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2015 Tax Budget Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to ORC Section 705.17, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, to consider the proposed Tax Budget for the year 2015. Two copies of the proposed 2015 Tax Budget are on file in the Office of the Director of Finance and are available for public review during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The proposed 2015 Tax Budget may also be viewed on the City's website found at www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov

BY THE ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

City of Willoughby Hills

Interoffice Memo

Date: June 5, 2014
To: Mayor Robert Weger and Members of City Council
From: Frank J. Brichacek, Director of Finance *FJB*
Subject: 2015 Tax Budget

Summary

- State law requires that all Ohio cities adopt a tax budget for the next year by no later than July 15th of the current year and submit the adopted budget to the County Budget Commission by no later than July 20th.
- The primary purpose of the tax budget is to demonstrate to the County Budget Commission the City's need for property taxes. The budget is prepared in compliance with a format prescribed by the Lake County Auditor and the State of Ohio.
- The submitted budget reflects a steady state of City operations and does not anticipate any increases in rates of taxation.

Discussion

Submitted for your review is a draft of the City's proposed 2015 Tax Budget. Under state budgetary law, all cities must adopt a tax budget for the ensuing year by no later than July 15th of the preceding year. Prior to adopting the tax budget, each city is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax budget and to have at least two copies of the budget available for public inspection for a ten-day period prior to the public hearing. Once the public hearing has been held and Council has adopted the tax budget, two copies of the approved budget must be filed with the office of the County Auditor by no later than July 20th.

The public hearing on the 2015 tax budget is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2014. The hearing will be held prior to the regular meeting of City Council. Notice of the public hearing will be published on Monday, June 16, 2014 in the *Lake County News Herald*. In addition, the hearing notice will be posted in City Hall, the Willoughby Hills branch of the public library and on the City's website on June 16, 2014.

The tax budget is the first legally required step in the annual budgetary process. The tax budget represents the City's first estimate of its anticipated financial resources and needs for the coming fiscal year. The primary purpose of the tax budget is to demonstrate to the Lake County Budget Commission the City's need to levy property taxes (both inside and charter millage) for the coming fiscal year. For this reason, budgets are presented only for those funds for which property taxes are levied by the City. Once the Budget Commission has reviewed and approved the tax budget and satisfied itself as to the City's need for property tax revenue to fund operations, the Budget Commission will compute and certify to Council for levying the property tax rates for the coming year. The Budget Commission will generally certify property tax rates to the City for adoption in the month of November.

The proposed tax budget assumes that the City will continue to levy all of the inside, the charter and voted millage (3.0 inside, 1.80 charter and 2.50 mills, respectively) that it is legally authorized to levy. The property tax millage proposed for 2015 is allocated as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Proposed Millage</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
<u>Inside Millage</u>		
General	2.14	29.3%
Police Pension	0.30	4.1%
Debt Service	0.47	6.4%
Employee Termination	0.09	1.2%
Total Inside Millage	3.00	41.0%
<u>Charter Millage</u>		
Fire/EMS Services	1.80	24.7%
<u>Voted Millage</u>		
Road Maintenance	2.50	34.3%
Total Proposed Millage	7.30	100.0%

When computing proposed property tax rates, the Budget Commission bases its rate computation on the amount of estimated property tax revenue detailed in the City's approved tax budget. The Commission does not consider the City's intent to levy a specific tax rate (in Willoughby Hills' case, 7.3 combined inside, charter and voted mills).

In an attempt to ensure that the City receives the full benefit of all authorized millage, the total property tax revenue estimate has been intentionally estimated to be higher (10% or approximately \$174,800) than anticipated. This assumption is necessary because at the legally mandated time of the tax budget's preparation and adoption, the true value of the 2014 tax duplicate (upon which 2015 revenues are based) will not be known thereby making it impossible to accurately predict the amount of revenue that the City's combined millage will generate. While the Budget Commission will not certify a tax rate that will generate tax revenue that will exceed the amount of property tax revenue requested in the Tax Budget even if the City's intention was to levy a specific tax rate, the Commission will reduce the amount of revenue requested if the maximum permitted rate will not generate the requested amount. Very simply put, because the Budget Commission holds the revenue estimate in the tax budget to be paramount over the City's desire to levy a specific rate of taxation, it is necessary to overestimate the requested amount of property tax revenue.

The proposed General Fund Tax Budget for the year 2015 is summarized as follows:

2015 Tax Budget	Amount
Total Estimated Revenue	\$6,440,500
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$6,444,000
Projected Operating Deficit	\$<3,500>

If the amount of estimated property tax revenue is reduced to the amount actually anticipated, the projected 2015 operating deficit will be \$58,300.

The proposed tax budget reflects a steady state of City operations. With the exception of income tax revenue, no significant new sources of operating revenue are anticipated. The 2015 budget estimate reflects the continuing loss in funding from the State of Ohio due to reductions in the Local Government Fund and

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elimination of personal property tax reimbursements. As in the past, property taxes, income tax and Mayor's Court costs continue to be the primary source of funding, representing approximately 80% of the estimated revenue for the year 2015.

On the expenditure side of the ledger, the tax budget reflects a no increase in the cost of City operations over the amount budgeted for 2015. Unless new sources of revenue are identified, the City will be forced to modify its operations in order to function within its available financial resources.

If you have any questions regarding the tax budget, do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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**PROPOSED
TAX BUDGET FOR**

The City of Willoughby Hills, Ohio

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

January 1, 2015 TO December 31, 2015

***LAKE
COUNTY,
OHIO***

Instructions and Tax Budget Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TAX BUDGET

SCHEDULE A

List only those individual funds which are requesting general property tax revenue. Please complete Column 1 by identifying the amount of general property tax you wish to request for the fiscal year. Columns 2 and 3 are to be completed by the Budget Commission and Columns 4 and 5 are to be completed by the County Auditor.

SCHEDULE B

This schedule will be completed by the County Auditor.

EXHIBIT I - STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

Complete this exhibit only for the General Fund, the Bond Retirement Fund (if it is, or has been, receiving property tax revenue) and any other funds for which you are requesting general property tax revenue. (Reproduce page 4 if necessary)

This exhibit should be completed using the CASH BASIS of accounting. For all funds, please segregate amounts received for homestead and rollbacks from property taxes. The line item "Revenues Over / Under Expenditures" is the difference between "Total Revenues" less "Total Expenditures". The line item "Ending Cash Balance" is the total of "Revenues Over / Under Expenditures" and the "Beginning Cash Balance".

Columns 1 and 2 - Complete these columns using data from the last two COMPLETED fiscal years.

Column 3 - Complete this column using current year data. A portion of the amount shown should be actual data and the remainder will represent estimates for the balance of the year.

One method of determining the amounts within this column is to review the last amended certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation ordinance. If the amounts are in line with your current estimates, these amounts may be used.

Column 4 - Complete this column for the next fiscal year (budget year).

EXHIBIT II - SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

This exhibit is to provide all necessary detail of all debt issues of the entity. Each bond or note issue should be listed individually.

NOTE: The Budget Commission reserves the right to request additional financial information, if necessary, for the funds disclosed in this tax budget.

LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

January 1, 2015 TO December 31, 2015

For all subdivisions excluding school districts, this Budget must be adopted by the legislative body (City/Village Council, Township Trustees, or other Board) on or before July 15th and two copies must be submitted to the County Auditor on or before July 20th. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 5705.28, O.R.C. SHALL RESULT IN LOSS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR:

The following Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, has been adopted by the City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County, O and is herewith submitted for consideration of the Lake County Budget Commission.

Signed

Frank J. Brichacek

Title Director of Finance

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED RATES

FOR SUBDIVISION USE		FOR BUDGET COMMISSION USE			FOR COUNTY AUDITOR USE	
FUND (Include only those funds which are requesting general property tax revenue)	BUDGET YEAR AMOUNT REQUESTED OF BUDGET COMMISSION INSIDE / OUTSIDE	BUDGET YEAR AMOUNT APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION INSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION	BUDGET YEAR AMOUNT TO BE DERIVED FROM LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION	COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF TAX RATE TO BE LEVIED		
	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	INSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT BUDGET YEAR	OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT BUDGET YEAR	
	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5				
General Fund	\$ 602,300	\$	\$			
Bond Retirement	\$ 203,900					
Emergency Fire Levy 240	\$ 506,600					
Road Levy 270	\$ 703,600					
Police Pension 220	\$ 84,400					
Employee Termination 296	\$ 25,300					
TOTALS: ALL FUNDS	\$ 2,126,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

INSTRUCTIONS: List only those funds which are requesting general property tax revenue. Complete column 1 with the amount that you are requesting for general property taxes. DO NOT COMPLETE COLUMNS 2 THROUGH 5.

Signed: BUDGET COMMISSION

SCHEDULE B

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED TO BE LEVIED	TAX YEAR COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATE OF YIELD OF LEVY (Carry to Schedule A, Column 3)
GENERAL FUND:		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		\$ _____
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION	0	0
OTHER FUNDS:		
Emergency Fire Levy Fund 240 Fund, Levy authorized by voters on 11/2/82, permanent Charter levy. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.	1.80 Mills	\$ _____
Road Levy Fund 270 Fund, Levy authorized by voters on 11/4/14, not to exceed 5 years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.	2.50 Mills	
_____ Fund, Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		
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_____ Fund, Levy authorized by voters on _____, not to exceed _____ years. Authorized under Section _____, O.R.C.		

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(Complete only for General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and any other funds
requesting general property tax revenue)

EXHIBIT I

FUND: GENERAL FUND 110

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 538,258	\$ 456,302	\$ 467,900	\$ 527,300
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exemp	66,704	61,694	67,800	75,000
Local Govmn't/Rev. Ass't. Fund	500,590	381,944	368,200	368,200
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	762	481	0	0
Personal Property Reimb.	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	5,182,034	5,406,941	5,310,800	5,470,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,288,348	\$ 6,307,362	\$ 6,214,700	\$ 6,440,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,241,734	\$ 6,429,681	\$ 6,373,948	\$ 6,444,000
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 46,614	\$ (122,319)	\$ (159,248)	\$ (3,500)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 780,038	\$ 826,652	\$ 704,333	\$ 545,085
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 826,652	\$ 704,333	\$ 545,085	\$ 541,585
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ 128,938	\$ 68,848	\$ -	\$ -

FUND: BOND RETIREMENT FUND 310

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 121,802	\$ 103,802	\$ 104,800	\$ 187,900
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exemp	14,650	13,550	14,800	16,000
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	598	598	600	600
Personal Property Reimb.	165	105	200	200
Other Revenues	2,863,033	3,091,762	2,918,500	2,488,700
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,000,248	\$ 3,209,817	\$ 3,038,900	\$ 2,693,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,926,504	\$ 3,209,614	\$ 2,984,145	\$ 2,692,600
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 73,744	\$ 203	\$ 54,755	\$ 800
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 58,260	\$ 132,004	\$ 132,207	\$ 186,962
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 132,004	\$ 132,207	\$ 186,962	\$ 187,762
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ -	\$ 3,945	\$ -	\$ -

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(Complete only for General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and any other funds
requesting general property tax revenue)

EXHIBIT I
(Continued)

FUND: Emergency Fire Levy 240

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 452,740	\$ 383,805	\$ 393,600	\$ 443,600
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exempt	56,106	51,892	57,000	63,000
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	596	376	0	0
Personal Property Reimb.	0	0	0	0
Other Revenues	342,771	223,187	204,800	153,400
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 852,213	\$ 659,260	\$ 655,400	\$ 660,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 852,924	\$ 653,226	\$ 654,784	\$ 660,000
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (711)	\$ 6,034	\$ 616	\$ -
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 46,098	\$ 45,387	\$ 51,421	\$ 52,037
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 45,387	\$ 51,421	\$ 52,037	\$ 52,037
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ 1,350	\$ 884	\$ -	\$ -

FUND: Road Levy 270

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 637,621	\$ 540,889	\$ 553,820	\$ 616,600
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exempt	77,925	72,073	79,200	87,000
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	993	627	1,000	1,000
Personal Property Reimb.	2,767	1,383	2,700	2,700
Other Revenues	197,834	531,363	2,880	3,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 917,140	\$ 1,146,335	\$ 639,600	\$ 710,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,144,560	\$ 1,000,333	\$ 847,649	\$ 737,000
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (227,420)	\$ 146,002	\$ (208,049)	\$ (26,700)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 430,166	\$ 202,746	\$ 348,748	\$ 140,699
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 202,746	\$ 348,748	\$ 140,699	\$ 113,999
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ 169,980	\$ 110,349	\$ -	\$ -

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(Complete only for General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and any other funds
requesting general property tax revenue)

EXHIBIT I
(Continued)

FUND: Police Pension 220

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 77,449	\$ 64,964	\$ 66,100	\$ 74,400
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exemp	\$ 9,351	\$ 8,649	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,000
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	\$ 99	\$ 63	\$ 100	\$ 100
Personal Property Reimb.	\$ 332	\$ 166	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other Revenues	\$ 16	\$ 3	\$ 100	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 87,247	\$ 73,845	\$ 76,100	\$ 84,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 85,000	\$ 70,201	\$ 75,700	\$ 84,800
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,247	\$ 3,644	\$ 400	\$ -
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 4,435	\$ 6,682	\$ 10,326	\$ 10,726
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 6,682	\$ 10,326	\$ 10,726	\$ 10,726
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

FUND: Employee Termination 296

DESCRIPTION	FOR 2012 ACTUAL	FOR 2013 ACTUAL	2014 CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	2015 BUDGET YEAR ESTIMATE
REVENUES:				
Property Taxes (Real & Personal)	\$ 23,234	\$ 19,489	\$ 20,200	\$ 22,300
Homestead, Rollback & 10,000 Exemp	2,805	2,595	2,900	3,000
S. B. 3 & 287 Dereg. Reimb.	0	0	0	0
Personal Property Reimb.	100	50	100	100
Other Revenues	2,955	21,855	0	100
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 29,094	\$ 43,989	\$ 23,200	\$ 25,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 33,865	\$ 44,089	\$ 23,100	\$ 25,500
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (4,771)	\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ -
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 5,368	\$ 597	\$ 497	\$ 597
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 597	\$ 497	\$ 597	\$ 597
ENCUMBRANCES AT YEAR END	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

