



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Minutes

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September 6, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Delarian Wiggins, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore Allison Patton

**Council Members Absent:** Casey Jones

**Also Present:** Mayor D.C. Reeves

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [23-00673 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024](#)

Council President Wiggins indicated the purpose of this special meeting is to conduct the first public Hearing to adopt tentative millage rates for the City of Pensacola and the Downtown Improvement District for 2024 and tentative budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024, and that the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. He then 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 an 12.35% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 3.8549 mills. He also stated the basis for the “rolled-back” rate.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Council President Wiggins then moved forward with the action items.

2. [2023-065 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-065 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2023](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-065:

**A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Brahier.**

Council Member Moore referred to the “pass through” of the DIB’s tax increment financing (TIF) funds and asked for an update on discussions. Mayor Reeves and CRA Division Manager D’Angelo indicated discussions are ongoing. Finance Director Lovoy advised on projected costs associated and other procedures involved if an “unwind” was to take place. Council Executive Kraher indicated that such costs would not affect the FY 2024 budget rather it would likely be FY 2025 if changes were made.

Finance Director Lovoy addressed the TRIM law requirements (specified at the beginning of the meeting) and indicated the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate is to maintain services and meet increased costs.

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

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

Yes: 6	Delarian Wiggins, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton
No: 0	None

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

3. [2023-066](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2023-066 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-066:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023; 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, 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Patton and seconded by Council Member Brahier.**

Public Works & Facilities Director Tootle responded accordingly to questions from Council Members Moore and Brahier regarding the permitting, bidding, and funding of stormwater improvements related to outfalls in Bayou Texar.

Public input was heard from the following individual:

Gregory Strader representing Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) addressed Council regarding their mission in addressing community needs in response to disasters. He indicated that in years past the City has granted miscellaneous appropriations but this year failed to submit their funding request of \$15,000 during the application time period. Mayor Reeves indicated that he would look into their request and evaluate the possibility to use carry forward funds.

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

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

Yes: 6	Delarian Wiggins, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton
No: 0	None

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

4. [2023-067](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2023-067 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-067:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Patton.**

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

Yes: 6	Delarian Wiggins, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton
No: 0	None

**ADJOURNMENT**

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delarian Wiggins, President of City Council

Attest:

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Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk