

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trevino called the meeting to order September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Oscar Trevino	Mayor
	Scott Turnage	Mayor Pro Tem
	Tito Rodriguez	Council, Place 1
	Rita Wright Oujesky	Council, Place 2
	Tom Lombard	Council, Place 3
	Tim Barth	Council, Place 4
	Mike Benton	Council, Place 5
	Tim Welch	Council, Place 7

Staff Members:	Mark Hindman	City Manager
	Alicia Richardson	City Secretary
	Maleshia B. McGinnis	City Attorney

A.1 INVOCATION

Council member Barth gave the invocation.

A.2 PLEDGE

Council member Barth led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B.1 CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX YEAR 2017 (FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018) PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Mayor Trevino opened the public hearing and called on City Manager Mark Hindman to make introductory comments.

the tax rate is to fund the gf budget, 2iht 2.9% increase from preivous year. because of 2.9% able to reduce the tax rate by 2 cents from 61 to 59. facts abou property taxes in NRH, are largest soure of revenue, but only provide 35%...40% goes to pay for debt services item (streets, etc.) the 60% is nerly 16M, those things go for a good cause, barely sufficient to pay for sworn and public safety employees. believe this budget and tax rate suffieicnt to maintain core services. able to add in a few small projects in public

safety to keep pace with the growth. Proposing a tax decrease of two cents.

Director of Budget and Research Robert Myers presented item. tonight's PH is adopting 2017 tax year to support 2017/2018 budget. published according to state law, tonight is second of two public hearings. the proposed tax rate is 59 cents. this is a two cent reduction from previous year. the proposed rate is higher than the effective tax rate, but below the rollback rate. He reviewed the distribution of the tax rate and total tax rate breakdown. The vote on adoption of 2017 tax rate will take place on September 11, 2017.

Council had no questions.

No wishing to speak, OT closed the public hearing.

Mayor Trevino made the following comments:

- proposed budget lowers tax rate by 2%
- continues to fund core services (citizens enjoy and expect)
- for every 1 cent reduction in tax rate funding in decrease by approx \$410,00
- lowering 2 cents that is \$820,000 not come city, but stay with tax payers this year;
- able to lower due to new construction and increase in existing property values;
- council understands impact of increase in property values as they own homes in NRH;
- commended council and staff
- you may say 2 cent reduction is not much...it is a huge impact in aggregate amount is huge to city services
- pay 1,003 in taxes/per year, which is \$8X.XX/month (less than cable and cell phone)
- growth equates to more services provided by staff.
- adding a lieutenant to pd
- dispatcher for fire department
- replace aging public safety equipment
- some folks may not know to put a qualified pd or fd on street is about a year
- one of the points Robert brought up...frozen percentages of taxes
- building inspector and code
- water and sewer infrastructure
- street maintenance
- if we reduce the tax rate further the city would have to forego the mentioned items.

2012 bond election for this facility...would have 4 cents directly go to debt for this facility. city is still standing by that promise to commit 4 cents to reduce debt of new city hall facility.

services provided by 1/4 of your tax bill...getting good value.

reminded public on 9/11 cc meet in chambers to consider and take action on the tax rate

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Oscar Trevino, Mayor

Alicia Richardson, City Secretary