

**AGENDA
SPECIAL SESSION
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL
HIGHLAND CITY HALL
1115 BROADWAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
6:30 PM**

NOTE: This is an in person meeting. However, anyone wishing to monitor the meeting via phone may do so by following the instructions on this agenda.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC HEARING:

6:30 PM: This Public Hearing is to Receive Comments on the Proposed Estimated Tax Levy

PUBLIC FORUM:

A. Citizens' Requests and Comments:

Anyone wishing to address the Council on any subject may do so at this time. Please come forward to the podium and state your name. Per Ordinance No. 3299, please limit your comments to 4 minutes or less.

ADJOURNMENT:



Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Jackie Heimburger, ADA Coordinator, by 3:00 PM on Monday, December 1, 2025.

BE ADVISED this is a public meeting conducted in accordance with Illinois state law and may be recorded for audio and video content. City reserves the right to broadcast or re-broadcast the content of this meeting at City's sole discretion. City is not responsible for the content, video quality, or audio quality of any City meeting broadcast or re-broadcast.

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Note: This is for audio monitoring of the meeting, only. Anyone dialing in will not be able make comments.

Anyone wishing to address the city council on any subject during the Public Forum portion of the meeting may submit their questions/comments in advance via email to cflake@highlandil.gov or, by using the citizens' portal on the city's website found here: https://www.highlandil.gov/citizen_request_center_app/index.php. Any comments received prior to 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting, will be read into the record.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR CITY OF HIGHLAND

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for City of Highland for 2025 will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 1115 Broadway, Highland, Illinois 62249.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact, Chris Flake, Deputy Clerk, 1115 Broadway, Highland, Illinois 62249 or 618-654-9891.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$4,782,287.56.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$5,128,652.51. This represents a 7.24% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were \$30,089.43.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission lease for 2025 are \$30,000.00. This represents a -0.30% decrease over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$4,812,376.99.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$5,158,652.51. This represents a 7.20% increase over the previous year.

Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district shall explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as it determines.