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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/23/2026

I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.**
II. Roll Call-**David Ainsworth was not present.**
III. Invocation-**Mayor Garza gave the invocation.**
IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States-**D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.**
V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of Texas.**
VI. Public Comments
NONE

VII. Announcements and Correspondence
Homecoming Parade will be October 7, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.
St. George Catholic Church-Turkey Dinner on October 18, 2026.

ORDINANCE:

Public Hearing

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE
CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
AT 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold its Second Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written and/or oral comments to discuss the proposed Property Tax Rate as it pertains to ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of George West, Texas, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; providing for apportioning each

levy for specific purposes; providing discounts; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

1. Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 943, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

Mayor Andrew Garza and the City Council opened the meeting at 5:46 p.m. There was no opposition. Mayor Andrew Garza and the City Council closed the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Joe Feist. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote:
Mayor Andrew Garza-Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld-Aye
Council Place 1 Joe Feist-Aye
Council Place 3 David Ainsworth-Not Present
Council Place 4 John Walker-Aye

Motion carried with 2/3 vote.

ORDINANCE:

Public Hearing

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING
2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
AT 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold its Second Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written and/or oral comments to discuss the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, for use of municipal funds to support the City of George West Budget.

2. Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 944, ADOPTING THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK; APPROPRIATING MONIES AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE.

Mayor Andrew Garza and the City Council opened the meeting at 5:53 p.m. There was no opposition. Mayor Andrew Garza and the City Council closed the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote:
Mayor Andrew Garza-Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld-Aye
Council Place 1 Joe Feist-Aye
Council Place 3 David Ainsworth-Not Present
Council Place 4 John Walker-Aye

Motion carried with 2/3 vote.

BUSINESS

3. **Consideration and Action** to appoint an Executive Director for the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code Personnel Matters. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Joe Feist. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Alan Dubois met with Go Medina on Monday, September 21, 2026. It was a great meeting where they have already shared the EDC's profile to big names like Microsoft and Blackwell Plastics. Mr. Dubois mentioned that the state has resources available to the school if they were to implement Vocational Training. The city council will adopt a Resolution at the next meeting to create this Executive Director position. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Andrew Garza administered the Oath of Office to Alan Dubois.

RESOLUTION

4. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution 2026-11, approving the new rates for water and sewer taps in the City of George West.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Joe Feist. All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution was adopted.

5. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution 2026-12, approving the new annual fee for coin operated machines in the City of George West.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Joe Feist. Open for discussion. City Attorney Epi Ysassi informed the council that the city could charge a regulatory administration fee. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution was adopted.

PRESENTATION

6. **Presentation** by Rogelio Rodriguez from the Water Finance Exchange.

NO ACTION.

BUSINESS

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the City of George West to collaborate with Live Oak County to create a Public Utility Agency (PUA) for water utilities.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza did not like the fact that the PUA could get bonds under the City of George West. The council does not think this will benefit the citizens. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All opposed. Motion failed for lack of majority.

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve Mayor Andrew Garza, D'Ann Lane, Yolanda Guerrero, Nathaniel Valverde, and Darrell Pullin to attend the Annual TML Conference from November 11-13, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas.

Move as read by Joe Feist. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve the raises as indicated during the budget workshop based on performance evaluations for the following:

- Abel Gamez
- Franisco Melendez (Javi)
- Adolfo Lopez
- Jesse Carbajal
- Jose Lopez
- Evelyn Rivera
- Nora Baker

- Erma Muniz

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Joe Feist. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by after raises inserting effective October 1, 2026. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Joe Feist. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #9 Consideration and Action to approve the raises effective October 1, 2026, as indicated during the budget workshop based on performance evaluations for the following:

- Abel Gamez
- Franisco Melendez (Javi)
- Adolfo Lopez
- Jesse Carbajal
- Jose Lopez
- Evelyn Rivera
- Nora Baker
- Erma Muniz

Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor