



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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, Casey Jones, Sherri Myers (attended via Microsoft Teams), Delarian Wiggins

Council Members Absent: None

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [21-00740 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL 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 final 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.

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. [2021-70 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2021-70 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2021](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2021-70.

[A RESOLUTION FINALLY 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 Hill and seconded by Council Member Wiggins.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

3. [2021-71 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2021-71.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; MAKING FINAL 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 Hill and seconded by Council Member Jones.

Council Member Myers made comments indicating she will not be voting in favor of the proposed budget as presented. She then referred to the proposed budget for the Office of City Council and offered a motion as follows to address salary increases: **That the annual salaries of Elaine Mager, Executive Assistant to City Council and Sonja Gaines, Council Assistant (each) be increased by \$10,000 with reallocation of dollars from legal staff line item, and Council Member Hill seconded.**

Discussion ensued among Council with Council Executive Kraher, Finance Director Lovoy, and Deputy Finance Director McLellan responding accordingly to questions. **Council Member Brahier offered a friendly amendment that instead of the annual salaries (of each) being increased by dollar amount, increase each by twenty percent (20%). Council Members Myers and Hill agreed.**

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Sherri Myers, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0	None

Additionally, within the proposed budget of the Office of City Council, Council Member Myers referenced funding to provide for legal staff. **She offered a motion that City Council allow Council Executive Kraher to determine the needs of the Council for hiring of a legal staff position and bring back to Council a job description for consideration.**

Motion dies due to lack of a second.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**(Resolution No. 2021-71 cont'd):**

Some follow-up discussion took place regarding the history and intent behind the Charter Amendment which was approved to allow for hiring of staff for the Office of the City Council to include a legal staff position. Council Executive Kraher and City Attorney Peppler also provided input.

Upon conclusion of discussion, **Council President Moore called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-71 (as presented with reallocations to come forward to Council for final approval after October 1st).**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Delarian Wiggins
No: 1 Sherri Myers

4. [2021-72 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2021-72 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2021-72.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL 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 Jones and seconded by Council Member Hill.

Council Member Jones inquired of funding for cleaning of parking lots and parking garages. Finance Director Lovoy responded indicating the funding has been removed from the DIB budget and placed in the City's budget under the Parking Management division. Parking Manager Dees elaborated on the operations to be handled by the City under her division rather than through the DIB, and responded to questions from Council Member Broughton regarding replacement of garbage receptacles.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Jared Moore, Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Delarian Wiggins
No: 1 Sherri Myers

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other agenda items, Council President Moore adjourned this special meeting.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Jared Moore, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk