



# News Release

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### ***Council Holds Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate and Approves First Read of FY 2016-2017 Budget***

At the September 13 meeting, the Council held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017 and approved the first read of the 2016-2017 Budget. The City of Highland Village ad valorem tax rate has remained unchanged since 2000. Assessed valuations came in at a 4.9% increase, allowing identified supplemental items to be addressed. 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%. Initiatives this budget year are focused on public safety, technology, personnel, city facilities and city parks. In public safety, training and implementation of the Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) program to provide medical emergency response by police officers trained to provide initial emergency aid, the continued development of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system installed in FY 2016 and new equipment for the Fire Department which provides continuous mechanical compressions on patients requiring CPR. Technology enhancements are included to replace or update the security camera system in all City facilities and parks, implementation of online Permitting, and set up off-site back up of the City network. In personnel, an adjustment is proposed to address market adjustments, certifications, employee increases and provide a \$15 compensation floor. City Hall will receive exterior and interior repairs and a dry fire suppression system will be installed in the IT equipment room at the Public Works Service Center. A design for future development of Sunset Point Park is proposed as well as a hydraulic study of the ponds at Unity Park to determine options for future use and associated maintenance. Council will consider the final read of the tax rate and budget on September 27.

Council approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate an interlocal agreement with Denton County for use of the Denton County Radio Communication System. In 2015 the City contracted with Mission Critical Partners to conduct a public safety system assessment. The purchase of a new digital radio system with connection to the Denton County Radio Communications System was included in the assessment recommendations. Currently the City uses the analog system through the City of Lewisville. The digital radio system has been purchased and installation, networking and testing are underway.

“This is the final piece to complete the emergency public radio system upgrades to meet compliance standards and enhance reception,” stated City Manager Michael Leavitt.

Council approved amendments to the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code to allow the inspection of multi-family dwellings.

A public hearing was held regarding a boundary adjustment agreement with the City of Lewisville. The agreement would adjust Highland Village's corporate limits to the westerly right-

of-way for I-35E. The 35Express expansion project necessitated the need for the boundary adjustment. Additionally, the agreement would place the entire body of water known as Lewisville Lake south of Highland Village Road (Copperas Branch Pond) in Highland Village's city limits. Currently the body of water is split between the city limits of Highland Village and the City of Lewisville. The shoreline of the pond will remain in the City of Lewisville. Two public hearings are required; the second is scheduled for September 14.

Also during the Report, the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of the Fallen Officers Bike Race and 5K Run scheduled for October 15, Paper Shredding Day and the Fall Family Camp Out. The Update also informed residents of Water My Yard, a new program in partnership with the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. Residents can sign up at [WaterMyYard.org](http://WaterMyYard.org) to receive notifications on when they should water their yard based on local weather station data.

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.