



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Wingate called the special meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Brian Spencer, Andy Terhaar,

Council Members Absent: Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu

Council President Wingate indicated this is a special meeting of the City Council to conduct the final public hearing for the purpose of adopting final millage rates for the City and the Downtown Improvement District for 2018 and final budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2019.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. [18-00320 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL 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 final 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.

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. [18-39](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 18-39 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2018

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-39.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY 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:

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn
No: 0	None

3. [18-40](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 18-40 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-40.

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

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

The following individuals addressed Council requesting (additional) 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):

Rip Hanks

Daniel Thornburgh

Laurie Murphy: Addressed Council requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000 for stormwater initiatives to protect Carpenter's Creek. She referenced recurring flooding issues on 9th Avenue at Fairfield Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-40 (CONT'D):

Council Member Cannada-Wynn made comments recommending City Council allocate an additional \$50,000 to City Clerk Line Item 9111 from Legal Line Item 9111 in order to add (back) a third position.

A motion to approve Amendment #1 (as indicated above) was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Terhaar.

Council Member Myers made follow-up remarks.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

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

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn
No: 0	None

Council Member Terhaar made comments recommending City Council allocate \$200,000 from the revenues to be generated from the Community Maritime Park Option Agreement with Studer Properties, LLC to provide an additional \$200,000 allocation to the Skate Park Line Item.

A motion to approve Amendment #2 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn seconded by Council Member Terhaar.

Discussion ensued among Council with Chief Financial Officer Barker responding accordingly to questions.

Council Member Myers offered a friendly amendment (to Amendment #2) that the additional allocation in the amount of \$200,000 for the Skate Park Line Item come from reallocating \$200,000 from Line Item #43 City Hall Parking Lot Improvements which is proposed for \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 and allocate the revenues from the Community Maritime Park Option Agreement with Studer Properties, LLC to Line Item #43 City Hall Parking Lot Improvements for Fiscal Year 2021.

Discussion continued among Council. Jon Shell addressed Council and responded accordingly to questions regarding the break-down of the total amount of funding proposed for the construction of the skate park, specifically, whether or not the funding addresses parking or any other amenities. Mr. Shell indicated the \$1,250,000 covers the design and construction of the skate park only, and that he is working closely with Escambia County for RESTORE dollars to be allocated for Hollice T. Williams Greenway (in general) to address other amenities. City Administrator Wilkins made follow-up remarks regarding RESTORE funding, indicating that between 1,400,000 and 1,500,000 is being allocated to address design (only) of amenities for Hollice T. Williams Greenway and anything additional would have to go back through the application process.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-40 (CONT'D):

Discussion continued regarding Amendment #2.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion on Amendment #2 failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer
No: 2 Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn

Council Member Myers provided a hand-out regarding LOST (IV) proposed allocations for parks and made comments that District 2 is only projected to receive \$400,000 for amenities.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Cannada-Wynn that City Council reallocate \$90,000 from Local Option Sales Tax (Series IV) Line Item #65 General Athletic Facilities Improvements which was a proposed allocation for \$970,000 (leaving \$880,000 allocated) and create a Line Item for Parker Circle Park and allocate \$90,000 in FY 2019 for playground equipment replacement and sidewalk repairs within the park.

Discussion took place among Council. Parks and Recreation Director Cooper responded accordingly to questions regarding the impacts this reallocation may pose. City Administrator Wilkins and Chief Financial Officer Barker responded accordingly to questions related to the Tree Trust fund balance and proposed allocations for its use.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion on Amendment #3 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel
 Cannada-Wynn
No: 0 None

There being no further discussion and/or further amendments, **the vote was called on the main motion as amended.**

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel
 Cannada-Wynn
No: 0 None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

4. 18-41 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 18-41 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 18-41.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL 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 Terhaar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5	Gerald Wingate, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, Brian Spencer, Jewel Cannada-Wynn
No: 0	None

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Adopted: _____

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

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk