



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Moore called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Sherri Myers (left 6:52), Delarian Wiggins

Council Members Absent: Casey Jones

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person. City Council encourages those not fully vaccinated to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth.

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

To watch the meeting live visit: cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video.

To provide input:

- 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.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [21-00725 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022](#)

Before addressing the action items, Council 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 5.36% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.2020 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 15, 2021, 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. [2021-67 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-67 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2021](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-67:

[A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Wiggins and seconded by Council Member Broughton.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

3. [2021-68](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-68 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-68:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; 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, 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Broughton and seconded by Council Member Wiggins.

Public input was heard as follows:

Blair Castro: Addressed Council regarding additional funding needs for the Monument to Women's Veterans' statue and related work in the amount of \$71,000.

Some follow-up discussion took place with Ms. Castro responding accordingly to questions from Council Members. Finance Director Lovoy provided information regarding funding for the Foundation of Women's Veterans from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) budget.

The following individuals addressed Council regarding various issues related to climate change action, environmental, and sustainability goals:

Paige Plier (via phone held up to a mic)
John Herron (provided a handout – on file)

Ally Atchison
Rainey Richards

Follow-up discussion took place throughout public input referenced above.

Cris Dosev: Addressed Council regarding funding for a statue of General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. on the Pensacola side of (said-named) Memorial Bridge requesting City.

Some follow-up discussion took place with Mr. Dosev responding accordingly to questions from Council Members.

Brian Wyer: Addressed Council regarding the Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce providing an update on upcoming events (provided handout – on file).

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

Following public input (**regarding Resolution No. 2021-68**), discussion ensued among Council with Finance Director Lovoy responding accordingly throughout discussion to questions and providing clarification regarding eligibility requirements for projects funded with Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) dollars and rolling over of unencumbered funds with the budget of the Office of City Council. Deputy Finance Director McLellan, City Administrator Wilkins, and Council Executive Kraher also provided input and clarification.

Based on discussion, City Council approved reallocating various LOST IV projects in FY 2021 and the departmental budget for the Office of City Council with supplemental budget resolution(s) coming back to City Council after October 1st to reallocate, **based on the following actions:**

1. Council Member Broughton made a motion and Council Member Hill seconded to reallocate any available balances within each Council Member's individual Transportation and Training Account to each of the Council Member's individual Discretionary Accounts. (It was clarified this will be included on the Unencumbered Carryover Resolution in December.)

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

2. Council Member Broughton made a motion and Council Member Wiggins seconded to reallocate \$250,000 from Sanders Beach Corinne Jones Resource Center to Woodland Heights Resource Center to install a kitchen.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

(Resolution No. 2021-68 cont'd):

3. **Council Member Broughton made a motion and Council Member Hill seconded to reallocate \$250,000 from Sanders Beach Corinne Jones Resource Center to Chappie James Memorial (new line item) for construction and installation of a statue.**

During discussion of this motion, **Council Member Myers left the meeting.** Assistant City Attorney Lindsay recommended the meeting be recessed to ascertain whether Council Member Myers has left the building and intends not to return.

Recessed at 6:55 P.M. and reconvened at 7:09 P.M.

Council President Moore announced **it was ascertained that Council Member Myers has left the building and does not intent to return to the meeting.** There being no further discussion and no public input, the vote was announced as follows.

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

Yes: 5	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

4. **Council Member Wiggins made a motion and Council Member Hill seconded to reallocate \$40,000 from Sanders Beach Corinne Jones Resource Center to Women's Veteran's Memorial (new line item) for construction and installation of a monument (with funding to not be remitted until they have met the necessary requirements as outlined in the lease).**

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

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

Yes: 5	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**(Resolution No. 2021-68 cont'd):**

5. **Council Member Brahier made a motion and Hill seconded to reallocate the following:**

- a. **Reallocate \$100,000 from Bayview Senior Center to General Park Improvements**
- b. **Reallocate \$43,431 from Sanders Beach Corinne Jones Resource Center to General Park Improvements**
- c. **Reallocate \$385,000 from the Theophalis May Resource Center to General Park Improvements**
- d. **Reallocate \$24,823 from Legion Field to General Park Improvements.**

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

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

Yes: 5 Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton,
 Delarian Wiggins
No: 0 None

Some follow-up discussion took place regarding a funding request for Ella Jordan Historic Home for an audio/visual security system. Finance Director Lovoy again provided clarification regarding eligibility requirements for projects funded with Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) dollars with Council Executive Kraher suggesting funding could be through each Council Members' FY 2022 Discretionary Funds.

Upon conclusion of discussion, **Council President Moore called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-68 (as presented with reallocations to come forward to Council for final approval after October 1st).**

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

Yes: 5 Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton,
 Delarian Wiggins
No: 0 None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

4. [2021-69 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-69 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-69:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

Yes: 5 Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton,
 Delarian Wiggins

No: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other agenda items, Council President Moore reminded the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Jared Moore, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk