

In City Council, November 22, 2022

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday November 22, 2021, in the Council Chambers, 2nd. Floor, City Hall. President Farwell presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with nine members present. Councilors Asack and Rodrigues Absent.

665. Call of the meeting

Accepted and placed on file

666. Officer's return of notice

Accepted and placed on file

HEARING:

667. Ordered: That the City Council hereby determines the percentages of the local tax levy for FY2023 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.

Written and oral arguments will be taken at this time.

All other related matters

President Lally declared the hearing open.

Councilors Asack and Rodrigues Stepped In.

The following people spoke briefly on the matter:

Robert Ford of 61 Bonnet St

Michelle Henson of 16 Ardsley Street Email entered into record.

Accept and placed on file

Jamal Brathwaite of 18 Parkview Lane Email entered into record.

Accept and placed on file

CFO Troy Clarkson and Chairman of Assessors John O'Donnell were present and able to answer any questions.

CFO Troy Clarkson stated this is the annual meeting to set the Residential Factor. Cities and Towns have the opportunity to split or shift the tax rate. This City Council prefers to shift the rate to Commercial and Industrial to lower the burden on residential taxpayers. The max allowed is 1.75.

Chairman of Assessors John O'Donnell stated the total value of Brockton is at 11.2 Billion dollars the largest it's ever been a growth of 2.2 million which is very good.

199. (ORDER CONT.)

The Residential tax has gone up 85.52% which is not good. Board of Accessors recommend staying with the 1.75%.

Comments and questions from Councilors Farwell, Asack, Thompson, Rodrigues, D'Agostino, Nicastro, Minichiello.

Councilor Farwell motioned to establish a 1.75 ratio for FY2023 and was properly seconded. Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Farwell motion to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

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Residential	73.7364
Commercial	17.4426
Industrial	3.3570
Personal Property	5.4640

The factor for such classification shall be: **1.75**

Councilor Rodrigues motioned to approve Tax Class Order and was properly seconded. Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Farwell motion to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

President Lally thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM