



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Jared Moore, Sherri Myers

Council Members Absent: Casey Jones

Also Present: Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV

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.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [22-00883 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023](#)

Council President Hill 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 2022 and final budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023. 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.

Mayor Robinson made follow-up remarks encouraging Council to move forward with final adoption.

ACTION ITEMS

2. [2022-088 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2022-088 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2022.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2022-088.

[A RESOLUTION FINALLY 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 Wiggins.

Council Member Brahier asked for clarification for the benefit of the public, that although the millage rate remains static from last year, there is an increase over the rolled back rate. Finance Director Lovoy responded accordingly.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

Upon conclusion of discussion, the vote was called.

The motion (to adopt Res. No. 2022-088) carried by the following vote:

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

3. [2022-089 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2022-089.

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

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

Council Member Broughton inquired of the increased funding request by the Escambia Pensacola Human Relations Commission. Finance Director Lovoy responded accordingly indicating that it is included in the proposed budget as presented unless an amendment is passed.

Al Henderson, Executive Director for the Escambia Pensacola HRC was in attendance and addressed Council regarding current operations and initiatives planned for moving forward. He responded accordingly to comments and questions from Council Members. Mayor Robinson also provided input.

Following discussion regarding the HRC, Council Member Myers made comments indicating that she will not be supporting the proposed budget as presented. Council Member Brahier made follow-up remarks.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

The motion (to adopt Res. No. 2022-089) carried by the following vote:

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

4. [2022-090 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2022-090 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2022-090.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL 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 Wiggins.

Council Member Myers inquired of handicapped parking during Saturdays' Palafox Market. DIB Executive Director Walker Wilson responded accordingly.

There being no further discussion, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Ann Hill, Delarian Wiggins, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton,
 Jared Moore, Sherri Myers
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 6:07 P.M.

Adopted: September 29, 2022

Approved:


Ann Hill, President of City Council

Attest:


Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk