

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday April 10, 2024, in the meeting room of the Corbin Studio and Gallery for the purpose of holding a Budget Work Session.

Present

Darlene Taylor, Mayor
Ivan Lankford, Council Vice President via zoom
Eric Banks, Councilman
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
LaVerene Johnson, Councilwoman
Ruthie, Todd, Councilwoman
Joyce L Morgan Clerk Treasurer
Andrew, Illuminati, City Solicitor

Also, in attendance, Valerie Swift, Jen Merritt, Lonnie Luedtke, Tiffany McMahon, Jason Loar, William Brown, DJ Parkinson, Richard Crumbacker, Hazel Cropper, Kathy Kissell, Mr. Bayne.

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order, noting that its purpose was for the discussion of the Constant Yield Tax Rate.

Mrs. Morgan noted that the Constant Yield tax rate instruction is in the Mayor and Council packet. She advised that the purpose is to maintain the same amount of tax money that the city received last year. She noted that the goal of the assessment office is to maintain the tax rate. She also noted that to advertise, you must follow the State of Maryland rules as specified. Mrs. Morgan noted that there has been no discussion about increasing taxes. Mayor Taylor commented that last year we maintained the current rate. Mrs. Morgan also noted that the Homestead Tax Credit keeps your tax rate at 10%. If it is your primary residence. She also advised that there is a \$100 tax credit once you reach 70 years old.

Mayor Taylor inquired when we would need to vote on the Constant Yield Tax Rate. Mrs. Morgan advised that we need to hold a public hearing by May 22 and must vote by June 17th. Mrs. Morgan also advised that there is no planned increase in water and sewer, but a public hearing must also be held for that. She also noted that the wind turbine has been broken for three months now making the cost of electricity for the sewer plant go from \$4000 to \$18,000.

With no further business at this time, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by councilman Banks, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Taylor requested a short recess prior to going into the regular session.

Respectfully Submitted, Joyce L Morgan Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary