

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

Zoom Online Meeting
Facilitated by Clerk Aggie Keefe

September 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called by the Clerk. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby.

Pledge of Allegiance — The Clerk displayed the American flag on-screen, and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Chesser announced that the purpose of the meeting is to give first readings to our tax ordinances regarding tangible personal property, real property, and motor vehicles and watercraft.

Ms. Ewan introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-directed salient provisions to the tax ordinance regarding the assessment of all tangible personal property and the levy of tax thereon. Ms. Ewan read Section 2 and noted that the proposed rate has been reduced from 6.5¢ to 5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. Mayor Chesser pointed out that this reduced rate will benefit our businesses. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

Mr. Treitz explained that the compensating tax rate for real property is calculated every year in order to determine what the tax rate would be to generate the same amount of income that we received the year before. Everyone was provided with a copy of the calculation of compensating tax rate. Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-directed salient provisions to the tax ordinance regarding the assessment of all real property and the levy of tax thereon. Ms. Garrett read Section 2 and stated that the proposed rate has been reduced from 7.1¢ to 6.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fortwengler.

Ms. Ewan introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-directed salient provisions to the tax ordinance regarding the assessment of all motor vehicles and watercraft and the levy of tax thereon for the year 2022. Ms. Ewan read Section 1 and noted that the proposed rate is 7¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mayor Chesser mentioned that this is a reduction from the current rate of 7.5¢.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on _____.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and Zoom recording.