



September 22, 2017

Re: **Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY 2018) Town Operating Budget**

Dear Residents of Westover Hills,

On Tuesday evening, the Westover Hills town council adopted a budget for FY 2018. The FY 2018 Budget continues to prioritize the Town's focus on the safety and security of our neighborhood while providing ample resources to provide exceptional-quality municipal services.

Key budget highlights include:

1. **No change in the Town's property tax rate** which shall remain at \$0.35500 per \$100 valuation representing a municipal tax rate that is 56% lower than the City of Fort Worth.
2. **No change in Town service fees** for garbage collection, permits, inspections and other.
3. **Modest changes in water and sewer rates** providing for a 2.0% and 4.0% increase in the volumetric rates for water and sewer, respectively, and a \$5.00 increase in the monthly base charge for water and sewer, together to offset changes in wholesale water and sewer service costs and inflation of the cost to maintain the Town's water and sewer system. The combined cost of water and sewer for an average monthly consumption in Westover Hills remains 28% less than the City of Fort Worth.
4. **Additional Police Department staffing** to employ two (2) new police officers to increase neighborhood patrol capability and ensure consistent police response times.
5. **Limited capital spending** for scheduled replacement of one (1) police vehicle and a backhoe for the public works department, and to remodel the public restroom in Town Hall.
6. **Cost-of-living adjustment** of 3.0% for all Town employees.

Following six years of dedicated service as Mayor of the Town of Westover Hills, Steve Tatum decided to resign as Mayor effective as of the Tuesday evening council meeting. The council accepted the Mayor's resignation, appointed council members Kelly Thompson and Jack Koslow as the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, respectively, and appointed Steve Tatum to fill the vacated council seat. The new Mayor and the council thanked Steve for his years of service and his willingness to continue to contribute as a council member going forward.

The Town was among the first cities to be awarded with "Traditional Finances" recognition under the Comptroller's new "Transparency Stars" program, which recognizes governments that provide outstanding transparency. Additional information about the Fiscal 2018 Budget will be emailed to residents and posted on the town's website in the near future. We welcome your feedback regarding the FY 2018 Budget and invite you to visit the Town's website at www.westoverhills.us for additional information.

Thank you for your time,

Kelly Thompson, Mayor
Jack Koslow, Mayor Pro Tem
Elliot Goldman
Marcus Snyder
Steve Tatum
John Thompson

