



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Votes to Adopt Tax Rate for 2016-2017 Proposed Budget***

At the August 9 meeting, the Council conducted the required record vote to adopt the ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget at \$0.56963. The vote was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0. Public hearings on the proposed budget and the tax rate will be held on August 23 and September 13. The City of Highland Village ad valorem tax rate has remained unchanged since 2000. Assessed valuations came in at a 4.9% increase. The proposed base General Fund Budget expenditures total \$15,842,050, only a .1% increase from 2015-2016. A Supplemental Budget is also included totaling \$482,800, resulting in a total increase of 3.2%.

Council approved an ordinance adopting the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code as the energy code for single family residential construction and all residential, commercial, and industrial construction in Highland Village. Many cities in Texas have already adopted the 2015 IBC and other associated Codes. The adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code will reduce confusion and provide regional uniformity in the benefit of builders, architects, contractors and consequently home buyers. The Code is effective September 1, 2016.

The City Council also approved a resolution awarding the contract for the 2016 Asphalt Overlay Project to Reynolds Asphalt & Construction Company in the amount of \$91,603. The streets included in the project are Foggy Glen, Trails End, Meadowlark Lane, Millwood Drive and the north end of Medina Drive.

An update on the 35Express Project was given during the City Manager Report. 35Express Project Public Information Manager Kimberly Sims presented to the Council that Highland Village Road at I-35E will be closed for a two week period between August 25 and September 9. The closure is needed to raise Highland Village Road eight feet to meet the new I-35E frontage road.

Also during the Report, City Manager Michael Leavitt informed residents of several upcoming events and deadlines:

- Burgers 4 Badges event scheduled for Friday, August 12 at Brazos Park. This fundraising lunch is sponsored by FixD to raise funds for the Guns and Hoses organization and the Fallen Officer Fund. Those who wish to attend should RSVP at the link on TheHVBA.com.
- On Friday, August 12 a free concert will take place at Pilot Knoll Park. Party Machine Band will be playing and there will be ice cream and snow cones for sale at the Park.

- Friday, August 12 is also the last day for residents to submit an application to serve on a city board or commission. Applications are on the city website, just search “apply for boards and commissions.”
- The Highland Village Lions Club Balloon Festival will take place at Unity Park the weekend of August 19-21.

The HVTV Update featured the Public Works segment of the [Gears of Highland Village](#) video.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Time Warner 16; Verizon 43) and via the website streaming by clicking HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city website.