



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Spencer called the special meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers

Council Members Absent: None

Council President Spencer 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 2017 and final budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2018.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. [17-00535 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS](#)

Before addressing the agenda items, Council President Spencer 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 3.56% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.2502 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. 17-62 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 17-62 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2017.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-62.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2017; 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: 7	Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

3. 17-63 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 17-63 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-63.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017; 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, 2017; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-63 was made by Council Member Wingate, that City Council remove \$4,000,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 111 – *Economic Development Initiatives* originally proposed for \$8,850,000, leaving \$4,850,000 in funding; and create a line item for *Construction of Morris Court Resource Center*.

Motion to amend dies due to lack of a second.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-63 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Myers, that City Council remove \$4,400,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 111 – *Economic Development Initiatives* originally proposed for \$8,850,000, leaving \$4,350,000 in funding; and add \$4,400,000 to Line Item 28 – *Sidewalk Improvements* bringing this line item to a total of \$6,600,000 (to meet established goals for sidewalk & sidewalk improvements).

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the (second) amendment with Council Member Cannada-Wynn fielding comments and questions. Input was also heard from City Administrator Olson, Public Works & Facilities Director Owens, and Chief Financial Officer Barker.

During discussion, Council Member Cannada-Wynn accepted a friendly amendment to reduce the proposed additional funding for Line Item 28 to \$2,500,000 (rather than \$4,400,000). (No objections.)

Discussion continued.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 2 to Resolution No. 17-63.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3	Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Sherri Myers
No: 4	Brian Spencer, Andy Terhaar, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-63 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Johnson, that City Council remove \$1,000,000 from (LOST IV Spreadsheet - - on file with background materials) Line Item 111 – *Economic Development Initiatives* originally proposed for \$8,850,000, leaving \$7,850,000 in funding; and add \$1,000,000 to Line Item 28 – *Sidewalk Improvements* bringing this line item to a total of \$3,200,000 (to meet established goals for sidewalk & sidewalk improvements).

There being no discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 3 to Resolution No. 17-63.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5	Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, Sherri Myers
No: 2	Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

A motion to amend Resolution No. 17-63 was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Myers that City Council have \$740,000 for Line Item 43 – *Fricker Center* with \$100,000 for conceptual design and feasibility study for a second story addition to the center, which is currently proposed for \$200,000 in funding in FY 2018.

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the (fourth) amendment with Council Member Cannada-Wynn fielding comments and questions. Input was also heard from City Administrator Olson and Chief Financial Officer Barker.

During discussion, **there was consensus among Council that an additional \$100,000 in funding for Fricker Center be used (only) for conducting a feasibility study for a second-story addition, at this time, bringing the total for Line Item 43 – *Fricker Center* for FY 2018 to \$300,000.**

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called on Amendment No. 4 to Resolution No. 17-63.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6	Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 1	Larry Johnson

With the main motion as amended on the floor, public input was heard from the following individuals:

Melanie Nichols
Barbara Mayall

Gloria Horning
John Phillips

Council Members made comments throughout discussion.

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was call on the main motion as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

4. 17-64 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 17-64 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 17-64.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017; 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: 7	Brian Spencer, Gerald Wingate, Andy Terhaar, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Larry Johnson, P.C. Wu, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Adopted: October 12, 2017

Approved: Brian K. Spencer, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk