

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF TAMPA
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET AND
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**

Tampa City Council will hold its second and final public hearing on the 2021 millage rate and FY2021 annual budget and capital improvement program budget for the City of Tampa on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Time: 5:01 PM
Location: This public hearing may be attended through electronic media by following the instructions set forth below or as found at the following link: <https://www.tampagov.net>

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, this public hearing of Tampa City Council will be held in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders and City Council Resolution No. 2020-225 by remote or electronic participation, which is referred to by State of Florida statutes and rules as "communications media technology" ("CMT").

Any and all citizens shall be permitted to submit their criticisms, recommendations, suggestions or questions regarding said annual budget(s) during the public hearing. However, since this public hearing will be conducted with the use of communications media technology, **the following alternative methods have been established for members of the public to offer public comment during the public hearing:**

1. Internet or web at <https://www.tampagov.net/PublicComment>

2. Voicemail message with your comments by calling 813-274-8877 (Please follow the prompts when you call.)

3. By mail to City of Tampa City Clerk, 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., 3rd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602.

4. Speak "Live" remotely during public comment or during a public hearing:

Complete the form at <https://www.tampagov.net/PublicComment> **AND state on the form under Request Type that you wish to speak live during the public comment period.** You will then be contacted with additional instructions for remote live participation.

5. Provide comments "in person" during the meeting:

Those individuals who do not have access to a communications media device or are otherwise unable to participate via communications media technology, may utilize the communications media technology device that will be made available to the public by the City of Tampa, during the virtual meeting, at:

The Tampa Convention Center
333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602, (Channel Entrance only).

PLEASE NOTE: *The members of the City Council will NOT be present at the Tampa Convention Center but will be participating in the virtual meeting via CMT. Use of masks and social distancing inside the building are required.*

All written or voicemail comments must be received 24-hours in advance or no later than **5:01 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2020.** Registration for speaking "live" remotely during the public hearing should also be completed by **5:01 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2020.** Persons requiring help in accessing these means of public participation should call **813-274-8397** for assistance.

Written comments may not exceed 400 words, and voicemail comments may not exceed 3 minutes in length. Recorded and live public comment will be heard during the public comment section of the meeting and will become part of the permanent record of the meeting. Written comments timely received by mail or email will be distributed to the City Council, and will also be included in the permanent record of the meeting. All public comments timely received by mail, email or voicemail will be afforded equal consideration as if the public comments were made in person.

For additional information, please contact Deputy City Attorney Morris Massey at Morris.Massey@tampagov.net or 813-274-8792.

The public and citizens of the City of Tampa will also be able to watch, listen or view this meeting on:

Cable TV: Spectrum Channel 640

Frontier Channel 15

Internet: <https://www.tampagov.net/livestream>

Copies of the entire proposed budget are available for review on the City's website at www.tampagov.net or at the City Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please also check the City's website at <https://www.tampagov.net> for additional information and updates regarding public participation in the public hearing with the use of electronic media or in person.

Please note that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by Council, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, they will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing or meeting should contact the City of Tampa's ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding. The ADA Coordinator may be contacted via phone at 813-274-3964, email at TampaADA@tampagov.net, or by submitting an ADA - Accommodations Request form available online at tampagov.net/ADARequest.