



# City of Pensacola

## CITY COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Minutes

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September 23, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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Council President Cannada-Wynn called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar (attended by teleconference), P.C. Wu (arrived 5:34 due to technical difficulties; attended by teleconference)

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV

To limit the potential spread of COVID-19, some Council Members attended by telephonic conferencing, and members of the public had the opportunity to attend and participate ***only via live stream or phone***. This change in format was consistent with [Executive Order 20-69](#) issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis and had been adopted at the direction of Council President Jewel Cannada-Wynn in consultation with the City Attorney. Public participation was available as follows:

**Members of the public may attend and participate via live stream and/or phone.**

**Note that the format of the meeting is subject to change due to continuing changes in meeting requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's website will have the most current information regarding attendance at the meeting by the public.**

To watch the meeting live visit: [cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video](https://cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video).

**To provide input:**

- Agenda Items, for specific items on the agenda: citizens may submit an online form here <https://www.cityofpensacola.com/ccinput> **beginning at 3:00 P.M. until that agenda item has been voted upon** to indicate they wish to speak to a specific item on the agenda **and include a phone number. Staff will call the person** at the appropriate time so the citizen can directly address the City Council using a telephone held up to a microphone. **Any form received after an agenda item has been voted upon will not be considered.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member John Jerrals

Council President Cannada-Wynn indicated this is a special meeting of the City Council to conduct the second and final public hearing, that was rescheduled from Wednesday, September 16, 2020 due to Hurricane Sally, for the purpose of adopting final millage rates for the City and the Downtown Improvement District for 2020 and final budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2021.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. [20-00514 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021](#)

Before addressing the action items, Council President Cannada-Wynn 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, she 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 6.87% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.1472 mills. She also stated the basis for the “rolled-back” rate.

She 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. [2020-42](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-42.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Finance Director Lovoy responded accordingly to questions from Council Member Hill regarding the increase over the rolled-back rate and assessed value of real property.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input the vote was called.

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

Yes: 7	Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, Sherri Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu
No: 0	None

3. [2020-43](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020.

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-43.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; 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, 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Public input was heard (regarding Res. No. 2020-43) from the following individuals (via phone held up to a mic) regarding allocated funding for improvements to Magee Field facilities and thanking Council, Mayor, and staff:

Anthony Caldwell

Tommy White

Council Member Hill made follow-up remarks.

Finance Director Lovoy referenced copies of a handout provided for Council Members (also sent via email - on file with background materials) of a spreadsheet *Fiscal Year 2021 Local Option Sales Tax IV Project Changes*. She indicated the changes to project allocations is being proposed based on Council's discussion at the first public hearing (on 9/9/20) as proposed and submitted by Council Members Cannada-Wynn, Hill, and Myers.

Council Member Myers made comments and asked questions related to the spreadsheet (referenced above) with Finance Director Lovoy responding accordingly. Council Member Myers made follow-up remarks indicating she is basically supportive of the proposed project changes. **She asked for clarification as to needs to be done procedurally to adopt the *Fiscal Year 2021 Local Option Sales Tax IV Project Changes*. Finance Director Lovoy clarified nothing needs to be done at this time other than adopted the budget resolution as presented; and later LOST project changes can be brought forth for adoption with a supplement budget resolution(s).**

Additional public input was heard (via phone held up to a mic) by Debbie Neal who indicated it is inappropriate to be holding a public hearing on the budget with community trying to recover from Hurricane Sally.

Mayor Robinson responded to Ms. Neal's comments pointing to state statutes requiring adoption of a balanced budget by October 1<sup>st</sup>. He then highlighted some projects on the proposed spreadsheet.

Council Member Hill made comments clarifying and correcting "impact" language provided on the spreadsheet regarding Malcolm Yonge Gym with additional input and clarification from Council Member Cannada-Wynn.

Deputy City Attorney Wells clarified **later LOST project changes can be brought forth for adoption with a supplement budget resolution(s).**

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no further public input the vote was called.

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

**The motion (to adopt Res. No. 2020-43) carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 7      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, Sherri  
                 Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu  
No: 0      None

4. [2020-44 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020.](#)

**Recommendation:** That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-44.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

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

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

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

Yes: 7      Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Jared Moore, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, Sherri  
                 Myers, Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu  
No: 0      None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other agenda items Council President Cannada-Wynn adjourned the meeting.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

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Adopted: October 8, 2020

Approved: Jewel Cannada-Wynn  
Jewel Cannada-Wynn, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett  
Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk