



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 14, 2017
SUBJECT: Setting August 28, 2017 and September 6, 2017 as the dates for the Tax Rate Public Hearings and Vote on Placing the Tax Rate Adoption on the Agenda of the September 11, 2017 City Council Meeting.
PRESENTER: Robert Myers, Director of Budget and Research

SUMMARY:

City Council is requested to set the dates for the public hearings on the proposed tax rate of 0.590000 cents per \$100 of taxable valuation as August 28, 2017 and September 6, 2017. The City Council is also requested to vote to place the adoption of the tax rate as an action item on the September 11, 2017 City Council agenda.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In follow up to the FY 2017/2018 Budget Work Session, it is necessary to begin the process of establishing a tax rate for the next fiscal year, in accordance with the City Charter and State law. At the Budget Work Session, a tax rate of \$0.59 per \$100 of taxable valuation was proposed. This is \$0.02 lower than the currently adopted tax rate of \$0.61.

Per Section 26.05(d) of the Tax Code, the City Council cannot adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate until two public hearings have been held on that tax rate. The proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.575137 but not the rollback rate of \$0.593165. As a result, the city of North Richland Hills will be required to conduct two public hearings on the tax rate. The proposed dates for these public hearings are Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., each to be held at the City of North Richland Hills City Hall.

State law requires that the City Council vote to place the adoption of the tax rate on a future City Council agenda as an action item. The date for this vote is planned for Monday, September 11, 2017. This vote would appear as an action item on the agenda for the regular City Council meeting held at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to setting these dates in a public meeting, a published notice will be required for each public hearing per State law. A copy of the notice accompanies this cover sheet.



RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to set Monday, August 28, 2017 and Wednesday, September 6, 2017 as the dates for public hearings on the proposed tax rate of \$0.59 per \$100 of taxable valuation and to place the adoption of the tax rate as an action item on the Monday, September 11, 2017 City Council agenda.