



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

August 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Set Public Hearings for Tax Rate

SUBMITTED BY: Janina Jewell, Director of Finance

REFERENCE NO:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Set Public Hearing dates for 7:00 pm on August 27, 2013 and 7:00 pm on September 3, 2013 for the proposal to consider the ad valorem tax rate.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Consider different dates to hold the public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate.

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

Excerpt from "Truth-in-Taxation" booklet from Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts:

"When a proposed rate exceeds the rollback rate or the effective rate, whichever is lower, the taxing unit's governing body, other than a small taxing unit or water district, must vote to place a proposal to adopt the rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. This vote must be recorded. The proposal must specify the desired rate. A taxing unit cannot vote to adopt a proposal to increase taxes by an unspecified amount.

If the motion passes, the governing body must schedule two public hearings on the proposal. These hearings must take place within the boundaries of the taxing unit; on a weekday that is not a holiday; and in a public building or, if a public building is not available, in a building normally open to the public. The second hearing may not be held earlier than the third day after the date of the first hearing."

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s): 2013-14

APPROVED BY:

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