



CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE HEARING of the Mayor and Council of Brentwood

Date: April 6, 2021

Council:

- (X) Council Member Jerry Burgess
- (X) Vice Mayor Tonya Harrison-Edwards
- (X) Council Member Marcus Monroe
- (X) Council Member Alicia Tarr
- (X) Mayor Roció Treminio-López

Town Staff:

- (X) Cynthia Mann, Town Administrator
- (X) Giselle Richards, Town Clerk
- (Exc) Chief Althoff, Brentwood Police Dept.
- (X) Shelley Dorsey, Treasurer

Call to order at 6:16 PM

Working Agenda Items

Constant Yield Tax Rate Notice

Public Comments

Ann Wells – Can the CYTR add be placed in plain language to be better understood by the residents? What is the additional revenue going to be used for from the last year? Was there some data stating that there was a need for racial equality? Why was there only \$500 for rodents since we have a rodent problem in town?

Jen Kirby – Varnum St– How much tax money does the town get from the county based on their rate of .8770?

Mr. Bretemps – The funds come back as programs available to the town from the county.

Stefan Leggin – Varnum St. – Would like the council to consider that during this pandemic it may not be a good time to raise the tax rate and instead to move closer to the county's proposed rate.

Jose Guandique – Utah Ave – Agrees with Mr. Leggin that a lot of residents are still in difficult times financially and it's not a good time to raise taxes.

Amy Mills – Upshur St – This is not a good year to raise taxes and if it is increased will the new revenue going to be used to assist residents in need?

Mayor and Council Comments

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- Mayor – The rate stayed the same as the previous year. The additional increase will be used towards the Relief Funds, mental health training and it was decided before the American Rescue Act was awarded. The rodent issue is why the town previously went to using a bigger trash bin.
- Treasurer – The town receives a portion based on the town's tax rate. The town does not actually receive a check from the county. The rate is adjusted to ensure that the resident does not get double taxed by the county/town.
- CM Tarr – I understand the difficulty of the residents but I believe that some of the new initiatives are important to the town. Some I do not agree with since we can find funds by other means. The town does have Senior Tax credit available to seniors.
- CM Burgess –
- CM Monroe – The racial equity training from 2 resolutions from last year. 1) In support of BLM. NLC the town and CM Monroe added to the new budget to ensure the funds are there.
- VM Harrison-Edwards – There were no programs attached to the previous rate. This hearing is to determine whether to go with the states recommended.
There was a decision in a previous council year to add a second trash pick up day during the summer months to deter the rodent issues. The town is currently working on an RFP and will discuss with the company decided.

Adjourn at 7:03 pm

Submitted by:


Giselle Richards
Town Clerk

Mayor, Rocio Treminio-López

Approved: 