



AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NORTH COMPLEX, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5160 MAPLE DRIVE**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

5:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

The fire chief has prepared a report for the Council regarding changes that have been implemented in the department since he became Chief in February 2014 and ideas for continual improvements in the department. This report can provide some basis for issues that may need consideration in the FY 18 budget when preparation starts this fall.

2. TAX ABATEMENT:

It has been requested that the Council have a discussion about the City's current residential tax abatement program. Staff will have information from other cities and additional information to present to Council.

3. TIF BONDING:

Any TIF debt must be certified by the end of November for collection in FY 17-18. Staff has been meeting with Financial Advisor Jon Burmeister and Bond Counsel Bob Josten to review options, with consideration given to the Supreme Court ruling. The Council has considered many street projects that can only be constructed from the availability of TIF financing. Information will be provided regarding projects to be funding and financing options that will maximize TIF funds that are available.