



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Wingate called the special meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, Sherri Myers, Brian Spencer (arrived 6:12), Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu (arrived 5:37)

Council Members Absent: None.

Council 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 2018 and tentative budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2019.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. [18-00319 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS](#)

Before addressing the agenda items, Council 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 4.83% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.0919 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 19, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

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. 18-36 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 18-36 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-36.

A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2018; 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 Spencer not yet in attendance):

Yes: 6	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu
No: 0	None

3. 18-37 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 18-37 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-37.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018; 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, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-37 (CONT'D):

The following individuals addressed Council requesting funding of a Skate Park proposed by *Upward Intuition* to be located within the Hollice T. Williams Greenway (between East Jackson and East LaRua Street):

Rhea Kessler
Jacob Pace
Rick Appleyard
Daniel Thornburgh
Kyle Mager
Cohen Thornburgh
Kolleen Edward Cherley
Alex Andrade

Tommie Zam
Jon Shell
Rip Hanks
Tim Thompson
Robert Stevens
Kristen & Nova Phillips

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Spencer that City Council reallocate \$375,000 from Local Option Sales Tax (Series IV) Line Item #1 Council Chambers Improvements which is a proposed allocation for \$575,000 (leaving \$200,000 allocated) and create a Line Item for Skate Park allocating \$375,000.

Chief Financial Officer Barker stated that Mayor Hayward is fully supportive in providing funding for the proposed Skate Park.

Discussion ensued among Council. Mr. Shell responded accordingly to questions regarding the amount of funding raised privately through donations and grants. He indicated that at this time funds have been expended towards design and soft costs.

Chief Financial Officer Barker and Parks & Recreation Director Cooper also responded to questions from Council Members regarding funding for on-going maintenance of the Skate Park. Council Executive Kraher responded to questions from Council Members clarifying the improvements needed for Council Chambers.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion on Amendment #1 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu
No: 0	None

RESOLUTION NO. 18-37 (CONT'D):

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers that City Council reallocate \$200,000 from Local Option Sales Tax (Series IV) Line Item #43 City Hall Parking Lot Improvements which is a proposed allocation for \$200,000 (leaving \$0.00 allocated) and allocating an (additional) \$200,000 for the Skate Park (line item).

Motion on Amendment #2 dies for lack of a second.

Discussion continued among Council.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Spencer that City Council reallocate \$200,000 from Local Option Sales Tax (Series IV) Line Item #65 General Athletic Facilities Improvements which is a proposed allocation for \$970,000 (leaving \$770,000 allocated) and allocating an (additional) \$200,000 for the Skate Park (line item).

Chief Financial Officer Barker stated that Mayor Hayward is fully supportive in providing funding for the proposed Skate Park.

Discussion ensued among Council. Mr. Shell responded accordingly to questions regarding the total amount of funding needed for the construction of the proposed skate park, which he indicated is \$1,250,000 based on the current design.

Council Member Spencer withdrew (his) second to the motion on Amendment #3, therefore, the motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers that City Council reallocate \$200,000 from Local Option Sales Tax (Series IV) Line Item #43 City Hall Parking Lot Improvements which is a proposed allocation for \$200,000 (leaving \$0.00 allocated) and allocating an (additional) \$200,000 for the Skate Park (line item).

Discussion took place among Council.

Council Member Myers withdrew (her) motion on Amendment #4, therefore, the motion dies.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Terhaar to allocate an additional \$50,000 to the City Clerk's office in order to add (back) a third position.

Discussion took place among Council as to which line item to reallocate the funding.

Council Member Cannada-Wynn withdrew (her) motion on Amendment #5, therefore, the motion dies. She indicated she will bring back the amendment at the final hearing with a balanced proposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-37 (CONT'D):

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council President Wingate that City Council allocate \$12,000 for Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) from unallocated carryover (FY 2018).

Discussion took place among Council with Chief Financial Officer Barker responding to questions related to unallocated carryover dollars.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion on Amendment #5 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 Gerald Wingate, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson
No: 3 Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu

Some follow-up discussion took place related to appropriating funding from unallocated carryover dollars.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no further amendments, **the vote was called on the main motion as amended.**

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu
No: 1 Jewel Cannada-Wynn

4. **18-38 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO 18-38 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018**

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-38.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu
No: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Gerald C. Wingate, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk