

**CITY OF RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011**

**RICHFIELD CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**6700 PORTLAND AVENUE**

**7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

Call to order

Roll call

1. Truth in Taxation public hearing regarding 2012 property tax levy and 2011 revised/2012 proposed budget and proposed 2012 water, wastewater and storm sewer utility rates

Staff Report No. 238

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Adjournment

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**STAFF REPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2011**

REPORT PREPARED BY:

CHRIS BEGIS, FINANCE MANAGER

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

NAME: TITLE

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**ITEM FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Conduct a truth in taxation public hearing regarding the 2012 property tax levy and 2011 Revised/2012 Proposed budget and proposed 2012 water, wastewater and storm sewer utility rates.

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Conduct and close the truth in taxation public hearing and by motion: schedule final action on the levy and budget items and utility rates for the regular City Council meeting of December 13, 2011**

**II. BACKGROUND**

At the September 13, 2011 City Council meeting the City Council adopted the 2012 preliminary property tax levy and announced December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for the statutory truth in taxation public hearing.

Hennepin County has mailed the proposed 2012 property tax statements to property owners in Richfield, which are based upon the proposed levy and announce the date of the public hearing.

**III. BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION**

**A. POLICY**

- The requirement to hold a special TNT public hearing and continuation hearing have been repealed.
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- This meeting may be part of a regularly scheduled meeting but must occur after 6:00 p.m.
- Minnesota Statutes mandates that the truth in taxation public hearing must be conducted between November 25 and December 28, 2011.
- The City has chosen to select a separate date, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to conduct the TNT hearing.
- The requirement to publish a notice of a Truth in Taxation hearing and proposed property tax levy is no longer required.

#### B. CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES

- Schedule the final adoption action for the 2011 Revised/2012 Budget and tax levy and utility rates for December 13, 2011.
- The City must adopt their final payable 2012 property tax levies and their proposed 2012 budgets not later than December 28, 2011.

#### C. FINANCIAL

- N/A

#### D. LEGAL

- The City has scheduled December 6, 2011 for the TNT hearing and December 13, 2011 for the official adoption of the final levy and budget.
- Final adoption of the payable 2012 property tax levies must be completed by December 28, 2011.

#### E. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- N/A

#### IV. ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S)

- None with respect to conducting the public hearing, as it is mandated by state law.

#### V. ATTACHMENTS

- None.

#### VI. PRINCIPAL PARTIES EXPECTED AT MEETING

- None.