



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 19, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Tax Year 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016/2017) Tax Rate Public Hearing.  
**PRESENTER:** Mark Mills, Budget Director

### **SUMMARY:**

The City Council is requested to open a public hearing on the proposed 61 cent per \$100 of valuation tax rate and receive public comment. At the conclusion of the public comments, Council is requested to announce Monday, September 26, 2016 as the date of the vote on the adoption of the tax rate. After this announcement, Council is requested to close the public hearing. No action is required at this hearing as it is held for the purpose of receiving public comment.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

State legislation requires the City to hold two public hearings on the proposed property tax rate if the proposed rate exceeds the lower of the effective tax rate or the rollback rate. Because the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of 58.3909 cents the two public hearings are necessary. The first public hearing was held Monday, August 22, 2016 during the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting. The second public hearing was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 during the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting. In addition to the two required public hearings, the City is holding a third tax rate public hearing on Monday, September 19, 2016 during a special 6:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The vote to adopt the proposed tax rate of 61 cents is scheduled to appear as an action item on the September 26, 2016 Council agenda for the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting. If adopted, this will maintain the current 61 cent tax rate. This would be the fifth consecutive year that the tax rate has remained at 61 cents.

Individual taxpayers' property taxes may decrease, increase or remain the same depending on the appraised value of their property. Senior and disabled property owners that have a tax ceiling (even if their property values have increased) will pay the same amount of property tax as the previous year unless their appraised property value decreased.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Open a Public Hearing on the Tax Year 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016/2017) Proposed Tax Rate, Receive Public Comments on the Proposed 61 Cent Tax Rate, and Announce Monday, September 26, 2016 as the Date of the Vote on the Adoption of the Tax Rate, and Close the Public Hearing.