

In City Council, November 20, 2023

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday November 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Floor, City Hall. President Farwell presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM with six members present. Councilors Asack, Minichiello, Tavares, Teixeira, and Thompson absent.

1324. Call of the meeting

Accepted and placed on file

1325. Officer's return of notice

Accepted and placed on file

HEARING:

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 Nicaastro declared the hearing open.

Councilors Asack Stepped In.

The following people spoke briefly on the matter:

Clancey Dowland of 12 Della Ave.

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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 12 Billion dollars the largest it's ever been. Recommends staying with the 1.75%.

Comments and questions from Councilors D'Agostino, Farwell, and Rodrigues.

Councilor Farwell motioned to establish a 1.75 ratio for FY2024 and was properly seconded. Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas and "nays"; seven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, Tavares, Teixeira, and Thompson absent. 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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1326. 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.

Residential	74.9295
Commercial	16.3732
Industrial	3.3458
Personal Property	5.3515
	(100.00)

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”; seven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, Tavares, Teixeira, and Thompson absent. Councilor Farwell motion to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM