

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Donald O. Burnette at 6:30 p.m.

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Council Member Marilyn Ford  
Council Member Chase Tramont  
Council Member Scott Stiltner  
Vice Mayor Drew Bastian  
Mayor Donald Burnette

Also Present:

City Manager Jake Johansson  
City Attorney Matthew Jones  
City Clerk Robin Fenwick

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discussion of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for FY21

Jake Johansson, City Manager, provided an overview of the items to be discussed and commented on the specific purposes for the increase.

Mayor Don Burnette announced the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget commences on October 1, 2020 and continues through September 30, 2021. The public hearing is now convened to discuss the millage rate and budget. We will begin with the City of Port Orange City Council discussion of the tentative millage necessary to fund the FY2021 tentative budget for the City of Port Orange, the Community Redevelopment Agency for Port Orange Town Center and the Community Redevelopment Agency for Eastport Business Center. The tentative millage rate to be levied is 4.6622 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation and is a 9.9% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate. The rolled-back rate is 4.2424 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

Mayor Don Burnette asked Council for discussion regarding the reasons for the increase in the final millage above the rolled back rate.

Council Member Marilyn Ford is not in favor of this millage rate increase and would suggest keeping the current year's millage rate, which is an increase of approximately 6% over roll-back. She suggested using the vacancies in the police department to reduce the millage rate increase since hiring of all positions will not happen by October 1, 2020.

Council Member Chase Tramont is not in favor of the proposed millage rate as he believes too many citizens are already suffering due to COVID-19.

Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Council Member Scott Stiltner support the millage rate as presented due to the needs of the citizens and the quality of life currently in Port Orange.

Mayor Don Burnette is afraid to not approve the increase although he never wants to raise taxes. He understands the needs of the City and the costs for those needs.

Mayor Don Burnette asked for comments from the public. Several members of the public spoke regarding their support of increased wages for the police and fire personnel and understand that equates to an increase in taxes.

Mayor Don Burnette asked Council for any further comments or revisions to the tentative millage rate and operating budgets from Council. Council Member Chase Tramont thanked all for speaking and expressed his concerns of raising taxes. Council Member Marilyn Ford expressed her concerns for the citizens who have been out of work for several months due to the pandemic.

5. Resolution No. 20-35 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY21

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-35 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2021 tentative millage rate of 4.6622 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

Mayor Don Burnette announced the adopted tentative millage rate of 4.6622 mills per \$1,000 of valuation is a 9.9% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate.

6. Resolution No. 20-36 - Adopting the Tentative Operating Budget for FY21

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-36 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2021 tentative operating budget was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

7. Resolution No. 20-37 - Adopting the Tentative Capital Budget for FY21

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-37 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2021 tentative capital budget was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Resolution No. 20-38 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY21 for Town Center CRA Tax Increment District

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-38 adopting the Community Redevelopment Agency for Port Orange Town Center CY2021 tentative millage rate of 4.6622 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

9. Resolution No. 20-39 - Adopting the Tentative Operating Budget for FY21 for Town Center CRA Tax Increment District

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-39 adopting the Community Redevelopment Agency for Port Orange Town Center FY2021 tentative operating budget was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

10. Resolution No. 20-40 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY21 for Eastport CRA Tax Increment District

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-40 adopting the Community Redevelopment Agency for Eastport Business Center FY2021 tentative

millage rate of 4.6622 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

**11. Resolution No. 20-41 - Adopting the Tentative Operating Budget for FY21 for Eastport CRA Tax Increment District**

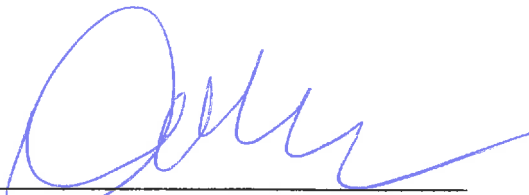
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-41 adopting the Community Redevelopment Agency for Eastport Business Center FY2021 tentative operating budget was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Council Members Marilyn Ford and Chase Tramont voting no.

Motion to direct the City Clerk to publish an advertisement providing notice of the City of Port Orange City Council's intent to adopt the final millage rate and final operating and capital budget for the City of Port Orange, the Community Redevelopment Agency for Port Orange Town Center and the Community Redevelopment Agency for Eastport Business Center complying with the budget summary requirements of law was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Don Burnette also announced the foregoing general operating budget/millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of .2519 mills to fund the debt service for the 2016 general obligation refunding bonds issued for public safety capital facilities.

A Public Hearing will be held on September 23, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida, to discuss and adopt a final millage rate, the final operating and final capital budget for FY2021 for the City of Port Orange, the Community Redevelopment Agency for Port Orange Town Center and the Community Redevelopment Agency for Eastport Business Center.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:58 p.m.

  
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Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:

  
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Robin Fenwick, MMC  
City Clerk

