Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:  Mrs. Susan Pardee  
Mrs. Pamela Cameron  
Mr. Phillip Ertel  
Mr. John Rach  
Mr. Steven Sims  
Mrs. Michele Weiss  
Mr. Mark Wiseman  

Also Present:  Law Director Luke McConville  
Clerk of Council Kelly Thomas  

Agenda Items:

A. Resolution No. 2019-32 Adopting the 2020 Alternative Tax Budget  
(on second reading and emergency)

Mayor Brennan stated that the 2020 Alternative Tax Budget was reviewed at the previous Finance Committee meeting and is now back to Council as a Whole for passage.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON approving Resolution No. 2019-32 Adopting the 2020 Alternative Tax Budget on Emergency. Roll call on Suspension of the Rules, all voted “aye.” Roll call on Passage, all voted “aye.”

B. Resolution No. 2019-37 Resolution of Necessity for Special Assessments for the Cost of Constructing, Maintaining, Repairing and Cleaning of the City’s Sanitary Sewer System (on first reading and on emergency)

Mr. Goffe stated that Resolution 2019-37, 2019-38 and 2019-39 were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting in terms of the necessary time line for passage, serving notice to the parcel owners impacted by the Special Assessment and the opportunity of those owners to object the assessment. If there are objections then Council is required to appoint an Assessment Equalization Board to meet and make a recommendation to Council of either acceptance or rejection of the objection. If Council objects the Assessment Equalization Board decision then another Assessment Equalization Board would have to be appointed. After accepting any objections that come from the Assessment Equalization Board or if there are no objections, later in the Summer of 2019 Council will be able to proceed with the last steps of approving the legislation so that the assessments can be placed on the property taxes for 2020. The deadline to submit the assessments to the County is in September 2019.

Mr. Goffe said that the stated rates have not changed from last years rates. Individual parcels may have a change in their tax rate due to corrections of the process from what was done in the past. Mr. Goffe provided Council with drafts of the timeline, the letter that will be going out via certified mail to individual parcel owners who have parcels with assessment over $250 and the spreadsheet showing the estimated assessment for each parcel.

Mrs. Pardee clarified that there was no change in the assessment rates.

Mr. Ertel asked when was the last increase.

Mr. Goffe replied that last year the City reduced the shade tree assessment by 10 cent (.10) and increased street lighting by 10 cents (.10). Mr. Goffe said he did not know about previous changes to assessment rates.

Mr. Wiseman asked if all the listed parcels would be receiving letters in the mail.
Mr. Goffe replied only those with assessments of $250 or more will receive notice via certified mail to the property tax billing address, certified mail to the last known billing address or any process that is permitted for summons in a civil suit. Those with assessment under $250 receive their notice of service for the passage of these Resolutions is performed by publishing the notice for two (2) weeks in the newspaper.

Mr. Sims stated that the bottom line is that the rates are not being increased over last year.

Mr. Goffe stated that the rates that are listed in the Ordinances are not being changed over last year.

Mr. McConville stated that there was a need to enter into executive session due to potential litigation.

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MRS. PARDEE to enter Executive Session due to potential litigation. On Roll call, all voted “aye.”

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to exit Executive Session. On Roll call, all voted “aye.”

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MRS. CAMERON Approving Resolution 2019-37 A Resolution of Necessity for Special Assessments for the Cost of Constructing, Maintaining, Repairing and Cleaning of the City’s Sanitary Sewer System on Emergency. Roll call on Suspension of the Rules, all voted “aye,” and Roll call on Passage, all voted “aye.”

C. Resolution 2019-38 Resolution of Necessity for Special Assessments for the Cost of Planting, Maintaining, Trimming, And Removing Shade Trees (on first reading and on emergency)

Mr. Goffe stated this is similar to the Resolution 2019-37 except it is for Shade Trees. The rate is seventy cents (.70) per frontage footage and it is based on the frontage of the parcel.


D. Resolution No. 2019-39 Resolution of Necessity for Special Assessments for the Cost of Street Lighting (on first reading and on emergency)

Mr. Goffe stated that the street lighting assessments are eighty cents (.80) based on frontage of the parcel. There was no increase in the rate over last year’s rate.


E. Motion to hold an Executive Session during this Special Meeting for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, Legal and/or Real Estate Matters

Mayor Brennan stated that there was the need to hold an Executive Session for Real Estate Matters.

MOTION BY MRS. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL to hold Executive Session for Real Estate Matters. On Roll call and voted “aye.”

MOTION BY MR. SIMS, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to exit Executive Session. On Roll call, all voted “aye.”
F. Ordinance 2019-40 Authorizing the Release of the Lien of Special Assessments Relating to Certain Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Special Assessment/Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 (University Heights, Ohio – Public Parking Garage Project) and Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Subordinate Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B (University Heights, Ohio – Public Parking Garage Project) (on third reading and on emergency)

Mayor Brennan stated that Ordinance 2019-40 had been previously tabled on October 15, 2018 and on November 5, 2018. The previous Ordinance number was 2018-63 and renumbered to 2019-40.

MOTION BY MRS. PARDEE, SECONDED BY MR. ERTEL Approving Ordinance 2019-40 Authorizing the Release of the Lien of Special Assessments Relating to Certain Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Special Assessment/Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 (University Heights, Ohio – Public Parking Garage Project) and Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Subordinate Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B (University Heights, Ohio – Public Parking Garage Project) on emergency. Roll call on Suspension of the rules, all voted “aye.” Roll call on passage, all voted “aye.”

MOTION BY MR. CAMERON, SECONDED BY MR. WISEMAN to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted “aye.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council