



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Minutes

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September 11, 2019

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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Council President Terhaar called the special meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers

**Council Members Absent:** None

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

Council President Terhaar 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 2019 and tentative budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2020.

1. [19-00386 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020](#)

Before addressing the action items, Council President Terhaar 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 7.20% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.1310 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 18, 2019, 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. [2019-45 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-45 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2019.](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-45.

[A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

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

Council Member Cannada-Wynn inquired if the proposed millage rate is sufficient to meet the minimum needs of the City and additional projects or should an increase be considered. City Administrator Holley responded providing insight into the focus of the organization's structural needs and resources being addressed, such as the pay classification system, employee performance evaluation and merit system, training, and equipment. Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks indicating he believes the proposed budget is fair and balanced with regard to the taxpayers while meeting the City's needs.

Council Member Myers made comments indicating she believes the issue of raising the millage rate needs to be addressed moving forward into the new year and look into the needs of neighborhoods.

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

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

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

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

3. [2019-46 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-46 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019.](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-46.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; 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, 2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Public input was heard as follows:

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

Following up on Mr. Caldwell's comments, Council Member Hill inquired as to whether City staff is going to address the needed improvements which they have previously indicated to her they are moving forward. City Administrator Holley responded accordingly indicating the staff is currently moving forward with the plan for improvements.

Council Member Myers made comments she will not be supporting the tentative adoption of the budget this evening, as proposed, and plans to bring forward revisions at the final public hearing (scheduled for 9/18/19). She referenced the proposed budget document, specifically, page 107 Line Item 64 (proposing) to appropriate Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funding for Malcolm Young Gym Improvements in the amount of \$715,000. She would prefer that facility be "retired" and the funds appropriated towards construction of a community center at Tippin Park (Line Item 123). She plans to meet with Mayor Robinson prior to the final public hearing on 9/18.

Additionally, Council Member Myers indicated she is concerned about street lighting and safety, which is her top priority for District 2 and referenced a lighting study conducted a few years ago describing its results as "flawed". She indicated she will work with Council Budget Consultant Hansen to identify LOST funding for allocating towards street lighting for neighborhoods, hopefully in the amount of \$75,000 to \$100,000 per neighborhood. She expressed discontent for LOST funds which were spent in the previous year within the Community Redevelopment Urban Core Area for street lighting.

Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks.

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

Public input continued as follows (regarding Res. No. 2019-46)

**Brian Wyer:** Addressed Council as CEO of the Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce. He provided handouts to Council advising of their (current) quarterly report, office staff, current activities, and flyers provided for the minority business community providing guidance on *How to do Business with Government*, as well as a *2019 Business Guide and Directory* (on file). He referenced a disparity study conducted several years ago by the City and encouraged implementation of its recommendations.

Council Members Hill, Myers, and Jerrals made follow-up remarks thanking Mr. Wyer for his efforts through the Chamber.

**Kathy Tanner:** Addressed Council requesting safety improvements for walkability on Bayfront Parkway (north side).

Council Member Hill made follow-up remarks.

**Tommy White:** Made follow-up remarks regarding improvements for Magee Field and plans for Malcolm Young Gym, requesting clarification.

Some discussion took place with City Administrator Holley advising regarding the (above referenced) facilities. Council Members Hill, Jerrals, and Cannada-Wynn made follow-up remarks.

Following, additional discussion took place regarding the lighting study (referenced by Council Member Myers earlier) and neighborhood needs. Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks; and Public Works and Facilities Director Owens responded to questions.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no further public input, the vote was called **(on Res. No. 2019-46)**.

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

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

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

- 4. [2019-47 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-47 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019.](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-47.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

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

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

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

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other agenda items, Council President Terhaar reminded the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
R. Andy Terhaar, President of City Council

Attest:

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Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk