



Mayor: Mario Garza
Mayor Pro-Tem: Jesus “Jesse” Ramirez
Commissioners: Ernesto “Neto” Guajardo
Raudel Maldonado
Pete Garcia

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SAN JUAN CITY COMMISSION

Location: San Juan Memorial Library
Multipurpose Meeting Room
1010 S. Standard
San Juan, Texas 78589
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**
 - A.** Discussion and Possible Action on Adopting a Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 4.
 - B.** Discussion and Possible Action on Adopting a Resolution Opposing Border Wall.
 - C.** Presentation and Discussion on City of San Juan Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. (Ben Arjona, City Manager)
- V. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A.** Hold Second Public Hearing on Adopting the Proposed Tax Rate and Levy for the City of San Juan, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2018.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of the Special Called Meeting of the City of San Juan is true and correct; and that I posted such notice on the bulletin board. A place convenient and readily accessible to the public on the _____ in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Gov't. Code §551-041 - §551.050).

DIANA CAVAZOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS

CERTIFICATION OF REMOVAL

I certify that the agenda of items to be considered by the City Commission was removed by the City Secretary's Office from the San Juan City Hall bulletin area on the the _____ of _____, 2017.

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY



CITY OF SAN JUAN

RESOLUTION

Opposing Senate Bill 4 (Sanctuary Cities Bill)

- Whereas,** on May 3rd, 2017 the Texas legislature approved Senate Bill 4, and Governor Greg Abbott signed SB 4 into Law on May 7, 2017; and
- Whereas,** the City of San Juan has long embraced and welcomed individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious and national background, including a large immigrant population; and
- Whereas,** fostering a relationship of trust, respect and open communication between City officials and the community is essential to the City's mission of delivering efficient public services, ensuring public safety, public health and a high quality of life for residents; and
- Whereas,** the City of San Juan interacts with the community in a number of ways, and requesting or investigating immigration status during those interactions is federal matter outside the City's jurisdiction; and
- Whereas,** Senate Bill 4 will create a negative perception of government entities, incite fear in our community, and inhibit fruitful relationships between constituents and the county from developing; and
- Whereas,** the City of San Juan seeks to maintain the right of self-governance, particularly on matters relating to public safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: that the City of San Juan Commissioners, and San Juan residents express opposition to Senate Bill 4.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the ____ day of September, 2017.

CITY OF SAN JUAN

MARIO GARZA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DIANA CAVAZOS
CITY SECRETARY

Approved as to Form and Legality
This ____ day of September , 2017.

PALACIOS, GARZA & THOMPSON, P.C.
CITY ATTORNEY



CITY OF SAN JUAN

RESOLUTION

Save Santa Ana- No Border Wall

- Whereas,** there is a proposal to build a wall along the entire U.S. – Mexico border; and
- Whereas,** the overwhelming majority of the City of San Juan’s residents adamantly oppose border walls; and
- Whereas,** the billions of dollars that have been requested for new border walls could be better spent on improved infrastructure and other needs in the City of San Juan or in the Rio Grande Valley; and
- Whereas,** the trade with our Mexican neighbors substantially contributes to the economy in the City of San Juan; and
- Whereas,** the City of San Juan, along with other border cities, consistently ranks among the safest cities in the United States; and
- Whereas,** the City of San Juan values inclusiveness, tolerance and diversity, and welcomes all those who seeks to build a life and raise a family here; and
- Whereas,** the border walls and increased militarization do not address the underlying humanitarian of refugees seeking asylum and families in desperate poverty seeking economic opportunity; and
- Whereas,** existing border walls and militarization have exacerbated these humanitarian crises by pushing migrants and asylum seekers into remote areas where they more likely to die attempting to cross; and
- Whereas,** existing border walls have caused substantial environmental damage, including flooding , erosion, the degradation of public lands, the fragmenting of critical wildlife habitat, and the disrupting wildlife migration patterns; and
- Whereas,** more than \$100 million and countless volunteer hours have been poured into the Lower Rio Grande Valley wildlife corridor habitat restoration project, an effort to revegetate tracts of deforested land in order to create a corridor along the Rio Grande for species like the endangered ocelot to move through; and
- Whereas,** the eco-tourism economy accounts for an estimated \$463 million per year in revenue in the Rio Grande Valley and depends on high-quality wildlife habitat and people’s access to that habitat; and
- Whereas,** the International Boundary and Water Commission levees that protect our communities from Rio Grande flooding have already been rebuilt using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds; and

- Whereas,** existing levee-border walls cut off the Old Hidalgo Pumphouse World Birding Center from an adjacent tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, restricting access to residents and eco-tourists despite assurances from Customs and Border Protection that the refuge and its would remain accessible; and
- Whereas,** proposed levee-border walls in Hidalgo County would run through Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, natural areas which are important for native wildlife and are the centerpieces of our burgeoning ecotourism industry; and
- Whereas,** proposed levee-border walls in Hidalgo County would repeatedly cut through the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, fragmenting habitat that is critical to the continued survival of endangered ocelots in South Texas; and
- Whereas,** the location of the proposed levee-border walls is up to two miles away from the river and walls would cut off large swaths of land and divide residents' property; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By the City of San Juan: The City Commission of the City of San Juan, and San Juan residents express opposition to any border walls built in our County because they would not make us safer but would detract from the economic well-being of our city and from the quality of our residents.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the ____ day of September, 2017.

CITY OF SAN JUAN

MARIO GARZA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DIANA CAVAZOS
CITY SECRETARY

Approved as to Form and Legality
This ____ day of September , 2017.

PALACIOS, GARZA & THOMPSON, P.C.
CITY ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM AND RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Hold Second Public Hearing on Adopting the Proposed Tax Rate and Levy for the City of San Juan, Texas for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2018.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, the City Commission voted and approved the Proposed Tax Rate of (\$0.6993/\$100) for Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and scheduled two required public hearings on August 22 and September 5, 2017. The Proposed Rate is the same as last year's rate. However, in accordance with property tax law, if the proposed tax rate (\$0.6993/\$100) exceeds the effective tax rate of (\$0.6685/\$100) or rollback tax rate (\$0.7290/\$100), therefore, two public hearings on the proposed rate will be required before the City Commission adopts the tax rate ordinance.

The ordinance Adopting the Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2017 and Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 will be considered on first reading by the Commission on September 12, 2017. The Second and final reading is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hold Second Public Hearing on Adopting the Proposed Tax Rate and Levy for the City of San Juan, Texas for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2017.

PREPARED BY:

Benjamin Arjona,
City Manager

APPROVED BY:

Benjamin Arjona, City
Manager

2017 Governing Body Summary #1A*

Benchmark 2017 Tax Rates

City of San Juan

Date: 08/03/2017 08:58 AM

DESCRIPTION OF TAX RATE	TAX RATE PER \$100	THIS YEAR'S TAX LEVY**	ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY
Effective Tax Rate	\$0.6684 ✓	\$6,141,270	
One Percent \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.6751	\$6,202,830	\$61,560
One Cent per \$100 Tax Increase***	\$0.678400	\$6,233,151	\$91,881
Notice & Hearing Limit****	\$0.6684	\$6,141,270	\$0
Rollback Tax Rate	\$0.7290 ✓	\$6,698,064	\$556,794
Last Year's Tax Rate	\$0.699300	\$6,425,180	\$283,910
Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.6993	\$6,425,180	\$283,910

*These figures are provided as estimates of possible outcomes resulting from varying the tax rate. Please be aware that these are only estimates and should not be used alone in making budgetary decisions.

**Tax levies are calculated using line 19 of the Effective Tax Rate Worksheet and this year's frozen tax levy on homesteads of the elderly or disabled.

***Tax increase compared to effective tax rate.

****The Notice and Hearing Limit is the highest tax rate that may be adopted without notices and a public hearing. It is the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS, FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND THE TAX YEAR 2017 IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER PROVISIONS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AND THE PROPERTY TAX CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND ORDIAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Section 26.05 Texas Tax Code provides for the procedures for adoption of the ad valorem tax rate for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the vote on the tax rate must be a record vote as reflected hereunder and such vote was separate from the vote of the City Commissioners adopting the budget as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a motion being first made as follows: "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6993", and upon vote of the City Commissions as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Mario Garza	—	—	—
Mayor Pro-Tem Jesse Ramirez	—	—	—
Commissioner Raudel Maldonado	—	—	—
Commissioner Ernesto "Neto" Guajardo	—	—	—
Commissioner Pete Garcia	—	—	—

AND, WHEREAS, THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I: There shall be and is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and the Tax year 2017, upon the assessed taxable value of all property of every description subject to taxation within the City of San Juan, Texas, on the 1st day of January A.D. 2017, the following tax rates, to wit:

- (a) An ad valorem tax to be computed at the rate of \$0.5291 per \$100.00 of the assessed taxable value thereof estimated in lawful currency of the United States of America for the purpose of paying the general expenses of the City Government for the period ending **September 30, 2018**, as provided in the appropriate ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of San Juan, Texas, and when collected such monies are to be deposited in the fund known as the "General Fund" and disbursed for the purposes stated in said ordinance.
- (b) An ad valorem tax to be computed at the rate of \$0.1702 per \$100.00 of the assessed taxable value thereof estimated in lawful currency of the United States of America for the purpose of paying the interest and principal on the several outstanding debt issues of the City of San Juan, Texas, such levy being in conformity with the requirement of the levy of taxes heretofore made by ordinance and orders of the Board of Commissioners of the said City of San Juan, Texas relating to such indebtedness.

SECTION II: All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION IV: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause the caption of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in San Juan, Hidalgo County, Texas in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of San Juan, Texas, Section 2.15 (C) **Printing of Ordinances and Resolutions**; but it shall not be published in the Code of Ordinances of the City of San Juan as it is not amendatory thereof; however, it shall be cited in the appropriate appendix of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION V: If any part or parts of this Ordinance are found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court having competent jurisdiction, then such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining parts hereof and such remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect, and to the extent this Ordinance is considered severable.

READ, CONSIDERED, PASSED and APPROVED on FIRST READING at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the San Juan, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on this **12th day of September 2017**.

READ, CONSIDERED, PASSED and APPROVED on SECOND READING at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the San Juan, Texas at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on this **26rd day of September 2017**.

CITY OF SAN JUAN

By: _____

Mario Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Diana Cavazos, City Secretary