



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF FRONTENAC
JOINT BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS AND WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 18, 2021, 4:30 P.M.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The May 18, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Alderpersons of the City of Frontenac was called to order at 4:37 p.m., by Mayor Kate Hatfield. The Board of Alderpersons present were Brian Warner, Dan Kemper, Nalini Mahadevan, Jamie Griesedieck, Dan Millman, and Tom O'Brien (all participated in person).

The Ways & Means Committee member present was: Chairperson Maggie Sherwood.

Also, in attendance was City Administrator, Jaysen Christensen; City Clerk, Leesa Ross; City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe; Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst; Joseph Iliff, Building Commissioner and Zoning Administrator; and Finance Officer, Lea Ann Bennett.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hatfield called the meeting to order.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of property tax ballot initiative.**

Mayor Hatfield gave an overview of the ballot initiative, due to the city's independence on sales tax revenues, with no grocery stores or hardware stores. Currently we have an immediate crisis. Mayor Hatfield stated the city is struggling to pay employees and stated there is a current cap on capital improvement items and salaries. She stated the city must ask for a property tax increase to continue the services. She stated there are things we cannot delay, and we must increase property taxes at this time.

Aldersperson Millman presented the 10-year financial model to the Board of Alderpersons. He discussed the assumptions for the revenue, major revenue, assumptions for major expenses, the real estate tax overview, the real estate tax scenario; and trip wire graph. There were multiple scenarios presented. He also discussed the upcoming modeling steps.

Mr. O'Keefe advised that the city's cap for a property tax is \$1.00 for every \$100 of assessed valuation, and the maximum increase could only be \$.56.5 cents per \$100.

Additional discussion occurred amongst the members. The board reviewed the four draft bills prepared and decided to move forward with the language not to exceed the maximum of one dollar on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation, and to include the language of draft bill 1b, “and other services for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Frontenac?”

There was discussion regarding the messaging for this tax initiative. Mayor Hatfield stated a newsletter is set to go out in June, there is also a subdivision meeting scheduled in June and a public relations person has been engaged. Additional discussion on how the city must message this and move forward occurred.

- **Discussion of fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.**

The draft budget was not presented by Ms. Bennett and discussed.

C. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.