



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Minutes

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September 13, 2017

5:31 P.M.

Council Chambers

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Council Vice President Wingate called the special meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson (left 6:53), Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu (arrived 5:39)

**Council Members Absent:** Brian Spencer

Council Vice President Wingate 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 2017 and tentative budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2018.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

1. [17-00500 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS](#)

Before addressing the agenda items, Council Vice President Wingate 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 3.56% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.2502 mills. He also stated the basis for the “rolled-back” rate.

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

Chief Financial Officer Barker provided the explanation indicating the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate is in order to maintain services and meet increased costs.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. [17-53](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 17-53 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-53.

A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2017; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Terhaar and seconded by Council Member Cannada-Wynn.**

**The motion carried by the following vote (with Council Member Wu not yet in attendance):**

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

3. [17-54](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 17-54 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-54.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017; 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, 2017; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Public input was heard from Blair Stephenson addressed Council regarding her concerns related to the master planning and construction of the Bayview Resource Center.

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

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-54 was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Wingate, that in accordance with the City Attorney's *Legal Opinion on Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Matters* memorandum dated September 11, 2017 (on file with background materials), but for the items Council has already approved for LOST IV funding: Bayview Resource Center \$6,050,000; Fire Station #3 \$3,300,000; Fire Apparatus \$935,000; and Osceola Clubhouse \$700,000, City Council defer allocating any further funds for LOST IV Projects by appropriating said (remaining) funds to be placed in a "Reserve" account.

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the (first) amendment with Council Member Myers fielding comments and questions. Chief Financial Officer Barker also asked for clarification.

Council Member Myers clarified, other than the specific project allocations previously approved (and referenced in the above amendment), everything else be moved to unallocated reserves.

In response to Council Member Myers' clarification, Chief Financial Officer Barker advised that debt service payments on capital project bonds are a part of the LOST funds (reflected on page 31 of Resolution No. 17-54) in the amount of \$580,200 for interest with a principal payment of \$4,961,400, for a total of \$5,541,600. Therefore, \$7,461,500 would be the remaining funds which are being proposed for reserves.

Council Member Myers also addressed Council Member Cannada-Wynn's concern that there be a timeframe for those dollars to be allocated, and offered a friendly amendment that the deferment of LOST IV be within six (6) months of the approval of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 17-54.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers
No: 4	Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu

Discussion continued among Council with Council Member Johnson raising the issue of increased funding for the design and construction of the new Bayview Resource center.

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

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-54 was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Terhaar, that City Council remove \$1,640,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 30 – *Pavement Management Program* originally proposed for \$12,000,000, leaving \$10,360,000 in funding; and create Line Item 31 – *Burgess Road Project* in the amount of \$1,640,000.

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the (second) amendment.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 2 to Resolution No. 17-54.

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

Yes: 4            Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Sherri Myers  
No: 2            Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu

Discussion continued among Council.

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-54 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Wingate, that City Council remove (an additional) \$5,850,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 30 – *Pavement Management Program* originally proposed for \$12,000,000 now down to \$10,360,000 (due to Amendment No. 2 passing), leaving \$4,510,000 in funding; and fund the following projects with the proposed \$7,350,000: Line Item 41 – *Friccker Center* add \$700,000 for renovations; Line 48 – *Sanders Beach / Corinne Jones* add \$1,000,000 for ramp/environmental improvements; Line 62 – *Bill Gregory Park* add \$500,000 for completion of the project; Line 79 – *Kiwanis Park* add \$100,000; Line 82 – *Legion Field* add \$1,000,000; Line Item 92 – *Morris Court Park* add \$300,000; and create additional line items for *Corinne Jones Park* add \$150,000; *Armstrong Park* add \$300,000; *Road Improvement "A" Street & Jordan Street (PHS Intersection)* add \$300,000; and *West Cervantes Street Corridor* add \$1,500,000.

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the (third) amendment. Input was heard from Chief Financial Officer Barker during discussion.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 3 to Resolution No. 17-54.

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

Yes: 3            Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Sherri Myers  
No: 3            Andy Terhaar, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu

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

Discussion continued among Council.

**A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-54 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Terhaar, that City Council that City Council remove (an additional) \$4,250,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 30 – *Pavement Management Program* originally proposed for \$12,000,000 now down to \$10,360,000 (due to Amendment No. 2 passing), leaving \$6,110,000 in funding; and fund the following projects with the proposed \$4,250,000: Line 48 – *Sanders Beach / Corinne Jones* add \$1,000,000 for ramp/environmental improvements; Line 82 – *Legion Field* add \$1,000,000; Line Item 92 – *Morris Court Park* add \$300,000; and create additional line items for *Corinne Jones Park* add \$150,000; *Armstrong Park* add \$300,000; and *West Cervantes Street Corridor* add \$1,500,000.**

Brief discussion took place regarding the (fourth) amendment.

**Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 4 to Resolution No. 17-54.**

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

Yes: 4            Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Sherri Myers  
No: 1            P.C. Wu

**A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-54 was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Cannada-Wynn, that City Council unallocate funds from the *Tree Trust Fund* until such time that a full review of expenditures proposed can be completed as follows: *Bartram Park* \$30,000; *Garden Street* \$25,000; *General District Preservation* \$100,000; *Lee Square* \$15,000; *Preservation of Gateways* \$100,000; and *Garden Street Irrigation Replacement* \$25,000.**

City Attorney Bowling asked for clarification regarding Amendment No. 5 as to where the (unallocated) \$300,000 from the *Tree Trust Fund* should be placed? **Council Member Myers indicated the intent is to place in Reserves.**

**Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 5 to Resolution No. 17-54.**

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

Yes: 4            Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Sherri Myers  
No: 1            P.C. Wu

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

Discussion continued among Council.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Terhaar, that City Council allocate funding in the amount of \$15,000 for (Be Ready Alliance for Coordinating Emergencies (BRACE)).**

Some discussion took place among Council regarding Amendment No. 6 as to where the funding shall come from. **Chief Financial Officer Barker suggested that such funding could be allocated with unencumbered carryover funding from FY 2017 (which will come forward to Council in December).**

**Council Member Cannada-Wynn withdrew her motion (on Amendment No. 6).**

Some follow-up discussion took place among Council regarding the process for bringing funding considerations forward to Council for approval.

Upon conclusion of discussion, **Council President Wingate called for the vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-54 as amended.**

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

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

4. [17-55 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO 17-55 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-55.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Terhaar and seconded by Council Member Cannada-Wynn.**

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

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

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Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian K. Spencer, President of City Council

Attest:

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Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk