COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FINANCE, ASSESSMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE
Judy Doesschate, Chair

DATE: Monday, December 9, 2019
PLACE: City Court Room 209 – 2nd Fl. City Hall
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATIONS BY BUDGET DIRECTOR, MICHAEL WHEELER AND ACTING HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR CELIA GONZALEZ ON RESOLUTIONS 70.101.19R AND 80.112.19R. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING BONDING AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 70.101.19R

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE LOCALLY-ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD CLASSES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

RESOLUTION NUMBER 80.112.19R (MC)

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS FOR THE 2020 BUDGET

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES
Council Member offered the following:

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WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 1-1998, the Common Council adopted the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real property Tax Law relating to the establishment of homestead and non-homestead base proportions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1903(4) of the Real Property Tax Law, the City of Albany has opted not to amend its differential; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, the locally-adjusted homestead base proportion of the City of Albany’s base year assessment roll of 2019 has been determined to be 55.35451 percent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, the locally-adjusted non-homestead base proportion of the City of Albany’s base year assessment roll of 2019 has been determined to be 44.64549 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby establish the existing class shares as follows:

The locally-adjusted homestead base proportion shall equal 55.35451 percent and the locally-adjusted non-homestead base proportion shall equal 44.64549 percent.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 70.102.19R

TITLE
RESOLUTION OF COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE LOCALLY-ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD CLASSES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION
To establish the locally-adjusted base proportions of taxable value for the homestead and non-homestead classes regarding the City’s 2019 assessment roll for property taxes payable in January, 2020. Generally speaking, the homestead class includes residential parcels and then non-homestead class includes commercial parcels. The established tax rates will be as follows: Homestead: 55.35451 %; Non-Homestead: 44.64549 %, a slight reduction for both property classes.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW
To be in compliance with Article 19 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, which requires the local legislative body in a taxing jurisdiction that has split the assessment roll into homestead and non-homestead classes, to calculate the current and adjusted base proportions of the two classes.

EXPLANATION OF DEADLINE OR REQUESTED TIME FRAME FOR PASSAGE
Setting the percentages is required prior to the levy of taxes on the assessment roll.

SPECIFICS OF BIDDING OR OTHER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (IF APPLICABLE)
N/A

SPECIFICS OF REAL PROPERTY SALE OR ACQUISITION (IF APPLICABLE)
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT(S)
N/A
Council Member Doesschate on the behalf of Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee introduced the following:

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WHEREAS, Section 604(D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary total that occurs outside of those described in the duly adopted budget must be consented to by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Director has requested amendments to the 2020 proposed budget as detailed in “Attachment A” which is incorporated and attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of funds affecting the salary totals for various positions as detailed in “Attachment A” for the 2020 budget year.
TO: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk  
FROM: Marisa Franchini, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
RE: Supporting Memorandum  
DATE: November 14, 2019  

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TITLE  
RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS FOR THE 2020 BUDGET  

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION  
These changes are to correct certain administrative errors made in the 2020 proposed budget book.  

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW  
Pursuant to the City Charter the Council must consent to the transfer of funds that effect salary totals which occur outside of the Budget process.  

EXPLANATION OF DEADLINE OR REQUESTED TIME FRAME FOR PASSAGE  
N/A  

SPECIFICS OF BIDDING OR OTHER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (if applicable)  
N/A  

SPECIFICS OF REAL PROPERTY SALE OR ACQUISITION (if applicable)  
N/A  

FISCAL IMPACT(S)  
