

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF FINANCE and CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY
October 25, 2017

A **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING** of the Board of Finance and City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and Board of Finance Members JoAnn Fenty, Laurene Pesce, Mark Bushka, Joshua Ferreira and Christopher Anderson. Member Frank Rubino was absent. City Councilors Drake Waldron, Anne Ruwet, Gregg Cogswell and Dan Farley were present, along with Comptroller Alice Proulx and Tax Collector Launa Goslee. City Councilors Paul Cavagnero and Luisa Noujaim were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Finance

MOTOR VEHICLE MILL RATE FY2017/2018

Mayor Carbone distributed copies of an email from Rep. Ohler indicating the current state budget proposal that will level fund Torrington at last year’s rate, and include a car tax cap at 39 mills in the first year and 45 mills in the second. She suggested the language for a motion include the option for adopting the State’s mill rate if it is capped at a lower rate.

Ms. Goslee explained that the current Statute caps the mill rate at 32 mills. She recommended the Board’s mill rate be contingent on the State’s rate when known, as refunds are expensive to issue.

Mr. Anderson asked if the Board would consider setting a mill rate at the State maximum limit, without specifying a number. The Board discussed the advantages or disadvantages of various due dates, supplemental bills and refunds. Ms. Proulx said there is sufficient cash to get the city through to the end of the year.

On an amended motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded as amended by Mrs. Fenty, the Board voted 4/1 by roll call vote to approve the FY2017/2018 motor vehicle mill rate at 39, contingent on adoption by the State Legislature of the FY2017-2019 budget. Ms. Fenty, Ms. Pesce, Mr. Bushka and Mr. Ferreira voted in favor, Mr. Anderson was opposed.

City Council

DUE DATE: MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES FY2017/2018

On a motion by Councilor Farley, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously by roll call vote to set the due date for FY 2017-2018 Motor Vehicle Taxes at December 1, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, MMC, MCTC
Asst. City Clerk