

**NOVEMBER 6, 2018**  
**TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

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1. Roll Call:

Mayor Straz  
City Clerk  
City Treasurer  
Alderman Basso  
Alderman Bylut  
Alderman Clifford  
Alderman Fulkerson  
Alderman Key  
Alderman Kramarski  
Alderman McGovern

2. City Finance Director Janice Colvin presented on the Tax Levy as follows:

The Tax Levy has been development pursuant to provisions of the Illinois Tax Code including the Property Tax Extension Limitations Act commonly referred to as the "Tax Cap." The Tax Cap limits in the increase in property tax extension which is the total amount that the City can receive in any given year. The limit is 5% or the consumer price index - whichever is lower. In determining the tax levy the consumer price index (CPI) is used to determine the overall increase from the 2017 extension. For the 2018 tax levy the CPI is 2.1%. The focus of this year's levy is on the limiting rate which is estimated to be 1.84%. New property is calculated from a listing from the Building Department of all new construction and addition permits reducing for tax exempt properties such as the hospital and schools and churching. Consistent with the police pension plan passed last year the pension levy was increased to the full amount requested by the pension board. The corporate, special purpose, debt service and property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$9,687,905.00 which represents an increase of 21.69% over the previous year's extension.

3. Comments

Alderman Clifford inquired about the increase. Alderman Fulkerson stated that the levy does not determine the ultimate tax rate. The tax rate went down in 2008 4.61%, down in 2009 5.68%, up in 2010 4.74%, up in 2011 16.38%, up 11.55% in 2012, up in 2013 16.38%, up in 2014 7.27%, up in 2015 17.8%, up .238% in 2016 for police pension payments. The levy went down in 2017 by 6.95%. Alderman Fulkerson reiterated that the tax levy does not determine the ultimate tax rate. The City Treasurer stated the levy extension request this year is increased from last year but that the actual amount will not be anywhere near this year's percentage which is intended to account for future growth.

The Mayor indicated that any actual tax increase would be limited by the CPI of 2.1%.

4. Questions

A resident stated that the historical increases are intended for the police pension and asked what other reasons the tax levy would increase. The Mayor stated that general operation and management of the City and that the actual tax rate would not be known until July.

At 6:55 p.m. the Mayor adjourned the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK**

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Thomas A. Kantas

Date