# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 800 GAME FARM ROAD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Mayor Golinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Warren called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Colosimo	Present
Ward II	Milschewski	<b>Present</b>
	Plocher	Absent
Ward III	Frieders	Present
	Funkhouser	Present
Ward IV	<b>Tarulis</b>	Present
	Hernandez	Present

Also present: City Clerk Warren, City Attorney Orr, City Administrator Olson, Deputy Chief of Police Klingel, Public Works Director Dhuse, Finance Director Fredrickson, EEI Engineer Sanderson, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Director of Parks and Recreation Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett

#### **QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Employee Appreciation of Service**

Mayor Golinski stated he will be giving some employee appreciation awards tonight for some employees dedicated years of service to the City. Mayor Golinski invited Dave Brown and his immediate department head up first. Public Works Director Dhuse gave background of Mr. Brown's employment. He praised Mr. Brown for his excellent work ethic. Public Works Director Dhuse thanked Mr. Brown personally and stated he hopes Mr. Brown has a long career in Yorkville. Mayor Golinski presented Mr. Brown with a token of the City's appreciation.

Mayor Golinski called Officer Ketchmark up to the front. Information was given on his employment and his contributions to the City. He was congratulated on his ten years of service. Mayor Golinski presented Officer Ketchmark with a plaque.

Mayor Golinski called Officer Johnson up to the front. Information was given on his employment and his contributions to the City. He was congratulated on his fifteen years of service.

#### **MetroNet Introduction**

Mayor Golinski called the representative, Kathy Scheller, from MetroNet up to the front. She gave a power point presentation on the overview of MetroNet so the Council can get to understand how MetroNet works. Kathy Scheller also was going to give an update of some of MetroNet's work in the area. She started out with the visionary statement. Alderman Frieders shared his excitement with the Council.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Dave and Debbie Coffman, petitioner, have filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting annexation pursuant to an annexation agreement of a tract of property into the City's municipal boundary. The tract of property is generally located south of U.S. Route 34, west of McHugh Road. A total of one parcel is proposed to be annexed pursuant to the annexation agreement: 9290 US Route 34 (Veterans Highway).
- 2. Tax Levy

Please, see attached report of proceedings by the Court Reporter for the public hearing.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

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#### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- 1. Minutes of the Regular City Council October 10, 2017
- 2. Minutes of the Special City Council October 14, 2017

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 10, 2017 and the minutes of the special City Council meeting of October 14, 2017 as presented. So moved by Alderman Funkhouser; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Minutes approved unanimously by a viva voce vote.

#### **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mayor Golinski stated that the bills were \$1,394,376.07.

#### REPORTS

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### City Liability Insurance and Workman's Comp Insurance Renewal

(CC 2017-52 2017)

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to authorize entering into a one year insurance agreement with the American Alternative Insurance corporation (Glatfelter) for property/ casualty insurance in an amount not to exceed \$164,413; to authorize entering into a one year insurance agreement with the Illinois Public Risk Fund for worker's compensation insurance in an amount not to exceed \$168,809; and, to authorize entering into a one year brokerage agreement with Mesirow Insurance Services in an amount not to exceed \$19,000. So moved by Alderman Tarulis; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Alderman Frieders had a couple questions, and City Administrator Olson answered them.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0 Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye, Hernandez-aye, Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye

#### Riverfront Parking Lot - Preparation Work - S & K Proposal

(CC 2017-53)

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to approve a proposal from S & K Excavation and Trucking to perform preparation work on the east Riverfront Park parking lot in an amount not to exceed \$38,550 and authorize the Mayor to execute. So moved by Alderman Colosimo; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Alderman Koch and Director of Parks and Recreation Evans discussed this issue. Alderman Frieders, Alderman Funkhouser, Alderman Colosimo, and City Administrator Olson discussed this issue. The issues that were discussed were the details of the project, the bid process, the impact on the City budget, and the outside engineering costs.

Motion failed by a roll call vote. Ayes-0 Nays-7 Milschewski-Nay, Hernandez-Nay, Koch-Nay, Frieders-Nay, Tarulis-Nay, Colosimo-Nay, Funkhouser-Nay

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ordinance 2017-55 Approving Fourth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for the Downtown Yorkville Redevelopment Project Area (Imperial Investments, LLC)

(EDC 2017-70)

Alderman Koch made a motion to approve an ordinance approving the fourth amendment to the redevelopment agreement for the downtown Yorkville redevelopment project area (Imperial Investments, LLC) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Alderman Frieders is excited for the potential in the downtown area. There was discussions about the use of TIF funds. The overall consensus of the Council was positive.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0 Hernandez-aye, Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye

Resolution 2017-32 to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Yorkville

Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area (301 South Bridge Street)

(EDC 2017-71)

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Alderman Koch made a motion to approve a resolution to induce the redevelopment of certain property within the Yorkville downtown tax increment Redevelopment project area (301 South Bridge Street); seconded by Alderman Colosimo.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0 Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye, Hernandez-aye

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

#### **PARK BOARD**

No report.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION**

No report.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

#### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

#### CITY CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

#### **COMMUNITY & LIAISON REPORT**

Library

Alderman Milschewski mentioned about getting an intergovernmental agreement so children that didn't live in Yorkville could get a library card. There was discussion among City Administrator Olson, Mayor Golinski, and Alderman Milschewski about this issue.

**YPAC** 

Alderman Colosimo told about the YPAC Little Mermaid production. He gave all information needed to attend.

#### Winter Wonderland

Alderman Frieders mentioned tree lighting, parade, and fireworks. Director of Parks and Recreation Evans clarified that from 11:00 to 3:00 at Circle Center is the Winter wonderland event.

#### Tree lighting And Fireworks On The Riverfront

Director of Parks and Recreation Evans went on to state that at 5:30 on the Riverfront is the tree lighting and fireworks.

Chili Chase

Alderman Frieders stated that on Sunday morning there is the Chili Chase Run which takes place at the American Legion.

#### Kendall County Solid Waste Plan update

Alderman Frieders just came from the Kendall County Solid Waste Plan update. The night he was elected he volunteered to be part of this board. Alderman Frieders thinks he has shared his appreciation for where poop goes and garbage goes. He took a tour of the YBSD. He recently got to see the Fox Metro expansion. Alderman Frieders is a big fan of poop and where it goes. He discussed waste and the recycling of waste. He stated that on a local note, Crusade Burger Bar is the only restaurant in Downtown Yorkville, with the exception of Smokey's, who received a certificate of recognition and appreciation for recycling. He thanked the press for publishing that fact. Alderman Frieders called Director of Parks and Recreation Evans to the front. Alderman Frieders stated that Director of Parks and Recreation Evans did not know that one of his employees was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for the Beecher concession stand's efforts to recycle in its Kendall County food establishment. Director of Parks and Recreation Evans stated this was the high school kids deal and the high school kids deserve the credit.

**AACVB** 

Alderman Funkhouser discussed that the AACVB's board amended the budget. Alderman Funkhouser explained the circumstances around it.

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#### **STAFF REPORT**

### **Bristol Bay Park Easement Agreement Update**

(CC 2017-49)

City Administrator Olson discussed this and stated there was a scriveners error in this agreement that was previously approved by City Council. He wanted there to be a public acknowledgement of it. City Administrator Olson stated if the Council has any issues with this, to please let him know.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of

- 1. For litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
- For collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

So moved by Alderman Colosimo; seconded by Alderman Hernandez.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0 Tarulis-aye, Milschewski-aye, Colosimo-aye, Hernandez-aye, Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Frieders-aye

The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

The City Council returned to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Golinski stated meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Minutes submitted by:

Beth Warren,

City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois

## PRESENT: Mr. Gary Golinski, Mayor; Mr. Carlo Colosimo, Alderman; Mr. Ken Koch, Alderman; Ms. Jackie Milschewski, Alderman; Mr. Chris Funkhouser, Alderman; Mr. Joel Frieders, Alderman; Mr. Alex Hernandez, Alderman; Mr. Seaver Tarulis, Alderman. ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Beth Warren, City Clerk, Ms. Kathleen Field-Orr, City Attorney. Ms. Krysti Barksdale-Noble, Community Development Director.

(WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had in public hearing:)

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Next we will go into public public hearing. So we will go into public hearing for Dave and Debbie Coffman, petitioners, have filed an application with the United City of Yorkville, Kendall County, Illinois, requesting annexation pursuant to an annexation agreement of a tract of property into the City's municipal boundary.

The tract of property is generally located south of U.S. Route 34, west of McHugh Road. A total of one parcel is proposed to be annexed pursuant to the annexation agreement: 9298 U.S. Route 34, Veteran's Highway.

So is there anyone from the public who would like to comment on this? Please step up, sir, and state your name for the record after you sign in.

#### RYAN SWANSON,

spoke from the podium as follows:

MR. SWANSON: Thank you, Your Honor,
Councilmen. My name is Ryan Swanson. I am with

ARC Design Resources. We are consultants for the Casey's Retail Company. I am here tonight on behalf of Dave and Debbie Coffman as well as Casey's.

This component is really an integral part of the Casey's development. This annexation of the Coffman parcel is really required from that, and from the Coffman side they really want to continue to operate their facility as they do today, is what they're asking for.

Just by way of detail -- and I will be pretty brief -- really what precipitated this communication discussion with the Coffmans, which started months ago, was the proximity of a well.

Their current well is literally right here, almost on the property line, which creates issues for the proximity of Casey's underground storage tanks as well as the pumps located here, tanks and pumps.

So really what we look to do is get them off of that well and put them on public water and ultimately public sewer, so Casey's will be constructing that for them as part of

their project, and ultimately annexation into the City of Yorkville with both parcels, ultimately coming together as one project, so with that, obviously we support this, Casey's supports it, Dave and Debbie Coffman support it, as well as the annexation agreement, they are currently reviewing that, but the relief items essentially just let them operate as they do today with their current facility setbacks, things like that.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Thank you, Mr. Swanson.

MR. SWANSON: Thank you.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Is there anyone else from the public that would like to comment on this?

(No response.)

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Any questions or comments from the Council?

(No response.)

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Hearing none, we will close the public hearing.

Next we have a public hearing for the tax levy. Bart, I believe you have some slides or information you would like to share with us.

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BART OLSON,

spoke from the podium as follows:

MR. OLSON: Okav. So we have our state-mandated property tax levy public hearing, and this year, depending on our actual policy choices, this might not have been state mandated, but we've been adhering to the practice each year for the past several years even if it's not required, so two main policy questions for the City Council for this year.

So we had our property tax rollback that we have communicated for a number of years, since about 2012, and so this is the first year where we had not communicated a property tax decrease or a flat rate from year-to-year, so this is the first non-communicated year that we had the decision to decide whether we want to increase property taxes to capture new construction, which is about \$10 million in new EAV, and it's worth about \$65,000 in property taxes, and inflation, which is 2.1 percent this year, which is about another \$65,000 of total property taxes, so in general the City Council could choose to raise property taxes about

\$130,000 is what we're thinking.

And then the second component is whether we want to continue to cap the library levy, as we did last year for the first year in many years, but we'll get into that here in a little bit.

So this is how we published it, and so you've got the separate City levy and library levies. You know, we always publish with a higher dollar amount on the City side than we expect to get, and that's so we can have a conversation at a later date about lowering it and actually choosing a value without having to redo the public hearing.

So right now we had shown in the public hearing notice about a 3.3 million dollar operation cap for the City and \$672,000 for the library, and so that's a growth of about \$27,000, which would be reflected in a property tax cap, so then we've got our uncapped, non-abated property taxes here at zero for the City and then the bond for the building there, so you've got three exhibits labeled within the City Council packet.

So one is just the public hearing; so we estimate a lot of property taxes and then we can back those down at a later date. So let's discard that for now, unless if the offer -- the policy decision by the City Council is to levy for more than we think that we can get, so that we capture every dollar under the property tax cap.

So Exhibit B is if you were to levy all the increment related to new construction, about \$65,000, and for inflation, another \$65,000, you would see an increase from last year about 4.17 percent on your property tax city line item for \$130,000, which is what I had referenced.

That same percentage would apply for the library, so that would be gross of about \$50,000 for them, too, so that's assuming again new construction and inflation for both levies.

So Exhibit C is the actual City
Staff recommendation, so we recognized that to go
from property tax decreases in many years to flat
last year to a large increase or a maximum
allowed under the law might be a little bit

difficult to communicate publicly, so our initial recommendation was to only capture the new construction dollar amount and not the inflation, so theoretically we have \$10 million of new EAV coming online to the City; if you only ask for \$65,000 over what you got last year, nobody's property taxes in the City for the City property tax levy should go up.

If you have a larger piece of the pie because your home went up 40 percent and your neighbors didn't, then you obviously pay a little bit more, but everything else being equal, just applying for new construction, property taxes should not go up. So in that scenario, if you were to give the library what they had asked for, that's a 4.17 percent increase, or about \$58,000.

Is that number right? It doesn't sound right. Didn't we say it was 27? We'll get back to that in a second. Our top people are checking on it.

MR. FREDRICKSON: It is 27.

MR. OLSON: It is 27, okay.

ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: Yeah, Because in the second slide, it had both of them going up four

percent.

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ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: In the second slide it still had the library going up four, so this would be half of that.

MR. OLSON: That should read 27. That was just an error on my part for not catching that. So that's \$27,000. The percentage is correct, right, Rob?

MR. FREDRICKSON: In total, yes.

MR. OLSON: Yes.

MR. FREDRICKSON: Should read 27, yes.

MR. OLSON: That should read 27.

So getting into the library discussion, so again, they set their own levy by law, so they say we're going to levy \$800,000 or whatever it ends up being. We take that and we apply it in our tax ordinance. We cannot change the dollar amount that they levied.

What we can do is apply the property tax cap equally to that like you did last year, so if they levied \$645,000 last year, they're allowed to collect new construction and inflation just like we do, so that would equal

4.17 percent, or about \$27,000, is what it should have shown on those other slides.

So the maximum rate under law if you were to combine those two property tax cap calculations together, as we did every year leading up to last year, is 15 cents per hundred dollars EAV.

As your EAV goes up city-wide through normal growth of property taxes, that maximum tax rate does not change for them, so in past years you saw 30, 40, 50 percent increases in library property taxes to the detriment of the city property taxes, which is why we started to levy separately last year, so they were subject to no property tax cap last year, and, again, the recommendation is to continue to do -- continuing to do that in the future, so -- but as we get into our new slides here, I labeled it with this nice, new yellow star, so this is not in your packet.

So last night at the board meeting, the library requested a maximum levy of 15 cents per \$100 EAV, so they didn't necessarily give us a dollar amount, they gave us a rate, which we've

done that in the past, but you're not really supposed to do, so but that translates to an estimate of \$743,000 in total property tax levy, which is a 15 percent increase over what they got last year, for about \$97,000, more than last year as well, so we didn't actually draft it up because I wanted to see what everybody's at least feedback was before we take this to a future meeting and vote on it, but if you look at Exhibit A, B and C, Exhibit D, a fourth option, would be if you're okay with the City Council only collecting \$65,000 in new construction from last year to this year -- so not foregoing that inflation factor of \$65,000 -- there is theoretically a scenario where you could combine levies and actually give them 15 cents per \$100 EAV.

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We would lose six grand, I mean, as a result of it, but they would gain \$97,000 from last year to the next year, so it is legally possible for you to do that.

So if you look at Exhibit, A, B and C in the packet, okay, they're all calculated as separate property tax levies between the City and

the library, so if you just say we're going to endorse Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C with no changes, what's going to happen is the tax levy ordinance is going to say the library requests \$743,000, but we're going to apply the limiting rate to them separately, which means functionally they're only going to get \$672,000, so but it won't change the actual numbers that they had communicated to us.

So again, so Exhibit D, the City would only collect a partial increment on new construction and the library would capture all of their new construction, all of their inflation and all of our inflation because we're calculating them together, so you'd be giving them, you know, a portion under our tax cap if you wanted to do that.

So in that scenario like I said we would lose about \$6,000 and the library property tax line item would increase 15 percent to \$97,000.

So there are two main policy questions for you to think about tonight that I would appreciate some feedback because I know the

Library Board has been asking and they probably just don't want to hear from me, they want to hear it from everybody else, but you don't have to make a decision tonight, is one, does the City Council want to levy the maximum amount under tax cap law or do they want to forego a portion for inflation, which was the Staff recommendation, and, if so, if you want to forego a portion, do you want to give the library your portion of the inflation to allow them to levy 15 percent or not.

So if the answer is we're going to levy the City as much as possible under the property tax cap, they -- there is not a scenario where you can give them 15 cents per \$100 EAV and not have the City actually end up losing money.

So the two questions: Do you want to levy the maximum amount under City law or less, and if you want to levy less, do you want to allow the library to capture your amount, so those are the two things that I would appreciate your feedback on at this meeting.

So moving on, just some general tax facts: It is notable that the police pension

contribution actually decreased from last year from the previous year. This is the line item within your property tax levy that had been increasing 15, 20 percent year over year in the future that we were worried about having to do, so they had a good year, they invested very well, and so our actual contribution went down, which is huge because then that allows us to continue to levy for things that pay for other police things.

And again, just the average EAV increase city-wide is 8.53 percent, so if you look at your individual assessment, if it's higher than that, your property tax is probably what we're going to do, and if it's down, just on your city property tax line item, it should go down, too, so it's all relative to what your neighbors pay.

Again, we are only 6.3 percent of your tax bill, so that does not include the library, and this is the second year in a row of not abating any property taxes, so those abatement ordinances are actually in front of Admin next Wednesday, so again, this is a

communication strategy that we've had for a few years, and so this is the first year, fiscal year '19, so next fiscal year, where we did not communicate about anything, so this is what we've got in here equal to new construction for a two-percent increase, so this is a public hearing. You've got two meetings to discuss this. It has to be filed with the County by the last Tuesday of the month or of the calendar year.

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We do not have a meeting on December 26th, so if we take two meetings to discuss it, we'd have to call a special meeting before December 22nd to do so.

So members of the Library Board are not here, I know they discussed this at their board meeting last night, I talked to Alisa this morning about it, she said that they were interested in it, so they are aware of the conversation, and aware of the tax rate. And then my current information.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Okay. It's open for discussion. Anybody. Yes, sir.

ALDERMAN FUNKHOUSER: I don't think I

mentioned this, Option C, I think going after the new construction but not the inflationary costs, I think that's where I would like to be. I think that's a fair increase.

So on the -- that's the first question, which one.

Second question being do we give a little of our inflation costs to the library, I say no. I say keep them at the -- keep them the same way we did last year. I don't think that 15-percent increase for them is justifiable.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Yes, sir.

ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: Yeah, I agree. The new construction is what we came up with because that's actually new properties that were not existing last year, so if your house has not increased in value from last year to this year, your individual property tax should not go up, it should remain the same, so even though the number went up just because we have more houses, that's a good thing. That's the whole point of us getting the bills program underway and getting the rooftops in, was to get those new houses built.

Now we've got them, great. That allows us to get a little more recapture. I do not want to increase for inflation, that's just another way for us to take more money, and we're trying to keep a line on our taxes, so I agree on that.

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And with the library, I agree, too.

I mean, if we're going to take for inflation, the residents don't distinguish between the library and the city. If we tell them we're taking more money, we're taking more money; it doesn't matter where it goes to the average taxpayer.

So we have to work within our own restraints as far as how much money we get in on our budget, and so does the library, so I would not support allowing them to pay for inflation, taking our -- whatever we would get for inflation into their budget, so they will have to work under the 0.15 and nothing more than that.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Yes, sir.

ALDERMAN FRIEDERS: Rather than harping on this, I will agree with both of these. That's exactly what I was going to say, but probably a little bit more eloquently.

ALDERMAN KOCH: I'm the same way.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Okay. Receiving a thumbs up, I'd like that in the record, please.

MR. OLSON: And just for the record, I know the Library Board has been talking a lot about their increased costs and they have maintenance issues and we've been trying to work on that with them the past couple weeks, so we would expect an intergovernmental agreement to come in front of everybody in the next month or so that would then itemize those issues and kind of talk about, you know, what their needs are so that we can kind of plug them into a capital basis similar to how we do with every other department of the City.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Yes, ma'am.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: I was going to say I was there last night. Something else that came up was that they would like to go -- they did some research, the president did, that there is four referendums that they can go to next year, one being a referendum --

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Hold on, Jackie. Would this be better for the other then since we are in

public hearing for the tax levy, or it don't
matter?

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: I don't know because it kind of -- the one referendum would be to ask for a levy increase that they could use just for building maintenance, and I wrote down it's a 0.9 --

MS. ORR: No, it's 0.02.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: All right. I get a little dyslexic. So that was one. And then there was another referendum that is a fund replenishment levy.

MS. ORR: It's a working cash fund referendum.

ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: For maintenance.

MS. ORR: Now, it's a working cash fund, and the issue is that it is a levy that can be had for four years, but there is a payback provision, so it would just be a temporary fix. The 0.02 percent I believe is two years. I'd have to go back to my statute to know.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: So they didn't mention any --

MS. ORR: I think there is a time, and

if I'm wrong on that, but it is 0.02, but that's subject to a backdoor referendum.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: Then there is another levy that would help them with their IMRF and Social Security.

MS. ORR: I don't know about that at all.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: Yeah, I might have it down wrong, I have 7.65. And then the fourth, which they said was another referendum that would help them for the insurance for the building, but they're under our insurance, so that didn't matter, so they're going to be discussing this next time, so this -- like the next election season, they would be talking about going for the referendum.

MR. OLSON: Yeah, I haven't researched the timeline deadlines that would be required for that. The initial request came from the Board president this year and that they weren't required to do a referendum.

The City attorney talked to the Library attorney and determined that it was a front door referendum required, which is going

through the City Council's authority, and so I think they are going to be discussing in the near future, like, you know, which election should they do, and how do they come to us and request that.

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MS. ORR: The real issue, though, and as Bart said, I discussed it with their Library attorney, who is extraordinarily knowledgeable, that's all he does, are libraries throughout the state, that even with these increases, even with the permission, it would still all be under the tax cap, and so to go through those efforts when all you can do is raise it with the tax cap brings it right back face front to the discussion that we just had, and he is available to us to explain it further, so -- it's a nice thought, but --

ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: I think the real issue is the Library Board thinking they're going to go to referendum to the residents of Yorkville asking for a tax increase and they're going to get it. That's the real issue.

ALDERMAN MILSCHEWSKI: That was brought

1 ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: I get it, it's 2 within their statutory authority to do it, but, 3 you know, I --4 MS. ORR: They have to come to us and we 5 would put the referendum on --6 ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: It would be on the 7 ballot, be interesting to see what happens, but, 8 yeah, it's not going to happen. 9 ALDERMAN KOCH: So basically if they 10 decide to go for a referendum, we're kind of on 11 the hook for that referendum, too, I mean, if 12 we're saying that we're doing it for them or is 13 that how that would --14 MS. ORR: We would pass the ordinance or 15 the resolution that would put it on the ballot. 16 That's my understanding. 17 MR. OLSON: You would have the discretion to do so. You would not be mandated 18 19 to do it. 20 MS. ORR: Correct. Correct. But to do 21 it and still be under the tax cap is an 22 interesting concept. What's the point? I really don't know. 23

Yes, sir.

MAYOR GOLINSKI:

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ALDERMAN FRIEDERS: Like wow. When the question was posed to me earlier this afternoon, like my simple answer was no. When I was in high school, I always wanted to have like the newest of everything, and my dad had me write out on a little spreadsheet like what's all the money coming in and what's all the money going out.

At the end of the day, do you have enough money to buy what it is that you want? If the answer is no, cut something. If the answer is still no, cut something else. If you can't do anything, don't spend the money.

So every time that we've kind of had a conversation with the library, either in the room or directly towards the library, it's been like let's work together.

I thought Tim's idea originally had merit because you don't got to spend 80 grand a year on somebody you might not need full-time.

Also, there's a lot of people that work there, so maybe there is a way to overlap people, you know, shifts and all that stuff, I'm not the person who runs operations for the library, but all of these conversations almost in

my opinion seem like Yorkville is the parents and the library is somehow this teenage son who wants the extra expensive iPhone X, and we're going well, if you want to do that, you need to make more money.

Well, the only way to make more money is to use daddy's bank account to ask for more taxes, which still aren't enough under the cap to make them whole for the 97 grand. Am I -- You are giving me a look like I'm not dumb.

ALDERMAN COLOSIMO: No, you're spot on.

ALDERMAN FRIEDERS: So from my perspective, had they been here and had they submitted this October 26th, which I think was the deadline to discuss this, maybe we would be having a meeting where we are both kind of talking at the same level, but right now it seems like we're passing notes in class and we're trying to figure out what the other really wants, and I get it, you need more money to meet what you've currently got, but if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got, so in my opinion, trim some people, get some volunteers to work on Sundays. My kids

need study time.

I mean, there's ways that we can be creative with this, and I think we've already kind of thrown a couple cool ideas their way, and this idea that we are either -- like we want to like take something that's theirs, there is no theirs. It's Yorkville. I pay taxes here. That's my building, this is my building, this is my old kitchen cabinet.

about something when we're on the same team.

Come sit. I will sit with you in there and let's talk about what you're spending money on that you shouldn't be spending money on or that we can help with.

That's why I'm like why are we having this conversation right now? It seems like a very strange method in which to keep doing what you're already doing when I think Yorkville tightened its belt.

I mean, you had a room full of people there in '06 that weren't there in '07 and they're still providing services. We didn't lose any plow drivers. Mr. Brown is an excellent

example. We made things work. We tightened our belt.

How come we're the only ones that have to tighten our belt? I mean, we're the ones who constantly get slammed about not having enough money to fix roads. Okay, we're working on it. We are finding new and creative ways of doing it.

Why are we the only ones that have to adjust their operating budget? We are the only ones that are required: Police, Public Works, Parks and Rec, City Hall.

But the library, by all means, do what you gotta do. And this is by no means me slamming the Library. I love it just as much as the next guy. Hey, I just made three books in two years, I love the place, but this is a little ridiculous.

So I should have just done this: C Option C. Sorry for getting out of hand there.

Man.

MAYOR GOLINSKI: Who wants to try and top that?

ALDERMAN KOCH: Gary.

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1	MAYOR GOLINSKI: No, I am all for that.
2	I like Option C as well. I think you got a
3	pretty clear direction.
4	MR. OLSON: Yes.
5	MAYOR GOLINSKI: Anything else for the
6	public hearing?
7	(No response.)
8	MAYOR GOLINSKI: We will close the
9	public hearing. Thank you.
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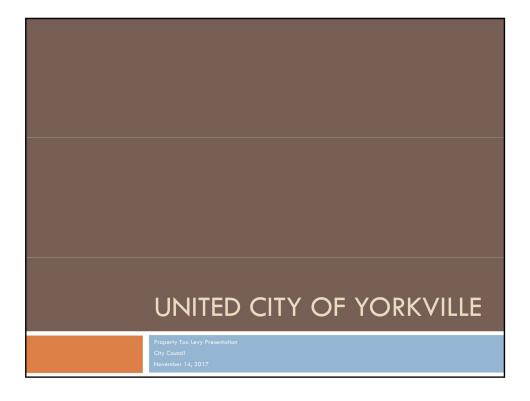
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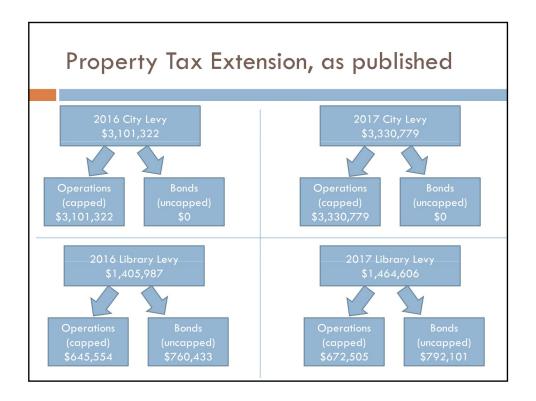
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## Policy Questions for Tax Levy 2017

- □ This is the second year where the City is not collecting any non-abated property taxes and the first year after the City's multi-year plan to decrease property taxes:
  - Does the City want to increase property taxes to capture new construction and/or inflation?
- Does the City want to continue to apply the property tax cap to the Library levy?



## **Property Tax Extension**

- □ Exhibit A, 2017 Tax Levy For Public Hearing
  - □ City property tax line-item increases 7.4% or \$229,457
  - Library property tax line-item increases 4.17% or \$58,619

## **Property Tax Extension**

- □ Exhibit B, 2017 Tax Levy Estimated Full Increment
  - Estimated maximum levy under the tax cap
    - Captures new construction and inflation
  - □ City property tax line-item increases 4.17% or \$129,457
  - Library property tax line-item increases 4.17% or \$58,619

## **Property Tax Extension**

City Staff ecommendation

- □ Exhibit C, 2017 Tax Levy Estimated Partial Increment
  - Estimated maximum levy under the tax cap
    - Captures new construction but not inflation
  - □ City property tax line-item increases 2.07% or \$64,329
  - Library property tax line-item increases 4.17% or \$58,619

## **Property Tax Extension**

- □ Library Board sets its own levy, by law
- □ Library property tax maximum rate is \$0.15 per \$100 EAV, by law
- Library Board was subject to a normal property tax cap last year
- City Staff recommends the Library property taxes be calculated separately from the City property taxes, subjecting the Library property taxes to the normal property tax caps

## Tax facts

- $\hfill\Box$  The City's police pension property tax obligation DECREASED 0.3% or  $\sim\!$  \$3,000 from last year
  - □ The pension fund had good investment returns this past year, and so the City's contribution will decrease for the first time since 2013
- ☐ The average EAV increase on a single property, City-wide is 8.53%
  - $\blacksquare$  If your home EAV goes up 10%, your City property taxes will probably go up  $\sim\!\!10$
  - If your home EAV goes up 8.53% your City property taxes will probably remain flat
  - □ If your home EAV goes up 6%, your City property taxes will probably go down ~\$10

## Tax facts

- □ The City property tax makes up only 6.3% of your total tax bill.
- ☐ The City is not collecting any non-abated property taxes for the second year in a row
  - Non-abated property taxes were collected every year between tax years 2010 and 2015

## Tax facts

□ The City reduced property taxes faster than we communicated:

<u>Communicated</u>		<u>Actual</u>
2% reduction	FY 15	3% reduction
1% reduction	FY 16	1.66% reduction
1% reduction	FY 1 <i>7</i> (prior FY)	1.68% reduction
1% reduction	FY 18 (current FY)	0%
N / A	FY 19 (under discussion)	2.07% proposed (equal to new construction)

## Next steps

- Public Hearing
  - November 14, 2017 City Council meeting
- □ Discussion and consideration
  - November 28, 2017 City Council meeting
  - □ December 12, 2017 City Council meeting (if necessary)

## Questions?

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