

May 8, 2024

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

202401315

FROM: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board  
 Recommendations**

At its session on April 17, 2024, Council passed the following item:

**ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, ESTABLISHING the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings.

Pursuant to the passage of this ordinance, an assessment equalization board was impaneled on April 30, 2024, to hear one objection to the 2025 assessment from a property owner with nine separate parcels (CSX Railroad). The Board agreed to maintain the current assessments as proposed for 2025 without adjustment, as follows:

Parcel Number	Recommended Assessment Amount for 2025
0360001020400	\$751.38
0500002026200	\$588.91
1620004000500	\$636.12
1900029000100	\$612.22
2010036000500	\$556.19
2050021010500	\$539.56
2050021012100	\$709.94
2440003004500	\$587.45
2450002010000	\$581.48

Ohio Revised Code Section 727.17 requires City Council to approve or disapprove the assessment equalization board's recommendations as to this objection as part of a "Determining to Proceed" ordinance. The administration urges Council to approve the board's recommendation so that the 2025 assessment can proceed in a timely manner. The total assessment for the 2025 Urban Forestry program is \$3.4 million.

cc: Jason Barron, Director of Parks *JB*