



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Hill called the special meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. for the

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins (arrived 5:44), Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton (arrived 5:39), Casey Jones (left 7:05; returned 8:13), Jared Moore, Sherri Myers (left 8:11)

Council Members Absent: None

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person. City Council encourages those not fully vaccinated to wear face coverings that cover their nose and mouth.

The meeting can also be watched live stream at: cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video.

To provide input:

- Citizens may submit an online form here www.cityofpensacola.com/ccsinput **beginning at 3:00 P.M. until that agenda item has been heard** 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 heard will not be considered.**

ACTION ITEMS

Before addressing the action items, Council President Hill 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 2022 and tentative budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023, and that the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. She 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, 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 an 11.51% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 3.9659 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.

Council President Hill then moved forward with the action items.

1. [2022-083 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-083 - TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2022](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-083:

[A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2022; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

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

Finance Director Lovoy responded to questions from Council Member Brahier.

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

The motion carried by the following vote (Council Member Wiggins not yet in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

2. [2022-084](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2022-084 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-084:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022; 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, 2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Public input was heard from the following individual:

Charles Bare: Addressed Council in support of reinstating funding in the Office of City Council for the Legal Counsel position.

Council Members Myers and Brahier made follow-up remarks.

Finance Director Lovoy requested that Council advise City staff during this hearing of any amendments to the proposed budget which they will bring back for consideration at the the final public hearing (on September 14th). In response, Council Executive Kraher suggested Council address amendments to the proposed budget during (this) initial public hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding amendments to the FY 2023 Proposed Budget as follows:

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Brahier that City Council reinstate the Legal Counsel for City Council position and increase the City Council Personnel Services by \$114,900 and decrease Temporary Personnel Services in the Mayor's Budget by \$76,600, decrease Repairs & Maintenance CFO CWFD in Parks & Recreation by \$36,900 and eliminate the Deputy Parks & Recreation Director position reducing Parks & Recreation Personnel Services by \$1,400.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion to amend with Deputy City Administrator Forte, Parks & Recreation Director Stills, Recreation Superintendent Byrd, and Council Executive Kraher responding accordingly to questions.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Based on discussion, **the (above) motion to amend was withdrawn.**

Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan suggested wording of a motion to address reinstatement of funding for the Legal Counsel for City Council position.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Myers that City Council reinstate the Legal Counsel for City Council position and increase the City Council Personnel Services by \$114,900 and decrease Temporary Personnel Services in the Mayor's Budget by \$114,900.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion with City Administrator Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator Forte, City Attorney Peppler, and Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan responding accordingly to questions.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3	Ann Hill, Jennifer Brahier, Sherri Myers
No: 4	Delarian Wiggins, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore

Council Member Moore addressed improvements needed for Pintado Park and that Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funding allocated for Baars Park could be shifted since development restriction for that park have been imposed by Council.

Motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Jones to shift LOST funding currently allocated to Baars Park in the amount of \$150,000 to (new line item) for Pintado Park in the amount of \$150,000.

Some discussion took place with Finance Director Lovoy and Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan responding accordingly to questions.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Motion to amend was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Brahier to reinstate half of the ADA funding by increasing Parks & Recreation Repairs and Maintenance by \$50,000 and decreasing the funding for the Deputy Parks & Recreation Director.

Discussion took place with Deputy City Administrator Forte and Finance Director Lovoy fielding comments and questions. **Finance Director Lovoy suggested instead of decreasing the funding for the Deputy Parks & Recreation Director to decrease funding for the Friends of Downtown by \$50,000. Further that within the CRA Fund, increase Other Contractual Services by \$50,000 and decrease Professional Services by \$50,000. Council Member Myers and Council Member Brahier agreed to accept as a friendly amendment.**

There being no further discussion and no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Jones absent):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Broughton and seconded by Council Member Wiggins to add a Program Specialist for the Arts position by increasing the Parks & Recreation's Personnel Services budget by \$57,600 and decreasing the funding for the Deputy Parks & Recreation Director by \$57,600.

Discussion took place with City Administrator Fiddler and Deputy Administrator Forte explaining that positions recently added for Cultural Affairs would cover arts programming. **Council Member Broughton withdrew her motion.**

Council Member Brahier indicated that she would like to make a motion to amend to address changes to the City Clerk's budget. Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan suggested wording of a motion as follows: **to increase the City Clerk's personnel services budget by \$154,300 in order to change the City Clerk from SES II to SES III and receive same benefits as Department Directors, change the Assistant City Clerk (NU-23) to Deputy City Clerk at SES II, provide a 10% increase for the Public Records Clerk and add one (1) Administrative Assistant II and eliminate the Planning Services Director position in Development Services reducing Development Services Personnel Services by \$107,800, reduce Repairs & Maintenance CFO CWFD in Parks & Recreation by \$36,900 and reduce Other Contractual Services CFO CWFD in Parks & Recreation by \$9,600 with a motion to amend by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Broughton.**

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Discussion ensued (regarding the motion to amend addressing the City Clerk's budget) with input from Deputy City Administrator Miller indicating Mayor Robinson is supportive of addressing the changes in classifications of the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk positions and made comments offering a revised motion related to increased salaries (referencing the Human Resources Manual), FRS benefits, auditing of the Clerk Public Records Coordinator position, and not including the added Administrative Assistant II position.

Council Member Brahier clarified it is the intent of the motion to include that the next opportunity for the City to add a senior management level benefit for the Florida Retirement System (FRS) would be provided for the City Clerk. Council Member Broughton agreed.

Discussion continued regarding the motion to amend with additional input from City Administrator Fiddler, Human Resources Director Kirchharr, Deputy City Administrator Forte, and Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan. City Clerk Burnett also responded accordingly to questions regarding the request for an additional position to assist with public records requests.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Jones absent):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

Council Member Brahier addressed needed improvements for Belvedere Park, Fairchild Park, and Eastgate Park. Discussion took place with Parks Superintendent Kimball Parks & Recreation Budget Manager Weekley, and Finance Director Lovoy responding to questions explaining funding of proposed improvements.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Myers to add \$100,000 to Fairchild Park and \$139,024 to Belvedere Park and reduce the Soccer Complex by \$119,024 and \$120,000 from General Park Improvements.

Discussion took place regarding the motion to amend with Deputy Administrator Forte, Parks & Recreation Director Stills, and Finance Director Lovoy responding to questions.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend (regarding improvements for Fairchild Park and Belvedere Park) was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Jones absent):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

Addressing DIB pressure washing a motion to amend was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Wiggins (with Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan aiding in wording) to shift funding of \$6,500 from Other Contractual Services within Development Services for the DIB Pressure Washing and offset with an increase of \$6,500 for the establishment of a budget for the American Creosote Works Property Acquisition. Further, that within the CRA Fund, Other Contractual Services be increased by \$6,500 and offset with a reduction in Professional Services within the CRA Fund.

Discussion took place with Deputy City Administrator Forte, Deputy City Administrator Miller, City Administrator Fiddler, and Development Services Director Morris responding to questions regarding License to Use Agreement Fees.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 5	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones
No: 1	Jared Moore

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Addressing Veteran's Memorial Park janitorial services a motion to amend was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Moore (with Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan aiding in wording) to decrease \$16,000 funding in Other Contractual Services in Parks and Recreation and offset with an increase of \$16,000 for the American Creosote Works Property Acquisition. Further, that Other Contractual Services within the CRA Fund be increased by \$16,000 and offset with a decrease of the same amount in Professional Services in the CRA Fund.

There being no discussion and no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 0	None

Council Member Broughton addressed needed improvements for Operto Park for basketball courts lighting and landscape improvements.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Broughton and seconded by Council Member Wiggins (with Finance Director Lovoy and Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan aiding in wording) to take \$10,000 from Capital Equipment Reserve in the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Fund and move to Operto Park in the LOST Fund. Further, within the Tree Planting Trust Fund appropriate \$50,000 for Operto Park landscape and irrigation improvements and increase the Fund Balance within the Tree Planting Trust Fund.

Council Member Brahier made comments regarding concerns from nearby residents related to use of the basketball courts after dark. Council Member Broughton made follow-up remarks.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 5	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 1	Jennifer Brahier

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Wiggins and seconded by Council Member Brahier (with Special Assistant to the Council Executive McLellan aiding in wording) to shift funding of \$25,000 for the Pensacola Children's Chorus from the General Fund and increase funding for the acquisition of the American Creosote Works Property by \$25,000. Further that within the Recreation Fund an increase of \$25,000 in Other Contractual Services offset with an increase in Fund Balance drawdown in the same amount.

There being no discussion and no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 0	None

Council Member Moore made comments addressing funding for the increase in Mayor's salary (as recently approved by Council via ordinance). Finance Director Lovoy made follow-up remarks.

A motion to amend was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Moore to increase the personnel services within the Mayor's Budget by \$55,600 and decrease Temporary Personnel Services in the Mayor's Budget by \$55,600.

There being no discussion and no public input, **the vote on the motion to amend was called.**

The motion to amend carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)**Resolution No. 2022-084 (cont'd.)**

Some follow-up discussion took place regarding increased funding for Human Relations Commission. Council Executive Kraher and City Administrator Fiddler indicated a request will be extended to HRC to provide an update at the final public hearing on September 14th.

Council Member Moore referenced a handout (provided by Council staff - - on file with background materials) related to additional positions added FY 2020 – FY 2023. He asked for clarification regarding several proposed positions for FY 2023 as follows:

- Assistant Project Manager – Public Works & Facilities Director Tootle responding
- Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Chief Cranor responding
- Several PPD positions – Police Chief Randall responding

There being no further discussion or public input for Resolution No. 2022-084, the vote on the main motion as amended was called.

The main motion as amended carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 0	None

3. [2022-085 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-085 - ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-085:

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

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

Council Member Brahier made brief comments regarding the amendment (under Res. No. 2022-084) related to pressure washing. Council Member Jones recognized DIB Executive Director is in attendance (via Microsoft Teams).

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

There being no further discussion or public input for Resolution No. 2022-085, the vote was called.

The motion (to adopt) carried by the following vote (with Council Member Myers no longer in attendance):

Yes: 6	Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Casey Jones, Jared Moore
No: 0	None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

*****THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN*****

4. 22-00865 PRELIMINARY CHANGES TO THE FY2023 ANNUAL BUDGET

Withdrawn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other agenda items, Council President Hill reminded the second (final) public hearing will be held at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Adopted: September 15, 2022

Approved: 
Ann Hill, President of City Council

Attest:


Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk