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TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Adopting a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20

COUNCIL GOAL: Financially Sound Government
(4A: Provide Funding and Organizational Framework to Ensure Continual Economic Improvements)

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Provide a motion to adopt the tax rate ordinance with the following:

“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.515600, which is effectively a 1.36 percent increase in the tax rate.”

- Conduct a record vote to adopt the tax rate

ITEM SUMMARY:

- The proposed tax rate is \$0.515600 based on 100% market ratio on each \$100 of all taxable property within the City. The proposed tax rate is 0.009570 cents lower than last year.
- This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate.
- The tax rate will effectively be raised by 1.25 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-7.00.
- The rate for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) is \$0.355393 per \$100 valuation.
- The rate for Interest and Sinking Funds (I&S) is \$0.160207 per \$100 valuation.
- The tax rate ratio is 69% for M&O and 31% for I&S.

- The proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate of \$0.508664.
- The proposed tax rate will raise more taxes for M&O than last year's tax rate.
- The amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home value of \$349,567 would be \$1,802.
- State law requires a specific caption to adopt the tax rate. Since the City will receive a larger amount of tax revenue from the proposed tax rate, the City has to announce that there is a tax increase.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- State law requires an entity to hold two public hearings before adopting a tax rate. **The tax rate adoption must be a record vote.**
- On August 5, 2019, the City Council took a roll call vote on the tax rate and announced the public hearing dates and the adoption date.
- The two public hearings were held on August 20, 2019 and September 3, 2019.
- The tax rate adoption date is September 17, 2019, which must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the Ordinance.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- Estimated maintenance and operations tax revenues of \$83,207,732 (100% collection rate) for FY 2019-20 are based on this tax rate.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

[Ordinance](#)