



CITY OF EL CENIZO

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COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE EL CENIZO CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE EL CENIZO COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE EL CENIZO CITY HALL, 507 CADENA ST, EL CENIZO, TEXAS TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA.

1. Call to order by the Honorable Mayor, Carina Hernandez.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Communications.
5. Public Comments.

This section provides the public the opportunity to address the City Council on any item of the Agenda or simply make a public notice to the council. Residents wishing to participate must complete a Speaker's Card specifying which item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three minutes within which to make any/all public comments. *Comentarios Públicos: Esta sección le otorga la palabra a los residentes a que se dirijan a los miembros del cabildo de cualquier punto en la agenda. Residentes que quieran dirigirse al cabildo deberá llenar una forma especificando que punto de la agenda quiere tratar. Cada residente tendrá tres minutos en cual pueden hacer cualquier comentario que quiera sobre el tema.*

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

Notice to the public: Items listed under Presentations, Recognitions and Reports are informative items brought before the council to serve as informative and ceremonial purposes only. No action shall be taken; however, the members of the council can request that action items be presented at the next regularly scheduled city council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The City Council of El Cenizo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections:

551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property)

551.073 (Deliberation about Gifts and Donations)

551.074 (Personnel Matters)

The City Council will reconvene to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters listed under the consent agenda 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 requested by a member of the City Council. The item may subsequently be removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE. Public Hearing of proposed tax rate of \$0.578920 per \$100 value for Tax Year 2025. This rate raises \$376,007, which is \$5,352 or 1.44% more revenue than that raised by taxes imposed last year. The tax rate will provide revenue for the General Fund. The rate includes \$0.578920 per \$100 value for General Fund Maintenance and Operation.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

BUDGET

7. Discussion and Possible action to levy Tax Rate of \$0.578920 per \$100 taxable Value by Order, under provision of Article VIII, Section 9(a) and 9(b) of the Texas Constitution and Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Code for Tax Year 2025.
8. Presentation of the 2025-2026 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget. [The 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget was filed on Friday September 5, 2025 by the Honorable Carina Hernandez, City Mayor, and was upload on the city's

website.

9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to set the public hearing date for the adoption of the proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget to September 22, 2025; and any other matters incident thereto.
10. Review, discuss, consider and take appropriate action on adopting the 2025-2026 Delinquent Roll; establishing an anticipated collection rate related to delinquent property taxes; and any other matters incident thereto.

MAYOR CARINA HERNANDEZ

COMMISSIONER JUANY VALDEZ

COMMISSIONER DAISY PEREZ

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

11. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the city's management team to solicit RFP's for Delinquent Tax Attorney services to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes.

Background:

The City of El Cenizo is required to ensure the effective and efficient collection of ad valorem property taxes, including the collection of delinquent taxes. The engagement of a qualified attorney or law firm specializing in delinquent tax collections is necessary to assist the City in recovering outstanding tax revenues owed, to ensure compliance with applicable laws, and to protect the City's financial interests.

Requested Action:

Consideration and possible action to authorize the City Administrator and/or City Secretary, in consultation with the Mayor, to prepare and publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Delinquent Tax Attorney Services in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, procurement requirements, and the City of El Cenizo's procurement policies.

The scope of services to be included in the RFP may include, but are not limited to:

- Collection of delinquent ad valorem property taxes
- Litigation services relating to delinquent tax suits
- Foreclosure proceedings and property sales
- Consultation and legal guidance on delinquent tax matters
- Reporting and accounting of collected delinquent taxes

Fiscal Impact:

Costs associated with delinquent tax attorney services are generally funded through statutory fees and commissions collected from delinquent taxpayers, rather than from the City's General Fund.

12. Adjournment.

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the City Council of El Cenizo, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 2nd day of September, 2025 at 1:47 a.m. (p.m.) and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

JUANY PEREZ, CITY SECRETARY, EL CENIZO, TEXAS

BY:  _____
Juany Perez, Interim City Secretary/Clerk