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City of Crystal to Hold Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing on Dec. 1

The Crystal City Council will hold its truth-in-taxation public hearing on the 2016 budget and property tax levy during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Crystal residents are invited to participate. A final decision on the budget and levy will most likely be made at the Dec. 1 Council meeting, but discussions could be continued and a decision made on Dec. 15.

The City Council adopted a preliminary 2016 budget and property tax levy on Sept. 1, 2015.

The tax levy proposed in September can be lowered for final adoption, but cannot be increased. This proposed tax levy is used by Hennepin County to prepare the Proposed Property Tax notice that is sent to each property owner in mid-November.

For fiscal year 2016, the proposed General Fund Budget is \$13,032,884, an increase of \$280,782 or 2.20% from the adopted 2015 budget. Much of the change is due to increases in health insurance, worker's compensation insurance and maintenance of buildings and equipment.

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY				
	2015	2016	Change	Percent
General Fund	\$8,302,000	\$8,571,947	\$269,947	3.25%
Pool Bonds Debt Service	\$209,000	\$210,600	\$1,600	0.77%
Capital Improvement Funds	\$563,153	\$563,153	0	0%
Total City Tax Levies	\$9,074,153	\$9,345,700	\$271,547	2.99%
Economic Development Authority	\$239,000	\$246,200	\$7,200	3.01%
Total All Tax Levies	\$9,313,153	\$9,591,900	\$278,747	2.99%

For more information, contact the City of Crystal's finance director at 763-531-1110 or charles.hansen@crystalmn.gov.

About Crystal

The City of Crystal is a fully-developed, first tier suburban community just west of Minneapolis in Hennepin County. The City became a Charter City in 1960 and has a population of 22,151 residents. Crystal enjoys an extensive park system, healthy residential neighborhoods and commercial areas that provide for the needs of a diverse population.