

Mayor
Michael Martinez, Jr.
Alderman Place 1
John Crickmer
Alderman Place 2
David Tremblay
Alderman Place 3
Lamar McNeal



Alderman Place 4
CJ Walker
Alderman Place 5/Mayor Pro Tem
Monica Madero
City Administrator
Dr. Jamaine Johnson
City Attorney
Cassandra C. Ortiz
City Secretary
Delma Doyal

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas, will hold a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 22870 Priest Road, Sandy Oaks, Texas, where a quorum of the City Council will be physically present. All agenda items may be acted upon.

Join the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85261332945> and enter Meeting ID 852 6133 2945

The public will be permitted to offer public comments in person, telephonically or by audio as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting by signing up with the City Secretary at least 15 minutes in advance of the meeting if providing comments in person, and at least two hours in advance of the meeting by emailing citysecretary@cityofsandyoaks.com or by calling (210) 607-0834 if speaking telephonically or by audio. Please indicate whether you intend to speak on an item during the regular meeting or during the public hearing portion of the meeting. An audio recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

- 1. Call to order and quorum call.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Public Hearing to consider the proposed 2026 tax rate increase to support the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027.** This time is provided for citizens to address the Mayor and Council on the proposed 2026 tax rate to support the 2027 Fiscal Year budget, which proposed rate is not to exceed \$0.356390 on each \$100 valuation of property. Please limit your time to a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
 - a. Discuss and/or possible action by record vote on an ordinance adopting the levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for 2026 for the use and support of the municipal government for the City of Sandy Oaks, Texas for the Fiscal Year 2027 beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 not to exceed \$0.356390 on each \$100 valuation of property; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall be delinquent if not paid; providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- 4. Citizens to be heard. People wishing to speak may sign up with the City Secretary in the time and manner indicated above.** This time is provided for citizens to address the City Council on issues and concerns related to the City of Sandy Oaks. Please note that the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from responding, commenting, or discussing items or topics during this portion of the meeting that are not included on the agenda. The City Council appreciates hearing from the citizens, and your thoughts and questions are valued; however, civility and a sense of decorum will be strictly followed. All speakers must address their comments to the City Council. Speakers shall refrain from public criticism

of members of the City Council that is prohibited by law. This item will be open for up to 30 minutes, with 3 minutes to each speaker. One (1) person may speak on behalf of a group. Up to three (3) people may register on behalf of the group for the spokesperson to be allotted up to nine (9) minutes to speak. If there are more than ten (10) speakers, each will be given two (2) minutes or six (6) minutes for a group spokesperson.

5. Mayor & Administrator Announcements/Updates

- a. Proclamation - Presentation by Mayor Martinez Jr. of a Proclamation designating September 15 through October 15, 2026, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- b. Proclamation - Presentation by Mayor Michael Martinez Jr. of a Proclamation designating October 6, 2026 as National Night Out. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- c. Award presentation recognizing Community Center volunteers for their years of dedicated service hours. (City Administrator Johnson)
- d. The City of Sandy Oaks has received a Land Use Plan amendment application from Fidel Ramirez Delgado, d/b/a El Tamalito de Tejas, 21945 Priest Road, and will publish notice of the public hearing in the Wilson County News no less than 15 days prior to the hearing. (City Administrator Johnson)

6. Consent Agenda – All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council of the City of Sandy Oaks and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approve minutes from August 27, 2026 Regular City Council and Public Hearing Meeting. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- b. Approve minutes from August 13, 2026 Regular City Council and Public Hearing Meeting. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- c. Approve minutes from July 28, 2026 Special Meeting and Public Hearing. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- d. Approve Milestone 3 (Go-Live Acceptance) under the City's website development agreement with Ventured Sole LLC, dated April 17, 2026, in the amount of \$7,200.00. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- e. Approve Invoice 17870 from Angel Armor (Body Armor Grant) Not to Exceed \$17,744.50. (Mayor Martinez)

7. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Animal Control: Updates/Announcements and presentation of the monthly report with possible discussion and/or action. (City Administrator Johnson)
- b. Code Enforcement Officer: Updates/Announcements and presentation of the monthly report with possible discussion and/or action. (City Administrator Johnson)
- c. Community Center: Updates/Announcements and presentation with possible discussion and/or action. (City Administrator Johnson)
- d. Municipal Court: Updates/Announcements and presentation of the monthly report with possible discussion and/or action (City Administrator Johnson)
- e. Park Advisory Committee: Updates/Announcements with possible discussion and/or action, presented by Alderman Crickmer. (City Administrator Johnson)
- f. Police Department: Updates/Announcements and presentation of the monthly report with possible discussion and/or action, presented by Police Chief Alvarez. (City Administrator Johnson)
- g. City Maintenance: Updates/Announcements with possible discussion and/or action. (City Administrator Johnson)

8. Administration – Unfinished Business

- a. Financial Report: Report on income and expenses for July 2026 with possible discussion and/or action. Presenter: City Secretary Doyal (City Administrator Johnson)

- b. Financial Report: Report on income and expenses for June 2026 with possible discussion and/or action. Presenter: City Secretary Doyal (City Administrator Johnson)
- c. Discuss and/or possible action on an ordinance adopting the 2027 Fiscal Year Budget beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 for the City of Sandy Oaks, by record vote or postpone adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget to a later date. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- d. Discuss and/or possible action on an ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2027 Fiscal Year Budget beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027, by record vote. (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- e. Discuss and/or take possible action on an ordinance amending ordinance 2025-251 regarding animal control regulations. (City Administrator Johnson)
- f. Discuss and/or take possible action on a property registration program services offered by MuniReg, including program design, implementation, and administration to strengthen property data and reduce blight. Presenter: Michael Halpern. (City Administrator Johnson)
- g. Discuss and/or take possible action on authorizing the Interim City Administrator to advertise a Request for Proposals for municipal solid waste collection and disposal services upon expiration of the existing contract with Waste Connections on the Texas Municipal League website and the City website through October 2026. (City Administrator Johnson)
- h. Discuss and/or possible action on amendments to the Personnel Policy Manual, Section 19, Travel Policy, addressing training approval, mileage, meal reimbursement, and personal vehicle use. (City Administrator Johnson)

9. Administration – New Business

- a. Discuss and/or possible action on the appointment, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Animal Control Officer Ashley Cunningham. (City Administrator Johnson)
- b. Discuss and/or take possible action on the City's 2026-2027 employee health benefits renewal through TX Health Benefits Pool, including selection of a medical plan design option and authorization for the Interim City Administrator to execute all required renewal documentation. (City Administrator Johnson)
- c. Discuss and/or take possible action on authorizing the Interim City Administrator to pursue a non-binding grant opportunity through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (Blue Impact Program) for community health and wellness initiatives, including but not limited to outdoor fitness infrastructure at Tom Repino Park. (City Administrator Johnson)
- d. Discuss and/or take possible action on the construction of a new municipal building. Presenter: City Engineer Swaim (Mayor Martinez Jr.)
- e. Discuss and/or take possible action the City's Purchasing Card Policy, as revised including adoption of said policy. (City Administrator Johnson)
- f. Discuss and/or take possible action on Ordinance No. 2026-276, the second reading of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2024-245 regarding regulation of fences and establishing a \$40.00 fence permit fee by reference to the Master Fee Schedule. (City Administrator Johnson)
- g. Discuss and/or take possible action on an ordinance authorizing a comprehensive change of references from the Public Works Department and Public Works Director to the City Maintenance Department and City Maintenance Director, respectively; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (City Administrator Johnson)
- h. Discuss and/or take possible action on an ordinance abolishing the position of Public Works Director, creating the position of City Maintenance Director, and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-202. (City Administrator Johnson)
- i. Discuss and/or take possible action on approving a Resolution establishing spring and fall citywide yard sales on the Saturday preceding the respective curbside brush and bulky item collections, and waiving the garage sale permit fee under Ordinance No. 2026-278. (City Administrator Johnson)

10. Executive Session (Discussion only – closed to the Public) The Council may close the meeting at any September 10, 2026 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Agenda

time and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney—on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or another authorized provision of Chapter 551 on any of the above items. The Open Meetings Act permits a governing body to consult with its attorney privately in executive session by telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the Internet. Tex. Gov’t Code 551.129(a).

- a. Executive Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of Animal Control Officer Ashley Cunningham, pursuant to Government Code section 551.074 (personnel matters). (Mayor Martinez Jr.)

11. Adjourn

I certify that the above notice of a regular meeting and public hearing was posted at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. and on the City’s website on September 3, 2026. The notice remained posted continuously in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Delma Doyal City Secretary

Taxpayer Impact Statement

This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, comparing what would be paid under the no-new-revenue tax rate versus the proposed tax rate.

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.341800	\$0.356390	Increase of 0.014590 per \$100, or 4.27%
Average homestead taxable value	\$131,478	\$133,076	Increase of 1.22%
Tax on average homestead	\$449.39	\$474.27	Increase of \$24.88, or 5.54%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$915,489	\$957,391	Increase of \$41,902, or 4.58%