



**Regular Session**

**Discussion and Possible Action on submission of the City’s ballot for Regional Representatives for the TML Board of Directors** – Mayor McDonald stated that a ballot for these representatives was included in Council packets. Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Council submit votes for the following:

- W.L. Pate, Jr. – President
- Larry Spears, Jr. – Vice President
- Cindy Burchfield – Secretary
- David Rutledge – Board Representative

Council Member Branch seconded this motion. There were no other nominations submitted, therefore Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Action on acknowledgement of receipt of the following:**

- **2020 Certified Property Values (and corresponding reports) as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher**
- **Statement of the 2020 “No New Tax Rate,” the 2020 “Voter Approve Tax Rate” and the 2020 “De minimis Rate” (and corresponding worksheets) as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher**

Mrs. Van Meter explained that the Tax Rate Calculations Worksheet that was in Council Members’ packets was incorrect and she had inserted two new worksheets, one using a “Voter-Approval Tax Rate” computed at 3.5% and another computed at 8%. Although S.B. 2 now caps property tax increases at 3.5%, a statute added to the bill allows council to increase up to 8% IF the city is located in an area declared a disaster area during the current tax year by the governor or by the president of the U.S. Due to COVID-19, West Orange qualifies to use this rate.

She further explained that if Council wished to continue the \$0.47 rate as used in the past few years, the 1.08% rate would have to be adopted. She referred them to the two worksheets for more details.

Council Member Dardeau moved that the corrected worksheet using the 1.08% rate be accepted into record as presented. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. A vote was cast, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing a proposal on an ad valorem tax rate by record vote and consider setting the date for a public hearing and the adoption of such proposal on a future meeting agenda** - Council Member Branch made a motion that Council, by record vote, place a proposed tax rate of no greater than \$0.470 per \$100 valuation on the Monday, September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall and set a public hearing on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall to receive comments on such proposal. His motion received a second from Council Member Dardeau.

Mayor McDonald called for vote, with results as follows:

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| Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin   | Aye |
| Council Member Dardeau | Aye |
| Council Member Branch  | Aye |
| Mayor McDonald         | Aye |

The motion was thereby unanimously approved as presented.

**Announcements**

Mayor McDonald then announced the following upcoming Council meetings:

- Public Hearing on Proposed Budget: September 10, 2020; 5:00 pm
- Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate: September 10, 2020; 5:15 pm
- Council Meeting to adopt Budget and Tax Rate: September 14, 2020; 5:00 pm

**Adjournment**

With there being no further business before Council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

  
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Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

