

Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee

Saint Paul School District #625
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City of Saint Paul
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County of Ramsey
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MINUTES

Monday, September 27, 2021

- Meeting Held Virtually -
8:30-10am

JPTAC members in attendance: Carter; Ellis; Frethem; Matascastillo; Noecker; O'Connor; Reinhardt; and Vue

JPTAC members not in attendance: Allen; Brendmoen; Gothard; Jalali; and Kopp

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Carter at 8:30 AM
2. Committee and staff introductions
3. Presentation on the patterns of valuations and the impact of the joint levy
 - a. Presentation offered by Ramsey County Assessor Luis Rosario and Ramsey County Auditor/Treasurer Heather Bestler
4. Budget highlights by jurisdiction
 - a. Saint Paul Public School District
 - i. Presentation offered by Saint Paul Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Marie Schrul
 - b. City of Saint Paul
 - i. Presentation offered by City of Saint Paul Senior Budget Analyst Madeline Mitchell
 - c. Ramsey County
 - i. Presentation offered by Ramsey County Chief Financial Officer Alexandra Kotze
5. Other Business
 - a. No other business for consideration
6. *Action Required: Joint Maximum Levy*
 - a. Resolution moved by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Director Ellis

WHEREAS, According to Minnesota state law, local units of government must set their maximum property tax levy in September of each year for taxes payable the following year; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, the City of Saint Paul, and Saint Paul Independent School District #625 have special legislation creating the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (Minnesota Statutes 383A.75), which is charged by the Legislature with

meeting "to make appropriate recommendations for the efficient and effective use of property tax dollars raised by the jurisdictions" (Minnesota Statutes 383A.75, Subd. 3); and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 383A.75, Subd. 3 outlines the specific duties of the Joint Property tax Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, One of those duties under Minnesota Statutes 383A.75, Subd. 3 (2) is to "agree, by October 1st of each year, on the appropriate level of overall property tax levy for the three jurisdictions and publicly report such to the governing bodies of each jurisdiction for ratification or modification by resolution"; and

WHEREAS, "In carrying out its duties, the Committee shall consult with public employees of each jurisdiction, and with other stakeholders of the City, County, and School District, as appropriate"; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee, for taxes payable in 2022, accepts the maximum levies recommended by the three jurisdictions that results in an overall property tax levy increase of 3.8%; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee, for taxes payable in 2022, accepts that this overall property tax levy, after fiscal disparities, will increase by 4.7%; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the jurisdictions will solicit input from stakeholders regarding this levy proposal at their respective public hearings held to discuss proposed budgets and levies.

- b. *Resolution passes via roll call* – Carter; Ellis; Frethem; Matascastillo; Noecker; O'Connor; Reinhardt; and Vue

7. Adjourn

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While the JPTAC will make best efforts to decide all issues before them, it may delay decisions on certain matters where the members believe meeting in-person is necessary.