

In City Council, December 12, 2016

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers with Councillor Cruise presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with ten members being present. Councillor Rodrigues absent.

605 Call of the meeting

Accepted and placed on file

606 Officer's return of notice

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HEARING

607 Ordered: that the City Council hereby determines the percentages of the local tax levy in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 40, Section 56, to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59, and personal property.

Mr. O'Donnell from the Tax Assessor's office made a presentation in regards to FY2017 tax levy. 9.57% increase given 2016. If budget increases, the taxes increase. If budget decreases, then taxes decrease. Purpose of meeting is to adopt a residential factor.

Chris Cooney, President of Brockton Business Association appeared and asked the Council to understand the impact of taxes on business owners. He requested the focus on increasing value instead of taxes and review sewer and water rates.

Jeanne Holmes appeared on behalf of residents, because she said they don't have people to speak for them like companies do. That is the purpose of the Councillors. Information was not available to the public to review until tonight. She asked Councillors to review the information carefully; asking for lower tax rates because home owners don't make money like companies do for living in their homes.

Councillor Farwell asked Mr. O'Donnell questions in regards to tax rates going up on home owners and companies.

Councillor Sullivan asked what the tax rates should be to Jay Condon. Mr. Condon based on a statistical assessment of properties, businesses are at 1.57% will decrease taxes, and also not a lot of change in commercial taxes 1.65% to 1.69% and also not a lot of change in the resident.

Hearing held.

Councillor Farwell speaks on how to give home owners tax relief due to everything always rising for the home owners. Move factor 1.7% resident tax rate \$16.10, commercial \$32.93

Recess called for two minutes.

Back in session.

Councillor Farwell motioned to set tax levy at 1.7% and was properly seconded by Councillor Cruise. The motion carried by a hand vote with eight members voting in the affirmative with two voting in the negative.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councillor Rodrigues absent.

Councillor Farwell motioned for reconsideration with the wish that it does not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

Residential 66.95
Commercial 22.76
4.01
0.29

Rate: 1.70 %

Adjourned at 7:42 PM