



# MELISSA MINUTE

SEPTEMBER, 2007

## City Budget Adopted, Maintains \$.52 tax rate for third consecutive year

The City Council adopted the \$3.8 million fiscal year 2007-08 budget in early September that maintained the \$.52 tax rate for the third consecutive year, in addition to reducing water and wastewater rates a combined 4.4% for the average residential customer effective October 1. The stable tax rate maintains Melissa's position as a competitive tax rate in Collin County and continues the City Council's philosophy of developing a financial plan that helps address needs throughout the community. The table on page 2 shows how Melissa compares to selected cities in Collin County.

### CITY COUNCIL

- David Dorman, Mayor*
- Dan Trott, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5*
- Randy Kaiser, Place 1*
- Stan Mercer, Place 3*
- Bill Reynolds, Place 4*
- Sharon Weideman, Place 2*

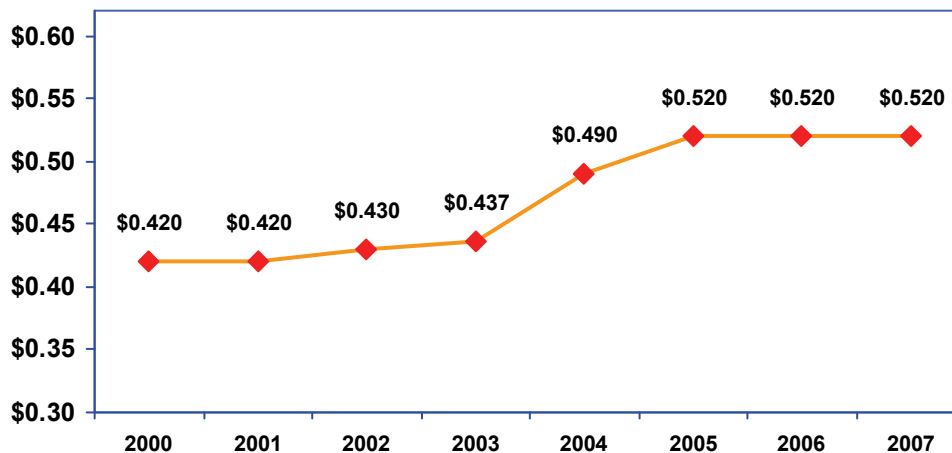
### MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Jason Little,*  
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- Jan Clark,*  
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*Police Chief* 972-838-2033
- David Wright,*  
*Fire Chief* 972-837-1268

### 2008 Budget Highlights:

- Maintain \$.52 tax rate
- Decrease water and wastewater rates for **average** residential customers
- Expand mowing contract to cover additional lots and right of way acquired by the City
- Contract with Code Red for emergency notification of Melissa residents
- Add another patrol officer to deep nights
- Add 2 new vehicles to replace the older patrol units that are reaching their mileage limit for patrol
- Increase street repair & maintenance account
- Contract with professional consultant for ISO rating
- Purchase equipment for Fire Department including thermal imager, new bunker gear, and radios
- Landscape the Fire Station
- Tie wastewater lift stations into SCADA system for remote monitoring and notification

City of Melissa Tax Rate Since 2000



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## Transportation Bond Election for Melissa to be held in November

In early September, the City Council called its first ever general obligation bond election to capitalize on the opportunity to match significant funding from Collin County (50% of the projects or in excess of \$10 million) and other sources such as developers and the State of Texas for transportation projects in Melissa. The \$19.1 million proposition would fund the city’s portion of the construction and reconstruction of portions of Melissa Road, County Road 418, Throckmorton Road, Davis Road, and Fannin Road. In addition to those projects, a comprehensive road rehabilitation program will be established to address the existing city roads. **The total authorized bonds will not be issued at one time but will be issued in phases in accordance with community needs and City tax base expansion, both of which serve as “triggers”** to consider selling bonds. The projected tax rate impact would not exceed \$.09 per \$100 of valuation, and the impact to the various residential property values are on this page. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, with early voting beginning October 22. The City has identified residents throughout Melissa to serve as a review panel for this opportunity and to help inform residents about this unique opportunity. The committee members are as follows:

- Jennifer Aston            Jason Kaiser
- Scott Birmingham        Andrew Lowery
- Aaron Chowning         Kelly Maberry
- Jerry Conklin             Jerry and Wanda Powell
- Jonathan T. Ellis         Dr. Robert A. Rich
- Luis V. Garcia             Steve Rodriguez
- Greg Hartman             Mark Wallis
- George James

**The City and committee will hold a Town Hall Forum on Wednesday, October 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Melissa High School cafeteria. This forum will be open house style, so please come by and learn more about this unique opportunity. The information presented to the committee regarding the bond program can be downloaded from the City of Melissa website at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com).**

### 2007 Area Tax Rate Comparison

City	Tax Rate	Rank
Murphy	\$0.468	1
<b>Melissa</b>	<b>\$0.520</b>	<b>2</b>
Prosper	\$0.520	2
Allen	\$0.557	4
Anna	\$0.575	5
McKinney	\$0.585	6
Farmersville	\$0.605	7
Princeton	\$0.649	8
Celina	\$0.655	9
Wylie	\$0.660	10
Average	\$0.580	

### Comparison Collin County Cities in Proposed County Bond Election

City	% Population	% Bond Funds
Allen	10.70%	7.30%
Anna	1.40%	2.10%
Fairview	1.00%	1.80%
<b>Melissa</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>5.30%</b>
Prosper	0.60%	2.50%

### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

If you are not a registered voter in Collin County or the City of Melissa, the deadline to register to vote in the Tuesday, November 6, 2007 Special Elections is **Tuesday, October 9, 2007**. You must be registered at least thirty days prior to an Election. Applications to register to vote can now be downloaded at [www.collincountytexas.gov](http://www.collincountytexas.gov) or call the Collin County Elections Office at 972-547-1990 or metro 972-424-1460 Ext 1990 for an application. Voter registration applications are also available at the City of Melissa Municipal Center and Melissa Public Library.

### What would this mean to me?

The maximum tax rate impact for the election is \$.09 per \$100 of valuation. The table below illustrates monthly financial impacts at various home values and an annual impact on the maximum tax rate impact.

Home Value	Monthly impact at \$.09	Annual impact at \$.09
\$50K	\$3.78	\$45.36
\$100K	\$7.47	\$89.64
\$150K	\$11.25	\$135.00
\$200K	\$15.03	\$180.36
\$250K	\$18.72	\$224.64
\$300K	\$22.50	\$270.00

#### Quick Facts:

- Average residential value – \$205,000
- Median home value – \$170,000