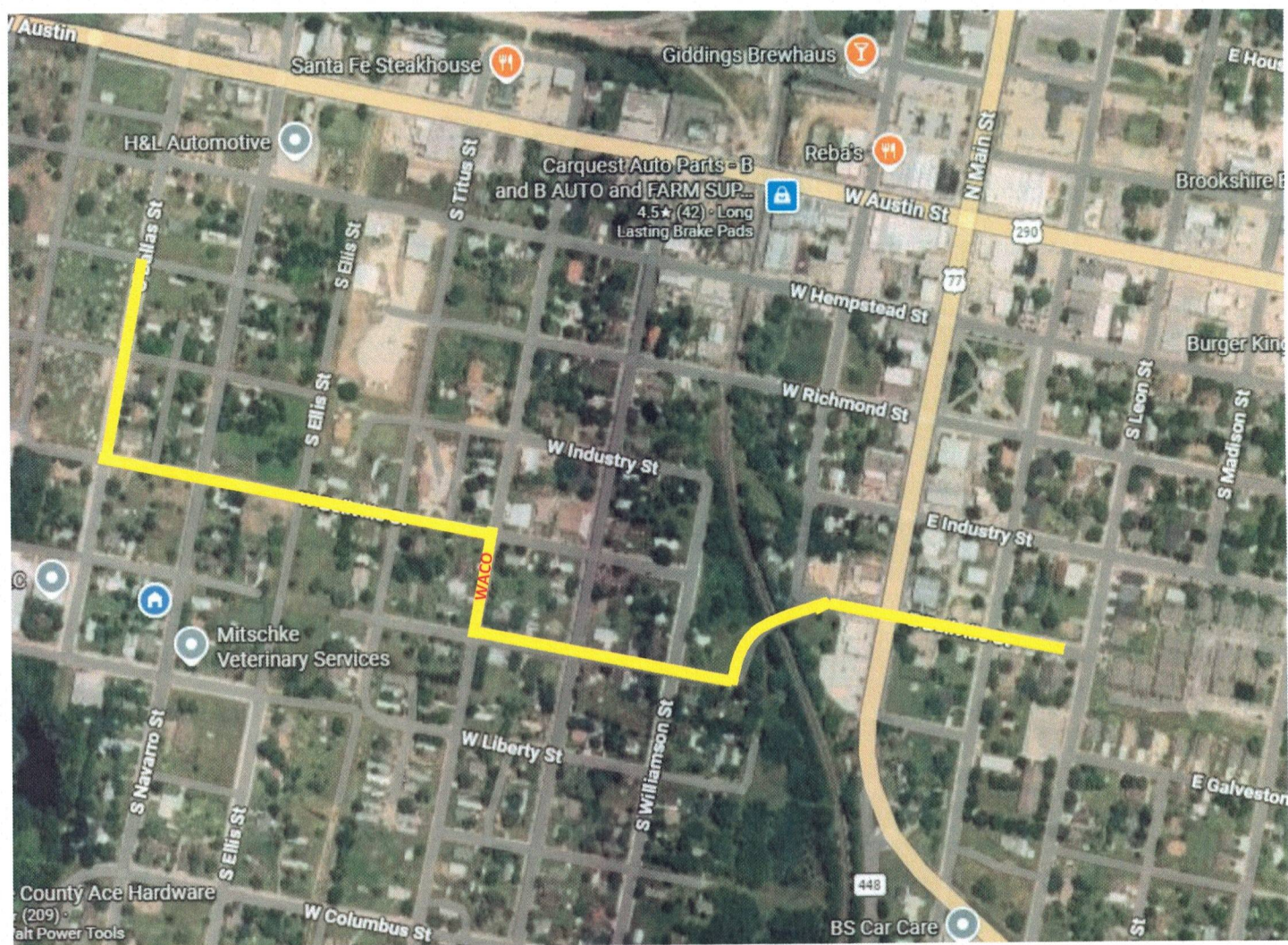
Conditions of Approval: _____

Events Protocol

- The requester shall pick up the event application from the city secretary's office
- The requester shall complete the application and return the completed application to the city secretary's office for review
- The Police Chief and Director of Public Services will approve or disapprove the event application
- If any public streets are to be closed, the requester shall provide a map of any street(s) to be closed to the city secretary's office
- Event requester will assure venue is returned to original state and assumes responsibility for vendor clean up.

Requirements For Hosting Events Inside The City Limits

- Liability Insurance
- Portable Restrooms
- Trash Pick Up and Removal
- Trash and food waste pick up and removal.
- Street Closures
- Security / EMS
- Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) rules and regulations SHALL be followed at all times during any special event





Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 09-28-2026

Item No.: 8b

Department: City Secretary

Presented by: Andrea Ray

Subject/Caption:

Consider approving the City of Giddings 2027 Holiday Schedule

Recommendation:

Recommend approving the City of Giddings 2027 Holiday Schedule

Discussion/Background:

The City of Giddings holiday schedule starts with New Year's Day 2027 and ends in December 2027. The City was given two days off for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are fourteen holiday days..

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$0

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Account Number: N/A

Account Balance: \$0

Fund Name(s): N/A

In Current Budget? N/A

Attachments:

- City of Giddings 2027 Holiday Schedule



2027 Holiday Schedule

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	January 1, 2027, Friday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027, Monday
President's Day	February 15, 2027, Monday
Good Friday	March 26, 2027, Friday
Memorial Day	May 31, 2027, Monday
Juneteenth	June 18, 2027, Friday
Independence Day	July 5, 2027, Monday
Labor Day	September 6, 2027, Monday
Columbus Day	October 11, 2027, Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2027, Thursday
Thanksgiving	November 25 & 26, 2027, Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24 & 27, 2027, Friday & Monday

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 09/28/2026**Item No.:** 8c**Department:** City Secretary**Presented by:** Guillermo Garcia

Subject/Caption:

Consider approval of the City of Giddings 2027 Regular City Council Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the 2027 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Discussion/Background:

The FY 2027 City Council Meeting schedule outlines deadlines for agenda submissions and the specific dates of City Council Meetings. The second meetings in November and December have been canceled due to holidays. The second meeting in June and the first meeting in July have been canceled to allow for a summer break and the 4th of July holiday.

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** \$0**Amount Budgeted:** \$0**Account Number:** N/A**Account Balance:** \$0**Fund Name(s):** N/A**In Current Budget?** N/A

Attachments:

- 2027 City Council Meeting Schedule



FY2027 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Agenda Posted Date	Regular Council Meeting Date
October 6, 2026	October 13, 2026
October 20, 2026	October 26, 2026
November 3, 2026	November 9, 2026
December 8, 2026	December 14, 2026
January 5, 2027	January 11, 2027
January 19, 2027	January 25, 2027
February 2, 2027	February 8, 2027
February 16, 2027	February 22, 2027
March 2, 2027	March 8, 2027
March 16, 2027	March 22, 2027
April 6, 2027	April 12, 2027
April 20, 2027	April 26, 2027
May 4, 2027	May 10, 2027
May 18, 2027	May 24, 2027
June 8, 2027	June 14, 2027
July 20, 2027	July 26, 2027
August 3, 2027	August 9, 2027
August 17, 2027	August 23, 2027
September 7, 2027	September 13, 2027
September 21, 2027	September 27, 2027

2nd meetings in November and December not held

2nd meeting in June and 1st meeting in July not held

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026**Item No.:** 8d**Department:** Finance**Presented by:** Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with BRCT, LLC dba Black Rock Construction for the 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project.

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution No. 649-2026.

Discussion/Background:

The 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project is funded by our recent debt issuances and will include the rehabilitation of approximately:

- 20,000 linear feet of water main
- 6,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer
- 11,000 linear feet of road reconstruction

We received 9 total bids. Our engineer has reviewed all bids and recommends awarding the project to Black Rock Construction.

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** \$7,384,924.50**Amount Budgeted:** Approx. \$8M**Account Number:** Various**Account Balance:** None**Fund Name(s):** Construction Fund**In Current Budget?:** Yes

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 649-2026
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RESOLUTION NO. 649-2026

WHEREAS, the City of Giddings (“City”) has duly advertised for bids for the 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, BRCT, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, dba Blackrock Construction has submitted the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept the bid of Blackrock Construction, Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS,

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City a contract with Blackrock Construction for the 2026 Utility and Road Improvements Project.

The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

RESOLVED this 28TH day of September 2026.

LINDA PRUITT, Mayor
City of Giddings, Texas

ATTEST:

ANDREA RAY, City Secretary

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026**Item No.:** 8e**Department:** Finance**Presented by:** Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Consider Ordinance No. 926 amending water and sewer rates for residential and commercial service within and outside of the City, master-metered properties, and schools, effective October 1, 2026.

Recommendation:

Approval of Ordinance No. 926.

Discussion/Background:

Finance Director Heather Garner will give a presentation. Approval of this ordinance would implement the rates recommended in the comprehensive utility rate study performed last year. This is year two of a five-year plan to improve capital replacement needs, debt service requirements, and cash on hand targets. The average residential water bill (6,000 gallons) would see an increase of \$7.85, and the average wastewater bill (5,000 gallons) would see an increase of \$5.10. No changes are proposed to electric rates.

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** \$0**Amount Budgeted:** \$0**Account Number:** Various**Account Balance:** \$0**Fund Name(s):** Water/Wastewater**In Current Budget?:** Yes

Attachments:

- **FY26-27 Utility Rate PowerPoint**
 - **Ordinance No. 926**
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ORDINANCE NO. 926

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS BY AMENDING APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE, CHAPTER 13 UTILITIES, ARTICLE A13.02 RATES AND CHARGES, DIVISION 3 WATER SERVICE AND DIVISION 4 SEWER SERVICE, SECTIONS A13.02.063, A13.02.064, A13.02.065, A13.02.067, A13.02.068 AND A13.02.092 RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE CITY, MASTER METERS AND SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS, OPEN MEETINGS AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

- WHEREAS, the City of Giddings, Texas is a home rule city possessing the full power of local government as set forth in the statutes and constitution of the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS, the City has adopted Article 13.02 in the City of Giddings Code of Ordinances, which establishes rates and charges for utility services; and
- WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001 permits a city owned utility to operate and regulate such a utility in a manner that protects the interests of the City and provides no specific procedure to follow to increase utility rates; and
- WHEREAS, Texas Water Code Section 13.042 permits the City Council to set rates that generally cover reasonable operating and maintenance costs of a water and sewer utility, reserve fund, and any loan or bond debt service expenditures so long as rates set are “fair, just, and reasonable;” and
- WHEREAS, the approved rates will be effective on October 01, 2026; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that adopting the new municipal water and sewer rates as set forth herein is fair, just, and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Chapter 13 Utilities, Article A13.02 Rates and Charges, Division 3 Water Service and Division 4 Sewer Service, Sections A13.02.063, A13.02.064, A13.02.065, A13.02.067, A13.02.068 and A13.02.092, Giddings Code of Ordinances. Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Chapter 13 Utilities, Article A13.02 Rates and Charges, Division 3 Water Service and Division 4 Sewer Service, Sections A13.02.063, A13.02.064, A13.02.065, A13.02.067, A13.02.068 and A13.02.092, Giddings Code of Ordinances are hereby amended read as follows:

Division 3. Water Service

Section A13.02.063 Rates for residential service within city

(a) Residential water service rates within city:

Minimum base rate, Per billing cycle	\$34.90
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$3.92 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.19 per 1,000 gallons

Section A13.02.064 Rates for commercial service within city

(b) Commercial water service rates within city:

Minimum base rate, Per billing cycle	\$41.07
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 10,000 gallons	\$4.32 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.97 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.72 per 1,000 gallons

Section A13.02.065 Rates outside city

For any water furnished outside the city limits:

(a) Residential water service rates outside city limits:

Minimum base rate, Per billing cycle	\$40.14
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$3.92 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.19 per 1,000 gallons

- (b) Commercial water service rates outside city limits:

Minimum base rate, Per billing cycle	\$47.23
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 10,000 gallons	\$4.32 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.97 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.72 per 1,000 gallons

Section A13.02.067 Master Meters

- (a) Residential uses. Charge for each apartment complex or similar structure or mobile home park which is metered through a master meter shall be \$34.90 for each occupied rentable space or apartment as the case maybe, per billing cycle. This fee is in addition to rates charged for water usage at the apartment complex, other similar structure or mobile home park.

Minimum base rate, Per unit, Per billing cycle	\$34.90
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$3.92 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.19 per 1,000 gallons

- (b) Commercial uses. The charge for each commercial business metered through a master meter shall be \$41.07 for each business per billing cycle. This fee is in addition to rates charged for water usage at the commercial complex.

Minimum base rate, Per unit, Per billing cycle	\$41.07
0 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 10,000 gallons	\$4.32 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$4.97 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over	\$5.72 per 1,000 gallons

Section A13.02.068 Schools

Rate for all private and public schools:

Minimum base rate, Per billing cycle	\$41.07
All gallons	\$3.76 per 1,000 gallons

Division 4. Sewer Service

Section A13.02.092 Rates

- (1) Residential consumers within city. Rates for residential consumers within city limits:

Minimum base rate (includes 1,000 gallons), Per billing cycle	\$28.42
1,001 gallons and over	\$3.48 per 1,000 gallons

- (2) Business, commercial and industrial consumers within city. Rates for business, commercial and industrial consumers within city limits:

Minimum base rate (includes 1,000 gallons), Per billing cycle	\$33.98
1,001 gallons and over	\$3.48 per 1,000 gallons

- (3) Rates for outside of the city limits. For any sewer furnished outside the city limits:

- (a) Residential consumers. Rates for residential consumers outside of the city limits:

Minimum base rate (includes 1,000 gallons), Per billing cycle	\$32.68
1,001 gallons and over	\$3.48 per 1,000 gallons

- (b) Business, commercial and industrial consumers. Rates for business, commercial and industrial consumers outside of the city limits:

Minimum base rate (includes 1,000 gallons), Per billing cycle	\$39.08
1,001 gallons and over	\$3.48 per 1,000 gallons

Section 3. Conflicting Ordinances. The Code of Ordinances and all ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance herein, is hereby amended to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 4. Severability. Should any section or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, or the application to any person or circumstance thereof ineffective or inapplicable, such unconstitutionality, illegality, invalidity, or ineffectiveness of such section or part shall in no way affect, impair or invalidate the remaining portion or portions thereof; but as to such remaining portion or portions, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

Section 6. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 28th day of September, 2026 by a vote of the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas.

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS

LINDA PRUITT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary



Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 09/28/2026

Item No.: 8f

Department: City Secretary

Presented by: Guillermo Garcia

Subject/Caption:

Consider designation of a CAPCOG General Assembly Representative

Recommendation:

Elect and appoint a representative to CAPCOG to serve on behalf of the City of Giddings.

Discussion/Background:

Associate members can appoint one representative to the General Assembly. At least two-thirds of the General Assembly's voting representatives must be elected officials. Based on the U.S. Census' most recent population estimates and CAPCOG's bylaws, the City of Giddings qualifies for 1 representative on the General Assembly. Its current representative is Joel Lopez. Please provide any updates or corrections to the City of Giddings' representative.

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$0

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Account Number: N/A

Account Balance: \$0

Fund Name(s): N/A

In Current Budget? N/A

Attachments:

- Appointment Form



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September 4, 2026

The Honorable Linda Pruitt
Mayor of the City of Giddings
118 E Richmond
Giddings, TX 78942

Dear Mayor Pruitt,

In the past year CAPCOG had the pleasure of visiting eight of its ten counties. The response has been positive and the hospitality from each community tremendous. We are nearing the end of the visits with only a few more meetings scheduled to complete the 10-county run. Needless to say, every program discussed during these events has achieved success because of you — our members.

We've learned a lot, and the information gathered is immeasurable in furthering CAPCOG's mission of strengthening the region by supporting urban and rural local governments through coordination, collaboration and the sharing of ideas. The agency is growing and diversifying to improve its impact on local governments and the people they serve.

Each year we make a request for membership dues, which elevates our ability to sustain current programs and accomplish more regionally. Your dues provide local match for grants and allow CAPCOG to operate in spaces not receiving state or federal funds. The 2027 dues are enclosed. Your continued support through their payment will be realized and appreciated throughout the region. Also appreciated is the dedicated time your fellow elected officials and staff spend on our diverse committees that guide present and future programming.

While our county visits are nearing an end, our job is never complete. We will review suggestions from the county visits and hold local meetings next year to further aid the region as best as possible. If you want to discuss more about CAPCOG, feel free to contact our staff, my assistant or myself. I can be reached at 512-916-6018 or cmiller@capcog.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Miller

Enc. Membership Invoice
 General Assembly Representation Summary
 General Assembly Appointment Form



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General Assembly Representation Summary for the City of Giddings

CAPCOG's General Assembly is the organization's governing body for the purpose of selecting the Executive Committee, amending the council's bylaws, and guiding the organization's mission. Each CAPCOG member is responsible for appointing its representatives to the General Assembly, and every year CAPCOG wants to ensure its members' representatives are current. According to the CAPCOG bylaws, full members — counties and municipalities — are entitled at least one representative on the General Assembly; however, they can have additional representatives based on population as shown below:

Counties	Municipalities	No. of Representatives
Under 20,000	Under 10,000	1
20,000-100,000	10,000-50,000	2
100,000+	50,000-100,000	3
-----	100,000+	4

Associate members — special government districts, school districts, nonprofits, utilities, chambers of commerce, and other governmental agencies — can appoint one representative to the General Assembly. At least two-thirds of the General Assembly's voting representatives must be elected officials.

Based on the U.S. Census' most recent population estimates and CAPCOG's bylaws, the **City of Giddings** qualifies for **1 representative(s)** on the General Assembly. Its current representatives are:

- **Joel Lopez**

Please provide any updates or corrections to **City of Giddings's** representative(s) by completing the attached form. More information about CAPCOG's General Assembly representation is at <https://www.capcog.org/about/general-assembly/>.



APPOINTMENT FORM - GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The governing bodies of CAPCOG's members designate General Assembly representatives.

Counties: Official appointments are made at Commissioners Court.
Cities, Towns, Villages: Official appointments are made at City Council meetings.
Organizations: Official appointments are made by the Board or other governing body.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION

Governing Body:

_____ County Commissioners Court (e.g., Travis County Commissioners Court)

-OR-

_____ City Council (e.g., Austin City Council)

-OR-

_____ Other (Board or other governing body)

City, County, or Organization being represented

Name of Representative

Position

Address

City, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email address (*General Assembly Reps. will be subscribed to CAPCOG Connections, Training Alerts, & other e-newsletters.*)

Check One:

_____ Reappointment

_____ Filling Vacancy

_____ Changing Representative

Name of Previous Representative

I confirm our governing body appointed the above individual to serve as a CAPCOG General Assembly
Representative for the above entity on _____.

Date of Meeting

Signature of Chief Elected Official/Chair of Governing Board

Date

Email this form to sseale@capcog.org or fax it to 512-916-6001. For questions about completing this form, call
Shaun Seale at 512-916-6018.



Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026

Item No.: 8g

Department: City Secretary

Presented by: Guillermo Garcia

Subject/Caption:

Consideration of the nomination of a CAPCOG General Assembly representative to serve on the 2027 Executive Committee.

Recommendation:

Nominate a General Assembly Representative to serve on the 2027 CAPCOG Executive Committee

Discussion/Background:

CAPCOG and its 2026-2027 Nominating Committee are soliciting nominations for General Assembly representatives to serve on the 2027 Executive Committee. Eligible candidates must be elected officials from cities and counties who represent their jurisdiction on the CAPCOG General Assembly. Any elected official interested in serving on the Executive Committee should submit the attached nomination form to CAPCOG by Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026. Interested elected officials should submit nominations, not a jurisdiction's governing body. The Executive Committee is elected each December, with terms spanning the calendar year. Representatives may self-nominate for board positions. These positions were revised in December 2025 through amendments to the CAPCOG bylaws. A list of General Assembly Representatives currently serving is attached. The CAPCOG Nominating Committee considers several factors when recommending a slate of representatives for election, including whether an entity's CAPCOG Membership dues are current.

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$0

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Account Number: N/A

Account Balance: \$0

Fund Name(s): N/A

In Current Budget? N/A

Attachments:

- **Nomination Form to serve on the Executive Committee**
- **Executive Committee members list**



Nomination Form to Serve on the Executive Committee

I, _____, _____ representing _____
(Please print name) (Office or Title) (Name of Jurisdiction)

place my name in nomination for the following seat on Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG)
Executive Committee (Check one appropriate designation):

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Representative of a County | ☐ City with a population of less than 50,000 |
| ☐ Representative of the City of Austin | |
| ☐ City with a population of more than 50,000 | ☐ At-Large Position |

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION

Name of Representative

Email address

Address

City, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Support Staff Contact Information

With my signature below, I acknowledge the following:

- I am a designated representative to the CAPCOG General Assembly for my jurisdiction.
- I am an elected or newly-elected (and not yet sworn in) official of the governing body of my jurisdiction.
- I understand that membership on the Executive Committee requires my attendance at meetings on the second Wednesday of every month, and that per the bylaws, four absences may result in vacating the seat.
- I understand that this nomination is for a term from Jan. 1, 2027 to expire Dec. 31, 2027.
- I understand in order to serve on the Executive Committee my jurisdiction must pay its CAPCOG membership dues by Dec. 1, 2026.
- I ensure that I will perform my duties as a public official in compliance with the nepotism provisions defined in Texas Government Code Chapter 573.

Signature

Date

Submit this form via mail to CAPCOG — 6800 Burleson Road, Building 301, Suite 165, Austin, TX 78744 or fax it to 512-916-6001; Attn: Mason W. Canales. Or submit it via email to mcanales@capcog.org with the subject line "2026 EC Nomination".



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Roles and Functions of the Executive Committee Members and Officers

Board Duties:

Executive Committee members serve one-year terms commencing at the beginning of the calendar year. An orientation on the agency's programs, staffing, and budget are provided at the beginning of each member's term by the executive director. The expectations for those members are:

- Learn the organization's programs, mission and goals, and work plan; participate in orientation during first month of first term.
- Focus on meeting overall needs of region; frame decisions in the larger regional context and perspective.
- Set policy and strategic direction which guide the organization to run effectively, legally, and ethically.
- Advocate the use of the regional council as the primary convener and facilitator on regional issues.
- Set policies to guide the authority, responsibility, accountability, and overall performance of executive director; allow executive director to manage the day-to-day activities.
- Provide support to staff necessary to advance the priorities and goals of the organization.
- Remember that the regional council is not always under the same rules and restrictions as local government.
- Serve as a goodwill ambassador for the organization and for regionalism.
- Disclose possible conflicts of interest and maintain confidentiality on internal issues as appropriate.
- Meet attendance requirements during January-December term.
- Initiate outreach with legislators regarding organization's programs, funding, and key projects.
- Serve a dual function as the board of managers for the Capital Area Emergency Communications District.

Board Officers:

The Executive Committee at each first meeting of each calendar year shall elect five officers: Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. The Past Chair shall be the board member still serving who is the most recent Chair. The Chair, 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs, and Secretary are elected with the expectation they are committing to succession to serve as Chair; the Parliamentarian is elected each year based on the expertise and ability to provide guidance regarding the compliance with Roberts Rules of Order for Executive Committee/CAECD and General Assembly meetings. The Officers' role and functions are:

- Serve as the Budget, Audit, and Planning Committee.
- Conduct the annual performance evaluation of the executive director.
- Act in an advisory role to the executive director for agency planning and policy issues.

Board Chair Duties:

The primary role of the board chair is the presiding officer for the Executive Committee/CAECD and General Assembly meetings. The role and functions include:

- Commit the necessary time to prepare for meetings and review agenda with staff prior to meetings.

- Provide leadership to help board members keep local politics in perspective to regional needs and priorities.
- Encourage board members to have a firm grasp on financial conditions, integrity, and operations of the organization including budgeting, expenditures, and auditing.
- Identify financial or management issues that require board attention.
- Delegate day-to-day operations to executive director yet ensure appropriate internal controls are followed.
- Appoint ad hoc work subcommittees as needed.
- Chair the Budget, Audit, and Planning subcommittee.
- Chair the Nominating Committee
- Represent the organization and the board at meetings, hearings, regional events and related activities as appropriate and necessary.

Board 1st Vice Chair Duties:

- Assume functions of chair when necessary
- Chair the Legislative Work Group
- Participate in at least one CAPCOG committee which might include an ad hoc work group, program advisory committee, or subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

Board 2nd Vice Chair

- Presides when Chair and 1st Vice Chair are unavailable.

Secretary:

The secretary has a broad role per Roberts Rules of Order; however, agency staff handles most of those. As this officer, the board secretary:

- Serves as the signatory on many formal documents including the minutes, resolutions, and other official records as may be required.

Adopted 1-12-2011

Amended 10-12-2016

ARTICLE V – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5.1 – Governing Body

The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Council between meetings of the General Assembly. Members of the Executive Committee shall also serve on the Board of Managers of the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) as an additional duty. To the extent authorized by law, the Executive Committee will also serve as the governing body of any additional non-profit organization established by the Council.

Section 5.2 – Composition

- (a) The composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:
 - (1) two representatives from Travis County;
 - (2) one representative from each of the other nine counties in State Planning Region 12;
 - (3) one representative from the City of Austin;
 - (4) five representatives from cities with a population in excess of fifty thousand (50,000);
 - (5) five representatives from cities with populations under 50,000; and
 - (6) three at-large members.
 - (7) at least one State of Texas Legislator in accordance with Local Government Code, Section 391.006(c).
- (b) At each Annual Meeting, the General Assembly shall elect members from the categories described in Subsections (a) (1) through (6) of this section 5.2, from the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee or announced in accordance with the requirements for consideration as described in section 4.4(f).
- (c) In selecting the medium-sized city, small city and at-large representatives, the General Assembly shall consider population and geography to ensure diversity among the members of the Executive Committee.
- (d) All of the Executive Committee members, except for the ex-officio State Legislator, must be elected officials of the governing bodies of the full members of the Council or representatives who have been elected and will take office during the term of their service on the executive committee.
- (e) An elected official of the governing body of a full member of the Council may complete his or her term on the Executive Committee unless or until removed from the General Assembly by the Member.
- (f) A State Legislator selected for the Executive Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member, will not be eligible to vote, to serve as an officer of the Council, or to serve on subcommittees, and will not count toward a quorum.

Section 5.3 – Meetings

- (a) The Executive Committee shall meet regularly each month at a time and place specified by resolution.

- (b) The Executive Committee shall meet specially on call of the chairperson of the Council or upon the written request of at least one-third of the members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Regular meetings may be cancelled by the Chairperson, provided that the Executive Director confirms that no pressing business is required to be acted upon and the Chairperson provides at least two weeks notice of the cancellation.

Section 5.4 – Notice

Notice of regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee must comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Section 5.5 – Quorum and Action

- (a) A quorum of the Executive Committee consists of a majority of the non-vacant positions..
- (b) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present is the act of the Executive Committee.

Section 5.6 – Term

Executive Committee members serve one-year terms, beginning on January 1 following their election to the Executive Committee and expiring on December 31. An Executive Committee member may complete his or her term unless or until removed from the General Assembly by the Member.

Section 5.7 – Vacancy and Removal

- (a) A vacancy on the Executive Committee occurs:
 - (1) when a member dies;
 - (2) when a member resigns;
 - (3) when a member is removed;
 - (4) when a member becomes disqualified to serve; or
 - (5) when a member incurs four absences as described in subsection (b).
- (b) If an Executive Committee member misses three consecutive regularly-scheduled Executive Committee meetings or four total regularly-scheduled Executive Committee meetings in a calendar year, the Chairperson shall place an item on the next agenda to either excuse the absences or remove the representative from the Executive Committee. A motion to excuse an absence must be approved by a majority of those who are present at a meeting where a quorum is present. A motion to remove the representative must be approved by two-thirds of those present at a meeting where a quorum is present. Upon removal, the chairperson shall immediately declare a vacancy. State Legislators appointed pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(7) shall not be held to attendance requirements.
- (c) Executive Committee members shall also serve on the Board of Managers of the CAECD; a missed meeting of the CAECD shall be counted toward the absences described in (b), but only to the extent that one absence is counted per calendar day.
- (d) If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee may nominate at the request of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement to serve for the remainder of the unexpired.

Section 5.8 – Powers and Responsibilities

(a) The Executive Committee has the following general powers:

- (1) to contract;
- (2) to acquire, own, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest in it;
- (3) to invest the Council's assets in real or personal property, tangible or intangible, or any interest in it;
- (4) to sell, assign, mortgage, or pledge all or any part of the Council's real or personal property, or any interest in it;
- (5) to borrow or lend money or other property;
- (6) to apply for, receive, and use contributions and grants;
- (7) to sue in the name of the Council; and
- (8) to create and oversee advisory committees as necessary to comply with grant programs and provide guidance on regional issues.

(b) The Executive Committee has the following general responsibilities:

- (1) to have prepared, review, and adopt an annual budget;
- (2) to designate one or more depositories for the Council's funds and specify the individuals authorized to sign and countersign checks and other instruments for withdrawal of the funds;
- (3) to receive, review, and, if necessary, act upon reports and recommendations of its subcommittees and of committees of the Council, and to notify the General Assembly of any action taken;
- (4) to make recommendations, formulate policy, and take action on matters referred to it by the General Assembly that best carry out the purposes of the Council;
- (5) To be sued in the name of the Council.

Section 5.9 – Creation of Subcommittees

- (a) The Executive Committee by resolution may create one or more subcommittees and appoint members of the Executive Committee to serve on them. Each subcommittee may have three or more members who serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.
- (b) To the extent specified in the creating resolution, a subcommittee may exercise the Executive Committee's powers and carry out its responsibilities described in Section 5.8.
- (c) The Executive Committee in the creating resolution shall appoint officers of the subcommittee from among its members and shall describe the meeting, quorum, and voting requirements for the subcommittee.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Section 6.1 – Election

- (a) The Executive Committee shall elect from among its members, with the advice from the Nominating Committee per section 4.4(g), a chairperson, first and second vice-chairperson, a secretary, and a parliamentarian of the Council. The parliamentarian position may be jointly held by another officer other than the chairperson.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall elect the officers at the regular January meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- (c) The Immediate Past Chairperson shall serve as an officer.

Section 6.2 – Term

- (a) Officers of the Council serve one-year terms, beginning on January 1 following their election and expiring on December 31. An officer whose term expires continues to serve until his or her successor is elected.
- (b) The Executive Committee may remove an officer for cause upon two-thirds vote of the total number of members of the Committee, vacancies excluded. The reasons for removal of the officer must be described in the agenda for the meeting at which removal will be considered.
- (c) An officer may not serve more than two consecutive full terms in the same office.

Section 6.3 – Vacancy

In case of vacancy in an office, as determined under Section 5.7, the Nominating Committee may upon the request of the chairperson, nominate a replacement and the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement from among its members at a regular or special meeting. The replacement serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.



Executive Committee Members

Representing Counties

- Commissioner Clara Beckett, Bastrop County
- Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
- Judge Bryan Wilson, Burnet County
- Commissioner Rusty Horne, Caldwell County
- Commissioner Clint Sternadel, Fayette County
- Commissioner Walt Smith, Hays County
- Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
- Judge Rob Hardy, Llano County
- Judge Andy Brown, Travis County
- Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
- Judge Steven Snell, Williamson County

Representing the City of Austin

- Mayor Kirk Watson

Representing cities with populations greater than 50,000

- Council Member Ben Butler, Georgetown
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- Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
- Commissioner Valerie Covey, Williamson County

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- State Rep. Caroline Harris Davila
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Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026**Item No.:** 8h**Department:** Finance**Presented by:** Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Conduct a public hearing for the City of Giddings fiscal year 2026-2027 proposed tax rate of \$0.6275 per \$100 valuation.

Recommendation:

No action required.

Discussion/Background:

This public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed property tax rate. Finance Director Heather Garner will give a presentation to review the proposed tax rate for those in attendance.

Proposed Tax Rate: \$0.6275 per \$100

- Interest & Sinking: \$0.1336
- Maintenance & Operations: \$0.4939

No-new-revenue tax rate: \$0.6050 per \$100

Voter-approval tax rate: \$0.6398 per \$100

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** \$0**Amount Budgeted:** \$0**Account Number:** N/A**Account Balance:** N/A**Fund Name(s):** N/A**In Current Budget?:** N/A

Attachments:

- **FY26-27 Tax Rate Public Hearing PowerPoint**
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Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026

Item No.: 8i

Department: Finance

Presented by: Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 927 adopting the annual budget for the City of Giddings 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Recommendation:

Discuss and approve Ordinance No. 927 by record vote.

Discussion/Background:

A public hearing for the Proposed Budget for FY2026-2027 was held, and a copy is available on the City's website and at City Hall. According to Texas Local Government Code, a vote to adopt the budget must be a record (or roll call) vote.

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Section 551.043(c) of the Texas Government Code)

This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, comparing what would be paid under the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate versus the Proposed Tax Rate.

	Median Homestead Taxable Value	Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	Estimated Property Tax Bill
2025 Tax Rate (Current Year)	\$216,166	\$0.6275	\$1,356.44
2026 No New Revenue Rate	\$239,742	\$0.6050	\$1,450.44
2026 Proposed Tax Rate	\$239,742	\$0.6275	\$1,504.38

Strategic Alignment:

Priority: [pending]

Objective: [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification

Amount Requested: \$0

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Account Number: All

Account Balance: N/A

Fund Name(s): All

In Current Budget?: N/A

Attachments:

- **Ordinance No. 927**

ORDINANCE NO. 927

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL DUE ON THE CITY'S INDEBTNESS; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the budget appended hereto as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, was duly presented to the City Council by the City Manager and a public hearing was ordered by the City Council and said notice was published in the Giddings Times & News and said public hearing was held according to said notice; and

WHEREAS, proper and timely notice that a public hearing on such budget would be held on September 14, 2026 was given and made in accordance with the law and within the time limits set forth by law; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was held in accordance with law on September 14, 2026, prior to final adoption of this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS:

SECTION 1. That the appropriations of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, for the support of the general government of the City of Giddings, Texas, be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with expenditures shown in the City's fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, a copy for appended hereto as Exhibit A;

SECTION 2. That the budget, as presented, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated the amount shown in said budget necessary to provide for the payment of principal and interest and the retirement of the bonded debt of said city.

SECTION 4. In accordance with §102.008(a)(1), Local Government Code, the Finance Director is directed to file with the City Clerk a true copy of the final budget as adopted by the City Council, and the City Clerk is directed to certify as a true copy said budget and file it with this ordinance in the official records of the City.

SECTION 5. In accordance with §102.008(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code, the City Secretary is directed to ensure that a copy of the budget, including the cover page, is posted on the City's website.

SECTION 6. In accordance with §102.008(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code, the City Secretary is directed to ensure that the record vote described by §102.007(d)(2), Local Government Code is posted on the City's website at least until the first anniversary of the date this ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 7. In accordance with §102.009(d), Local Government Code, the City Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance along with a true copy of the budget with the County Clerk of Lee County.

SECTION 8. The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to

the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 9. That there is hereby shown that the Giddings City Council finds that each of the organizations listed within serves a valid public purpose as set out below:

- The Lee County Express Track Club provides athletic activities that promote a healthy lifestyle for our youth and instill teamwork and citizenship.
- The following are found to provide a public purpose by the Texas Attorney General: Combined Community Action, Family Crisis Center, CARTS, Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, GVFD, and Lee Cares, Lee County Youth Center.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this the 28th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Linda Pruitt, Mayor

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026**Item No.:** 8j**Department:** Finance**Presented by:** Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 928 adopting the 2026 tax rate of \$0.6275 per \$100 valuation in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.

Recommendation:

Discuss and approve Ordinance No. 928. See specific motions.

Discussion/Background:

According to the Texas Tax Code, the M&O and Debt components must be approved separately. A specific motion must also be made. We will have three separate votes:

1. "I move to approve the maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.4939 per \$100 valuation."
2. "I move to approve the det service tax rate of \$0.1336 per \$100 valuation."
3. "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6275 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a % increase in the tax rate." – Record Vote

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** Proposed**Amount Budgeted:** Pending**Account Number:** All**Account Balance:** N/A**Fund Name(s):** All**In Current Budget?:** N/A

Attachments:

- **Ordinance No. 928**
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ORDINANCE NO. 928

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND, PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas approved the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027; and

Whereas, it is necessary that an Ordinance be passed levying an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Giddings, Texas in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code; and

Whereas, the Tax Assessor-Collector for Lee County, Texas acting as the designated officer for the City of Giddings, Texas as defined by state law has heretofore certified, in accordance with sections 26.04(d-1, d-2, d-3) of the Texas Tax Code, that he has accurately calculated the tax rates and has used the values that are the same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll in performing the calculations for tax year 2026, a copy of said certification being attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

Whereas, the Finance Director of the City of Giddings, Texas, has heretofore submitted, in accordance with section 26.05(e-1) of the Texas Tax Code, a written certification that the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue that will be used to pay debt service has been deducted from the total amount of debt in the tax rate calculations for tax year 2026, a copy of said certification being attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Tax Levy: That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Giddings, and for the Debt Service of the General Fund for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.6275 on each \$100 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

- a. For the maintenance and operation of the General Fund \$0.4939 on each \$100 valuation of property; and
- b. For Debt Service of the General Fund \$0.1336 on each \$100 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. Taxes Due and Payable: That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2026, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2027, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. Assessment and Lien: All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the tax assessor/collector of the City of Giddings is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and ordinance of the City of Giddings, and shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxed shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate as prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. Texas Tax Code Statement: In accordance with Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code, the City Council hereby states that:

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 1 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4.80.

SECTION 5. All monies collected under this ordinance for the specific items herein named, be and the same are hereby appropriated and set apart for the specific purpose indicated in each item and that the Assessor and Collector of Taxes, and the Finance Director shall keep these accounts so as to readily and distinctly show the amount collected, the amounts expended and the amount on hand at any time, belonging to such funds. All receipts for the City not specifically apportioned by this ordinance are hereby made payable to the General Fund of the City.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

SECTION 7. That for the support and maintenance of the City of Giddings, this Ordinance is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Giddings, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 28th day of September, 2026.

CITY OF GIDDINGS, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary

Linda Pruitt, Mayor

Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: 9/28/2026**Item No.:** 8k**Department:** Finance**Presented by:** Heather Garner

Subject/Caption:

Consider ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

Recommendation:

Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Discussion/Background:

If the adoption of a budget will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year, state law requires the city council to vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. This vote to ratify a property tax increase is in addition to, and separate from, the vote to adopt the budget or the vote to set the tax rate as required by Chapter 26 of the Tax Code.

Strategic Alignment:**Priority:** [pending]**Objective:** [pending]

Fiscal Information/Certification**Amount Requested:** Proposed **Amount Budgeted:** Pending**Account Number:** All **Account Balance:** N/A**Fund Name(s):** All **In Current Budget?:** N/A

Attachments:

"I move that we ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2026-2027 Budget."