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Council Sets Public Hearing Date and Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2022-2023

At the August 9 meeting, Council set the public hearing for September 13 for the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2022-2023. The tax rate is proposed to decrease from \$0.56302 to \$0.546825. While the proposed tax rate will be reduced from last year's rate, it will still exceed the No New Revenue rate of \$0.511408. The proposed rate is inclusive of the unused increment rate of \$0.01606 from the 2021 fiscal year. The unused increment rate is the difference between the adopted tax rate and the voter-approved rate, can be banked each year for three years and is available to add to the calculated voter-approved rate. This is the last year the City will be able to use these funds.

Council also received a presentation on the Utility Fund Budget. The proposed Utility Bund Budget for FY 2022-2023 will maintain the current rate structure for water and sewer services. Budget presentations will continue in August and September with the recommended budget posted to the City website on September 9.

Council received a presentation from LISD and Highland Village Police Department School Resource Officers regarding safety and security measures for the upcoming school year. Highland Village was one of the first cities to have a school resource officer assigned to the elementary schools and one assigned to the middle school. The philosophy and goal to the SRO's in Highland Village is interaction vs. reaction through the development of relationships, rapport and respect.

City Council approved a resolution naming the Barn at Doubletree Ranch Park as the "Sgt. Dennis Oliver Event Center". Sgt. Dennis Oliver, a 17-year Highland Village police officer, passed away on October 2, 2020 because of complications from COVID-19.

Council approved a resolution disapproving the budget of the Denton Central Appraisal District. The Council considers the needs identified in the budget as necessary but lacks confidence in the Chief Appraiser to successfully execute the budget based on her recent performance. The resolution was approved by a vote of 5-2.

In the City Manager's Report the Experience Highland Village spotlight [video](#) was shown highlighting Awesome Times Restaurant in Highland Village.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Frontier 43) and via website live streaming at www.highlandvillage.org/hvtv and on the City's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/highlandvillagetx. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).