



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

Date: April 13, 2021

Council:

- (Exc) 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:

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

Call to order at 6:17 PM

Motion to approve the agenda made by CM Monroe. 2nd CM Tarr. All approve.

Working Agenda Items

Review/updates of FY22 Budget

Constant Yield Tax Rate Notice

Public Comments

Kathryn Baxter – Allison St - I've been a resident of the Town of Brentwood for almost thirty years and really appreciate the folksy feel of our town. Even though we're on the cusp of Washington, D.C., Brentwood still attracts people desiring suburban living close to a major metropolitan area.

While I understand the goal to increase revenues, I don't believe this would be a good time to increase costs for residents while a pandemic is ongoing. Some of our neighbors are already struggling due to the effects and fallout from COVID-19. And the last thing that any of us need during this time is increasing the cost of living; which raising the real property tax in lieu of maintaining the constant yield would accomplish.

Please keep in mind that the economy hasn't yet experienced the true side effects of the pandemic, since these consequences tend to lag by one to two years. Once the repercussions begin to be felt (as soon as 2022 in some estimations), we will really have problems on our hands possibly on the scale of the 2008 real estate meltdown.

Please give these concerns your attention as you skillfully use your fiduciary responsibilities to benefit all of the residents of the Town of Brentwood!

Ann Wells – Allison St - How are we adding another officer with a shortfall in the budget?

Mr. Pavon – Was there a new officer hired the FY19 budget? Can the funds be moved between line items?

Mayor and Council Comments

CYTR is a tax rate certified by the State which will allow an agency to maintain the same level of revenue. Example: If town received 100K last year it would receive 100K the subsequent year. The rate is adjusted based on property assessments.

Assessments go up, rate goes down.

Assessments go down, rate goes up.

Current rate .3943 calculation	\$	1,158,393.13
New CYTR Calculation at .3792	\$	(1,114,088.00)
Difference	\$	44,305.13
Recommended CYTR at .3877	\$	1,139,003.34
Adjusted based on actuals	\$	24,915.34
Assessments:	\$	293,784,714.00

Town of Brentwood

FY2022 Proposed Budget Council's Proposed

REVENUES:

Property Taxes (includes \$1,158,393 in RE revenue)	\$1,260,393
Other Taxes	\$355,198
Licenses & Permits	\$141,400
Intergovernmental	\$8,380
Charge for Service Revenue	\$0
Fines Revenue	\$800
Cable TV & Verizon Fees	\$50,000
Other/Misc Income	\$2,150
Community Fund Raising/Raffles	\$100
Brentwood Police Non-Grant Revenue	\$49,293
Restricted Revenues	\$1,072,503
Total Revenues	\$2,940,217

EXPENDITURES:

General Government	\$509,710
Elected Official Cost	\$45,378 – Adjusted down by \$2,000
removing the Election Cost	
Codes Management	\$179,121 – Adjusted down by \$24,700
to freeze hiring the Part time code officer, adjusted up \$5000 to include overtime	
for the current code officer.	
Brentwood Police Department (BPD)	\$516,842
PG County Contract Police	\$0
Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,000
Maintenance	\$283,482
Public Ways and Lighting	\$66,000
Sanitation	\$179,744
Outdoor Restroom/Sprinklers	\$850
Recreation	\$14,500
Cable Television	\$16,359
Town Center Restoration	\$0
Unforeseen Contingency	\$1,330
Mayor/Council Projects	\$34,000 adjusted down by \$19,224
Restricted Expenses	\$1,067,903
Total Expenditures	\$2,940,217
Net Surplus/(Loss)	\$0

- **Mayor** – The new officer is being hired through a grant. Is it possible to partner with organizations to get training for the Council's Racial Equality Training initiative?
- **CM Tarr** – If the town did not accept the COPs grant that would be taken into consideration for future grants acceptability. Some of the council initiatives can be funded via other ways.
- **CM Monroe** – The reason the American Rescue Plan is unique is because this is the first time the funds are coming directly from the Federal Government and that is why we are waiting for the guidelines. The police budget is 15% of the town's budget and it is lower than the other neighboring towns.
- **VM Harrison-Edwards** – What is the town's salary cap for the officer's position hired under the COPs Grant.
- **Treasurer** –

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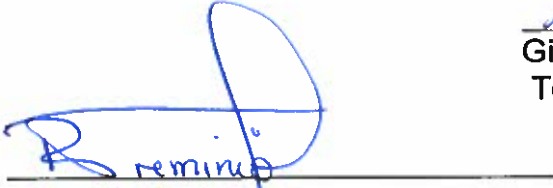
Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Vice Mayor Harrison-Edwards. 2nd by CM Monroe. All in favor.

Submitted by:



Giselle Richards
Town Clerk

Approved:



Mayor, Rocio Treminio-López