



CITY OF EL CENIZO

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COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE EL CENIZO CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 AT 7:30 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.

6. Departmental Reports.

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.)

7. Approval of minutes, bills and monthly reports.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE. Public Hearing of proposed tax rate of \$0.586875 per \$100 value for Tax Year 2026.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.586875 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.586875 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.612611 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of EL CENIZO from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of EL CENIZO may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of EL CENIZO is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

9. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the adopting a resolution setting forth the salary and administrative allowance of elected and appointed officials for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; and any other matters incident thereto.
10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on adopting a resolution of the city council of the City of El Cenizo, Texas, establishing fees for municipal services for the fiscal year 2026–2027; providing for copies, faxes, service account updates and changes, hauling and disposal of debris, rental of equipment, solid waste collection, and other related services; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

BUDGET

11. Discussion and Possible action to levy Tax Rate of \$0.586875 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 2026.
12. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget. [The 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget was filed on Wednesday September 2, 2026 by the Honorable Carina Hernandez, City Mayor, and was upload on the city's website.
13. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to set the public hearing date for the adoption of the proposed 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget to September 24, 2026; and any other matters incident thereto.
14. Review, discuss, consider and take appropriate action on adopting the 2026-2027 Delinquent Roll; establishing an anticipated collection rate related to delinquent property taxes; and any other matters incident thereto.
15. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to review the detailed analysis of all delinquent accounts of the Solid Waste Department and setting a percentage collection rate for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; and any other matters incident thereto.
16. Discussion and possible action to consider, approve, and adopt the City of El Cenizo Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Employee Holiday Schedule, including

authorization of four (4) Personal Holidays for eligible City employees during the fiscal year; providing for the closure of applicable non-emergency City offices and departments on designated holidays, subject to operational and public safety needs; authorizing the Interim City Manager/Administrator and/or appropriate City officials to administer the holiday schedule in accordance with City personnel policies; and any other matters incident thereto.

Proposed FY 2026–2027 Holiday Schedule

Holiday

Columbus Day
October 12, 2026
Monday

Veterans Day
November 11, 2026
Wednesday

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26–27, 2026
Thursday–Friday

Christmas Holiday
December 24–25, 2026
Thursday–Friday

New Year's Holiday
December 31, 2026–January 1, 2027
Thursday–Friday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18, 2027
Monday

Presidents Day
February 15, 2027
Monday

Easter Holiday
March 26 & March 29, 2027
Friday & Monday

Memorial Day
May 31, 2027
Monday

Juneteenth Day
June 18, 2027
Friday

Independence Day
July 5, 2027
Monday

Labor Day
September 6, 2027
Monday

Personal Holidays: Four (4) Personal Holidays shall be authorized for eligible City employees during Fiscal Year 2026–2027, subject to applicable City personnel policies, departmental staffing requirements, supervisor approval, and operational needs.

17. Discussion and possible action to consider, approve, and adopt the City of El Cenizo City Council regular meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, establishing the second Thursday of each month as the regular monthly meeting date, with additional meetings to be held each Thursday during September 2027 for fiscal year-end and Fiscal Year 2027–2028 budgetary purposes; authorizing the Municipal Administrator/Chief Administrative Officer and City Secretary to coordinate, prepare, post, and administer the meeting schedule in accordance with applicable law; providing for the calling of special meetings, emergency meetings, workshops, public hearings, and other meetings as may be necessary or authorized by law; and any other matters incident thereto.

Proposed FY 2026–2027 Meeting Schedule

Month	Meeting Date	Day
October 2026	October 8, 2026	Thursday
November 2026	November 12, 2026	Thursday
December 2026	December 10, 2026	Thursday
January 2027	January 14, 2027	Thursday
February 2027	February 11, 2027	Thursday
March 2027	March 11, 2027	Thursday
April 2027	April 8, 2027	Thursday
May 2027	May 13, 2027	Thursday
June 2027	June 10, 2027	Thursday
July 2027	July 8, 2027	Thursday
August 2027	August 12, 2027	Thursday
September 2027	September 2, 2027	Thursday

September 9, 2027 Thursday
September 16, 2027 Thursday
September 23, 2027 Thursday
September 30, 2027 Thursday

September Budget Meetings: Meetings shall be scheduled for each Thursday during September 2027 to provide the City Council sufficient opportunities to conduct budget workshops, public hearings, tax-rate proceedings, budget consideration and adoption, budget amendments, fiscal year-end actions, and other matters associated with the City's Fiscal Year 2027–2028 budget process, as applicable.

The adoption of this schedule shall not prohibit the City Council from calling additional special meetings, workshops, public hearings, emergency meetings, or other meetings when necessary and permitted by applicable law.

MAYOR CARINA HERNANDEZ

18. Discussion and possible action regarding correspondence received from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol, concerning planned border barrier construction and related activities affecting or potentially affecting City of El Cenizo-owned property, including Webb County Appraisal District Parcel No. 232953; consideration of CBP's request for temporary or permanent access, right-of-entry, license, easement, lease, acquisition, appraisal, survey, vegetation management, construction, maintenance, drainage, erosion-control, roadway, utility, technology, and other related activities; consideration of the proposed License Agreement between the City of El Cenizo and U.S. Customs and Border Protection; discussion of the City's property rights, compensation and appraisal rights, environmental and operational impacts, restoration requirements, access conditions, duration and termination provisions, and other terms and protections affecting the City; and possible action to approve, deny, modify, table, or authorize further negotiation of the proposed License Agreement, including authorizing the Municipal Administrator/Chief Administrative Officer, City Attorney, Mayor, and/or other designated City representatives to communicate and negotiate with CBP, request additional surveys, maps, appraisals, environmental information, project plans and proposed property interests, negotiate appropriate terms and protections on behalf of the City, and bring any proposed final agreement, easement, lease, acquisition, or other real-property transaction back before the City Commission for consideration and approval; and any other matters incident thereto. **[The City Commission may convene in executive session as authorized by applicable provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including Section 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and Section**

551.071, if applicable, to consult with the City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the proposed access, license, easement, acquisition, or other interests in City-owned property; with any final action, decision, or vote to be taken in open session as required by law.]

19. Discussion and possible action to approve a Community Beautification and Garden Improvement Project for the property located at 510 Rodriguez St., El Cenizo, Texas 78046, including site cleanup, removal of debris and vegetation, landscaping improvements, installation of trees and other greenery, development of a community garden area, installation of raised garden beds, seating and other site amenities, and related improvements; to authorize the Municipal Administrator/Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate the development and implementation of the project; to solicit and accept, as permitted by law, donations of materials, plants, trees, equipment, volunteer labor, sponsorships, and other resources in support of the project; to identify and utilize available budgeted funds, grants, partnerships, or other legally available funding sources subject to applicable procurement requirements; and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMISSIONER JUANY VALDEZ

20. Discussion and possible action to authorize and approve a Platinum Level Sponsorship for the Stronger Together Breast Cancer Foundation's 2026 STEPS Forward 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo, scheduled for October 18, 2026, at the Casa Blanca Golf Course, including authorization for the expenditure of City funds in the amount established for the Platinum Sponsorship Level; determination that the sponsorship serves a valid municipal and public purpose by supporting breast cancer awareness, health education, community wellness, and access to health-related resources; designation of the appropriate funding source; and authorization for the City Secretary to execute any necessary sponsorship documents and take all related actions necessary to effectuate the City Council's approval.

COMMISSIONER DAISY PEREZ

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

21. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to approve the coalition membership renewal with the South Texas Latino Coalition; and any other matters incident thereto.
22. 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 4th day of September, 2026 at _____ a.m. / p.m. and said notice remained so posted continuously for 3 business preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

JUANY PEREZ, CITY SECRETARY, EL CENIZO, TEXAS

BY: _____
Juany Perez, City Secretary/Clerk