

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Corcoran called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Bob Chapek, President Pro-Tem Bernadine Butkowski, Gregg Westover, Roseanne Johnson and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck and Clerk of Council Tara L. Peet.

READING OF NOTICE:

Clerk of Council Peet read the notice allowed.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 7:00 P.M., North Ridgeville City Hall, Council Chambers, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039.

This public hearing is being held to consider the 2018 tax budget. The proposed tax budget in its entirety may be inspected at the office of the Auditor during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed tax budget.

The public hearing is scheduled by order of Mayor G. David Gillock.

Tara L. Peet
Clerk of Council

PUBLIC HEARING:

Auditor Wilcheck gave a brief presentation of the tax budget prepared by him. He noted the purpose is to continue to justify the collection of property taxes that the City has in existence and how they are utilized. He noted some of the numbers are simply estimates based on numbers from the prior year. He noted many of the numbers will be much more accurate in the fall when the appropriations process takes place.

Auditor Wilcheck asked if anyone had any specific questions.

President Corcoran noted the typos on page iii regarding Section IV and Section V.

Auditor Wilcheck stated he would correct it.

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Councilman Boose asked about Schedule II, specifically how Mr. Wilcheck came up with the number of \$195,000 for the Human Resources line.

Auditor Wilcheck stated it was discussed during the budget process during 2017 and it was stated the need was expressed for an HR Department. How it will be worked out and staffed will be a discussion for the future. The dollar amount was just an estimate and is subject to change.

Councilman Boose stated he was unsure how this was selected when there were many items that could be chosen and preferred the number not be in place for the HR line.

Mayor Gillock stated everything discussed cannot be put in the budget, but the Administration felt HR was a high priority.

Councilman Boose asked where in the General Fund will a separate line item show the income tax.

Auditor Wilcheck stated that the income tax is listed on page two for the cost of collections.

Councilman Boose asked in Schedule II why there was a 27% increase in the Income Tax Fund for 2017.

Auditor Wilcheck stated in 2015/2016, income tax was transferred to General Fund. What you see is what was transferred in. The Income Tax Fund was never fully transferred to Capital Improvements each year. A large balance accumulated from the carry over which caused fluctuations. Eliminating the Income Tax Fund and recording it direct to General Fund is going to avoid that huge fluctuation in the future. Some of the amount is an actual increase in income tax collections. He noted the amount for 2017 is the amount anticipated for 2017 of the eighty-five percent.

Councilman Boose asked with all the new jobs, why there was only a one percent increase in income tax.

Auditor Wilcheck stated the state law changed the timing on collections that has an increase on the income tax revenues.

Councilman Boose asked on Schedule III what the anticipated expenditures were.

Auditor Wilcheck stated there isn't any specific expenditure yet. They will be defined in the fall.

President Corcoran asked if anyone else had any questions.

Councilman Boose asked if the carry over balance in the Solid Waste Fund was in anticipation of giving a holiday or credit to the residents.

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Auditor Wilcheck stated yes and the Administration anticipates bringing legislation forward at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran adjourned the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

These minutes were approved at the regular meeting of the North Ridgeville City Council on July 17, 2017.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL