



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor D.C. Reeves

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [23-00675 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024](#)

Council President Wiggins indicated the purpose of this special meeting is to conduct the final public hearing to adopt final millage rates for the City of Pensacola and the Downtown Improvement District for 2023 and final budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024. 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.

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. She responded accordingly to questions from Council Member Brahier; and Council Member Jones made follow-up remarks.

ACTION ITEMS

2. [2023-072](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2023-072 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2023.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2023-072.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY 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 Jared Moore and seconded by Council Member Brahier.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Delarian Wiggins, Casey Jones, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton
No: 0	None

3. [2023-073](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2023-073 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2023-073.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Bare and seconded by Council Member Jones.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Delarian Wiggins, Casey Jones, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

4. [2023-074 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2023-074 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2023-074.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL 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 Patton and seconded by Council Member Bare.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Delarian Wiggins, Casey Jones, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier,
 Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Allison Patton

No: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

This being a special Council meeting and there being no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
Delarian Wiggins, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk