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Council Holds Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate and Approves First Read of FY 2017-2018 Budget

On September 12, the City Council held a public hearing and approved the first read of the 2017-2018 Budget. The FY 2017/2018 budget includes a decrease to the ad valorem tax rate, going from \$0.56963 to \$0.568022. Also effective for the 2017 tax year is the increased exemption amount from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for homeowners over 65 and disabled persons. Approximately 22% of the homeowners in Highland Village will benefit from this exemption. Assessed valuations came in at an overall 6% increase. The base General Fund Budget expenditures total \$16,692,194, only a 2% increase over last year. A Supplemental Budget totaling nearly \$600,000 is also included, resulting in a total increase of 4%. Initiatives are focused on public safety and parks. Public safety supplemental items include an upgrade to the outdoor warning siren system with the addition of a siren at Sunset Point to provide full coverage of the City and a Lucus device, which provides continuous mechanical compressions for CPR, for the second ambulance. Parks initiatives include shade covers for several existing playgrounds, light shields and upgrade of the ballfield lights at Unity Park and a ThorGuard Lightning detection system at Brazos Park. The final read of the budget and new tax rate will take place on September 26.

Council approved a resolution authorizing agreements with Duro-Last for the replacement of the Municipal Complex, Fire Station and Municipal Service Center Roofs in the amount of \$1,158,359. The roofs on the Municipal Complex, Police Station, Fire Station, Public Works and the Robert & Lee DuVall Center buildings were identified for total replacement after the March 2017 storm event. After the storm event, the City filed a claim with the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool for the damages. The Risk Pool paid a claim in the amount of \$937,723.34, less the \$2500 deductible which is the responsibility of the City. Once the repairs are completed and the costs exceed the payment, City staff will submit the final receipts to the Risk Pool for review of any supplemental payments.

Council received a presentation regarding speed limits in Highland Village. Police Chief Doug Reim shared the Community Policing model in regards to traffic enforcement and encouraged residents to inform the department of areas or incidents where speeding is a concern by emailing to hvpd@highlandvillage.org or calling 972-317-3551.

The HVTV Update informed residents of the upcoming Town Hall Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, the 10th Annual Fallen Officer Bike Race & 5K to take place on October 21, the sale of the TXFallenPD Memorial T-Shirts and the final Concert in the Park at 7:00 p.m. on September 23 at Doubletree Ranch Park.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 16; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).