

**City of Trenton**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

City of Trenton  
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Calvin Woodrey  
**Mayor**

Ryan Perry  
**Vice Mayor**

Jennifer Harris  
**Council Member**

Jennie Combs  
**Council Member**

Dale Perry  
**Council Member**

Cody Agee  
**Council Member**

Sharon Montgomery  
**Council Member**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRAYER**

1. Pastor Tim Smith.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Butler County Auditor Nancy Nix.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. None.

**AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None.

**LEGISLATION**

1. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**

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**REPORTS**

**AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**



**City Council Work Session Agenda MINUTES**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**6:30 pm**

- 1. Finance Director, Matthew Mesisklis
  - a. Discuss Correspondence:
    - i. April Financial Snapshot
      - 1. Matthew discussed the general fund balance/receipts, the Police and Fire Levy receipts.
  - b. Discuss Resolution regarding:
    - i. Code Enforcement Fee Revenues.
      - 1. Matthew Discussed that this legislation would divert the funds from the General Fund to the Property Rehabilitation Fund to use for property beautification and rehabilitation.
- 2. City Manager, Marcos Nichols
  - a. Discuss Resolution regarding:
    - i. Police Officer CBA.
      - 1. Marcos noted that this would be for the years 2023-2025 and the across the board wage increases would be 3%, 3.25, and 3.5% respectively for each year.
  - b. Executive Session Request
    - i. To consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance and to confer with legal counsel.

**Motion - To go into executive session for the reasons noted.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice-Mayor Perry 2nd Perry Time: 6:42PM  
 YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
 NAYS: (0)  
 ABSTAIN: (0)  
 ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**Motion - That executive session be adjourned and the meeting be adjourned.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice-Mayor Perry 2nd Perry Time: 7:13PM  
 YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
 NAYS: (0)  
 ABSTAIN: (0)  
 ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**\*Agenda is subject to change**

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**Vice Mayor      Council Member      Council Member      Council Member      Council Member      Council Member**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRAYER**

1. Deacon Larry Gronas.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
Absent: Montgomery (1)

**Motion –To excuse Council Member Montgomery for reasons known to City Council.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-Mayor Perry \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Harris \_\_\_\_\_  
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the May 4th, 2023 Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the May 4th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion –To approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Council Work Session and Regular Council meeting.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-Mayor Perry \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Perry \_\_\_\_\_  
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: Combs (1)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. April Financial Snapshot.

**AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. None.

**LEGISLATION**

**Motion** - That the items 1 and 2 under legislation be read by title only.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st           Vice-Mayor Perry           2nd           Harris            
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)  
NAYS: Agee (1)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

1. A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING ALL CODE ENFORCEMENT FEE REVENUES TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE CITY OF TRENTON'S PROPERTY REHABILITATION FUND (FUND 251). **(Second Reading)**

**Motion** - That the Resolution be adopted.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st           Vice-Mayor Perry           2nd           Harris            
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A THREE-YEAR SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRENTON, OHIO AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) PATROL OFFICERS AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF SAID COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. **(First Reading, Suspend Rules)**

**Motion** - That the rules be suspended and the Resolution voted on this evening.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st           Vice-Mayor Perry           2nd           Harris            
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)  
NAYS: Agee (1)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**Motion** - That the Resolution be adopted.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st           Vice-Mayor Perry           2nd           Harris            
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)  
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**REPORTS**

No Reports from Staff.

**AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL**

Ms. Harris – Provided Congratulations to seniors getting ready to graduate. Mentioned the garage sales are coming up this weekend and its not City sanctioned. To be safe and kind during. Asked Chief Carr about a police department open house, Chief responded that we are looking to do that again this year – trying to determine appropriate time to hold the event. Asked City Manager Nichols about the flashing crosswalk sign, City Manager Nichols responded that we received news of earlier receipt of materials and it should be installed within the next week or so. Also mentioned that the local boy scout troop will be at Springfest.

Ms. Montgomery – Absent. No reports.

Ms. Combs – Provided Congratulations to all graduates (high school and college). Mentioned yard sales and to be safe and careful with traffic.

Mr. Perry – Provided Congratulations to all graduates and to be careful with folks as they are out and about with the yard sale.

Mr. Agee – Provided Congratulations to all graduates (Trenton, Edgewood, Madison, Butler Tech, and all other educational intitutions). Be careful as you look for treasures that used to be someone else’s trash. Thanks to Bob, Deacon Larry Gronas, and Nicole for attending the Council meeting. Mentioned last year the State of Ohio passed legislation to limit special elections (they cost around \$20 Million). Even after passing, there will be another Special Election this August. Hopefully people get out and vote. For the August 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 Election, the Deadline to register to vote is July 10, 2023; Early in-person voting begins July 11, 2023; Absentee Voting by mail begins July 11, 2023; Military and Overseas Absentee Voting begins June 23, 2023; and Election Day is August 8, 2023. May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day and to remember to honor the folks that lost their lives.

Vice-Mayor Perry – Provided Congratulations to all the graduates. Mentioned June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Spring festival, and that we need volunteers to assist with the event.

Mayor Woodrey – Provided Congratulations to all the seniors (Edgewood, Madison, Middletown Christian, Fenwick, Badin, Marshall High School, those that are homeschooled and do school online), also to all the college graduates. Mentioned the yardsales and that there will be a lot of visitors, and to exercise caution and care so it can be a fun event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion - That the meeting be adjourned.**

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice-Mayor Perry 2nd Agee Time: 7:54PM

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

**RESOLUTION NO \_\_-2023**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, This Council finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the City, and that it is necessary to submit to the electors of the City of Trenton the question of imposing an additional tax levy for the payment of firefighting and emergency medical service personnel to operate the fire department for fire and emergency medical services and protection, in the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio, which tax levy shall be for a continuing period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, this Council is required to certify to the Butler County Auditor a resolution requesting the Butler County Auditor to certify certain matters in connection with such a tax levy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Trenton, County of Butler, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That it is necessary that an additional tax be levied in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of this City, for the payment of firefighting and emergency medical service personnel to operate the fire department for fire and emergency medical services and protection, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or for the payment of other related costs, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code §5705.19(I), at a rate not exceeding four and one quarter (4.25) mills for each one dollar (\$1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred forty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$148.75) for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of the Butler County Auditor's appraised value, upon the entire territory of the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio for a continuing period of time pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.19(3)(a);

**SECTION 2.** That the Butler County Board of Elections is hereby directed to submit the question of the passage of said tax levy to the electors of the City of Trenton, Butler County, Ohio at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023.

**SECTION 3.** That if approved by the electors at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, said tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2023 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2024.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.03, the Butler County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to this Council the total current tax valuation of this City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified in Section 1 hereof, and the Treasurer of this City be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the Butler County Auditor so that said Butler County Auditor may certify such matters in accordance with such Ohio Revised Code §5705.03.

**SECTION 5.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code §121.22, and the rules of this Council adopted in accordance therewith.

**SECTION 6.** That the immediate application of this Resolution is necessary to ensure that the question will be included in a timely manner on all City of Trenton electoral ballots, including absentee ballots. This Resolution is therefore declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage by City Council for the reason that it provides for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City of Trenton, Ohio.

PASSED \_\_\_\_\_  
AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
First Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Calvin Woodrey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
Rules Suspended \_\_\_\_\_  
AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
Marcos Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the City of Trenton, Ohio, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_-2023 is a true and correct copy as passed by the Council of the City of Trenton, Ohio on the 15th day of June, 2023 and that at least two-thirds of the elected members voted in the affirmative on said motion.

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Clerk of Council



## City Council Meeting Staff Report

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Report to: The Honorable Mayor Calvin Woodrey & Members of the City Council

Report From: Fire Chief, Darrell Yater

Agenda Item: A Resolution declaring the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection therewith and declaring an emergency.

<b>Ordinance/Resolution/Motion</b> <i>Resolution</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Date: 6-1-2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Date: 6-15-2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Date: Motion Resolution Date: 6-15-2023 Public Hearing Date:	<b>Strategic Goals</b> Connected Community Economic Vitality Operational Excellence Strong & Secure Neighborhoods General Operations
<b>Contract</b>	<b>Contract Required:</b>	<b>Additional Document(s) Attached:</b>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b> <b>See Summary</b>	Budgeted: Expenditure: Source Funds:	<i>Please see further, more detailed information regarding the fiscal impact in the summary section of this report.</i>

**Policy Issue**

Does the city wish to approve the Resolution of placing a 4.25 mill levy for the payment of firefighting and emergency medical service personnel to operate the fire department to provide fire and medical protection.

**Policy Alternative**

City Council can choose to not approve the Resolution of placing a 4.25 mill levy for fire and EMS protection and the Fire Department will meet financial constraints under its current funding model and return to 3-person shifts by budget year 2025.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that council receive this report and adopt the necessary Resolution.

**Statutory/Policy Authority**

- ORC and Ordinances of the City of Trenton

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

A 4.25 mill levy is expected to yield \$1.2m in additional funding for the Fire department on an annual basis. This revenue will be used to sustainably support an increased staffing model of 2 full-time fighters and 3 part-time fighters per shift through calendar year 2029, in addition to needed dispatch services and anticipating a full-time fire chief in the future. This levy will cost a typical homeowner \$145 per \$100,000 of auditor-appraised home value, based on 2023 valuations and will be subject to reduction factors in future years.



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**Background Information**

The Trenton Fire Department currently operates as a part time fire department. The Fire Chief is part time, and the department is authorized 4 part time personnel a day to operate Fire and EMS protection. With full-time departments hiring full-time fire and EMS personnel the part-time pool of people is shrinking. We are struggling at times to fill all 4 part time positions and with part time we do not always have a supervisor on duty, sometimes do not have a paramedic on duty and sometimes do not have certified personnel to operate fire equipment. With this Resolution we would hire 6 full-time personnel giving us 2 full-time personnel on duty everyday with one being and Officer and both being paramedics and one a certified operator. This would greatly enhance our operations of providing Fire and EMS protection. This Resolution would also allow for the hiring of a full-time Fire Chief.

## RESOLUTION NO \_\_-2023

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PASSED \_\_\_\_\_

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Calvin Woodrey \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Rules Suspended \_\_\_\_\_

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Marcos Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the city wish to approve the Resolution of placing a 2 mill levy for the payment of firefighting and emergency medical service personnel to operate the fire department to provide fire and medical protection.

**Policy Alternative**

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**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that council receive this report and adopt the necessary Resolution.

**Statutory/Policy Authority**

- ORC and Ordinances of the City of Trenton

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

A 2.0 mill levy is expected to yield \$575,000 in additional funding for the Fire department on an annual basis. This revenue will be used to sustainably support an increased staffing model of 5 part-time fighters per shift through calendar year 2034, in addition to supplementing needed dispatch services. This levy will cost a typical homeowner \$68.25 per \$100,000 of auditor-appraised home value, based on 2023 valuations and will be subject to reduction factors in future years.

**Background Information**

The Trenton Fire Department currently operates as a part time fire department. The Fire Chief is part time, and the department is authorized 4 part time personnel a day to operate Fire and EMS protection. With this Resolution the money generated would be to keep the Fire Department as a part-time department and add one part-time position giving us 5 part-time personnel a day to operate fire and EMS protection.