



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Minutes

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September 9, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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Council Vice President Moore called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn (attended by teleconference), Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar (left 6:35; attended by teleconference), P.C. Wu (attended by teleconference)

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV

To limit the potential spread of COVID-19, some Council Members attended by telephonic conferencing, and members of the public had the opportunity to attend and participate **only via live stream or phone**. This change in format was consistent with [Executive Order 20-69](#) issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis and had been adopted at the direction of Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn in consultation with the City Attorney. Public participation was available as follows:

**Members of the public may attend and participate via live stream and/or phone.**

**Note that the format of the meeting is subject to change due to continuing changes in meeting requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's website will have the most current information regarding attendance at the meeting by the public.**

To watch the meeting live visit: [cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video](https://cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video). Or Mayor Grover Robinson's Facebook page at [facebook.com/PensacolaMayor](https://facebook.com/PensacolaMayor).

**To provide input:**

- Agenda Items, for specific items on the agenda: citizens may submit an online form here <https://www.cityofpensacola.com/ccinput> **beginning at 3:00 P.M. until that agenda item has been voted upon** to indicate they wish to speak to a specific item on the agenda **and include a phone number. Staff will call the person** at the appropriate time so the citizen can directly address the City Council using a telephone held up to a microphone. **Any form received after an agenda item has been voted upon will not be considered.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn

Council Vice President Moore indicated this is a special meeting of the City Council to conduct the first public hearing for the purpose of adopting tentative millage rates for the City and the Downtown Improvement District for 2020 and tentative budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2021.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. [20-00440 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021](#)

Before addressing the action items, Council Vice President Moore read into the record and explained that the TRIM law requires strict conformance with exacting procedures in order to lawfully adopt millage levies and budgets. In adherence with those procedures, he indicated the first substantive issue to be discussed must be the percentage increase over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased; and further that the proposed tentative millage rate of 4.2895 mills for the City and 2.0000 mills for the Downtown Improvement District constitutes a 6.87% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.1472 mills. He also stated the basis for the “rolled-back” rate. And, finally, announced the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

He then called on City staff to explain the reasons for the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate.

Finance Director Lovoy provided the explanation indicating the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate is to maintain services and meet increased costs.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. [2020-32](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-32.

A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Jerrals and seconded by Council Member Hill.**

There being no discussion or public input the vote was called.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 7           Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu  
No: 0           None

3. [2020-33](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-33.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; MAKING TENTATIVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND ALL DEPARTMENTS THEREOF AND FOR THE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Jerrals and seconded by Council Member Terhaar.**

Public input was heard as follows:

**David Mitchell:** Addressed Council regarding capital improvement scheduled for Baars Park in 2023.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**

Public input continued as follows (regarding Res. No. 2020-33):

**Anthony Caldwell:** Addressed Council regarding needed improvements for Magee Field and (its) facilities.

**Phil Nickinson:** Addressed Council regarding funding for Hitzman Optimist Park construction of soccer complex and facilities.

Following public input, Council Member Myers made comments referencing handouts provided of proposed amendments (on file with background materials). She indicated she would like to amend Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funding to construct a community and athletic center at Tippin Park.

**Council Member Myers made a motion to amend that a Line Item allocation be created for Tippin Park Community and Athletic Center. Council Member Jerrals seconded.**

Some discussion took place regarding the amendment.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input the vote was called.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 5      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers  
No: 2      Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu

Council Member Myers referenced her handout of proposed amendments to LOST allocations for reallocation to Tippin Park Community and Athletic Center Line Item.

**Council Member Myers made a motion to amend as follows and Council Member Jerrals seconded:**

- 1. Transfer line item ~~50~~ 49 City Hall Parking lot improvements \$200,000.00**
- 2. Transfer line item 51 Palafox Marina Seawall Refurbishment projected for 2025 transfer \$500,000.00. CRA DISTRICT.**
- 3. Transfer from line item 56 Energy Conservation and Efficiency \$ 430,000. (This will be used for solar power generation and other green features) Allocated now for city hall lighting and plumbing**

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**

Amendment to Res. No. 2020-33 (cont'd.):

4. **Transfer line item 63 Cobb Center \$335,000 remaining from current project completed**
5. **Transfer line 68 Malcom Yonge \$715,000.00.**
6. **. Transfer line item 85 Bay Bluffs \$200,000.00 for unspecified project in 2024.**
7. **Transfer line item 87 Bayview Park\$200, 902.00**
8. **Transfer Line item 102 Fairchild Park for \$100,000.00**
9. **Transfer line item 103 Ferdinand Plaza for \$100,000.00**
- 10.**Transfer from line item 112 Legion Field funds remaining \$213, 910.**
- 11.**Transfer line item 131 Tippin park for \$200,000.00**

**Total: \$3,193,902. Tippin Community Center and athletic field.**

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the amendment. Transportation Engineer Novota and Finance Director Lovoy fielding comments and questions. Mayor Robinson suggested since this is the first staff has seen the proposed amendment(s) that this discussion be continued at the second public hearing to allow staff to respond appropriately.

**Council Member Myers pulled her (above) motion to amend.**

**Council Member Myers made a motion to amend that further requests/motions to amend LOST allocations be referred to staff (by close of business on 9/11/20) for response to council prior to consideration at the second public hearing on 9/16/20 and Council Member Jerrals seconded.**

Some discussion took place regarding the amendment.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input the vote was called.

**The motion failed by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 3            Jewel Cannada-Wynn, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers  
No: 3            Jared Moore, Ann Hill, P.C. Wu

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**

Res. No. 2020-33 (cont'd.):

**A motion to amend was made by Council Member Hill (as referenced in her handout - - on file with background materials) and seconded by Council Member Cannada-Wynn that Line 68 – Malcolm Yonge – Transfer \$715,000 to Line 114 – Magee Field (Transfer \$715,000 from Line 68 moving to Line 114).**

Some discussion took place regarding the amendment.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input the vote was called.

**The motion failed by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 3           Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill,  
No: 3           John Jerralds, Sherri Myers, P.C. Wu

Based on discussion of proposals presented, Mayor Robinson indicated he expects staff to review and be prepared to respond at the second public hearing on 9/16/20.

**A motion to amend was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn (as referenced in her handout - - on file with background materials) and seconded by Council Member Hill to increase (the) classification of Council Executive position from SES III to SES IV and increase Council Executive Kraher's annual salary to \$140,004.80 moving \$28,000 from Council Attorney position to cover the increased salary.**

Some discussion took place among Council. City Administrator Wilkins provided input that (the) classification increase has been analyzed by Human Resources and is reflective of the responsibilities of the position.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input the vote was called.

**The motion carried by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 5           Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                    Wu  
No: 1           Sherri Myers

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**

Res. No. 2020-33 (cont'd.):

**A motion to amend was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn (as referenced in her handout - - on file with background materials) and seconded by Council Member Hill to provide for Council Staff to receive Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) same as all other City employees when provided for in the annual budget.**

Council Executive Kraher made comments clarifying the intent of the motion.

There being no further discussion and no public input the vote was called.

**The motion carried by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 6      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                    Wu, Sherri Myers  
No: 0      None

**Council Vice President Moore indicated the main motion with three (3) amendments is on the floor.**

Council Member Myers expressed concerns regarding protocols for public input not being sufficient and noted citizens being present outside the building. Council Vice President Moore indicated current protocols are in line with current circumstances (related to COVID-19) and are in place beyond the second public hearing scheduled for 9/16/20.

There being no further discussion and no public input the vote was called.

**The main motion as amended carried by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 5      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                    Wu  
No: 1      Sherri Myers

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**

- 4. 2020-34 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-34.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hill and seconded by Council Member Moore.**

**The motion carried by the following vote (with Council Member Terhaar no longer in attendance):**

Yes: 6      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, P.C.  
                     Wu, Sherri Myers  
 No: 0      None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other agenda items, Council Vice President Moore reminded the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

Brief comments were made regarding protocols for public input.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

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Adopted: September 24, 2020

Approved: Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, President of City Council

Attest:

  
Erika L. Burnett, City Clerk