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City Council,

I am unable to attend this evening, so I've asked this be read to you in my absence.

It's my understanding property taxes will not be increased for this next year. That is a good thing,

but on the other hand I understand electric and water rates are proposed to go up. As I heard reported on one local station fees were going up to hire 5 to 7 new police officers I thought police were supported by our City taxes.

Whether you take extra money out of taxes or rate increases, it's still a tax. There are those who supported our stadium before and after

it was approved that taxes would not go up. The first proposed budget after its built, here we go. I am for our Police and City services but if it's a tax which I believe it is, then lets not try and play a shell game. And if not for hiring Police why are they going up? I believe we have one of the highest electric rates in our area. Possibly higher than Greensboro. Also, are these City services running a deficit? When was the last time these rates were raised? Thank-you for serving on City Council. I reside at 1242 Kensington Dr. High Point. I would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,
 Louis Philohear