

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 27, 2021

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 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 Jonathan Foley Council Member Chase Tramont Council Member Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Donald Burnette
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	Also Present:	City Manager Wayne Clark City Attorney Matthew Jones City Clerk Robin Fenwick
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Setting Maximum Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Wayne Clark, City Manager, provided details of the budget strategy, ballot language and mandates the City must follow to meet the \$15 per hour minimum wage, and discussed millage rate scenarios to meet those mandates under the time limits required. Staff has balanced the budget at the current rate of 4.6622 mills. Mr. Clark also spoke regarding the debt millage rate which decreased from 0.2519 to 0.2284 mills. He asked Council to approve the maximum millage rate of 4.9987 to meet the needs of the City and work toward \$15 per hour as mandated by the voters. He also asked Council to set the public hearing dates to adopt the final budget. The tentative millage rate will allow an increase in wages to \$12.50 per hour.

Council discussed the proposed maximum millage rate, as well as issues being faced. Council Member Chase Tramont does not support adding new employees and wants the millage rate to stay at the current rate. Vice Mayor Drew Bastian does not believe staying at the current rate will allow the City to be competitive in the job market. Council Member Scott Stiltner asked Council Member Chase Tramont for some ideas on remaining at the current rate, which will require \$1.3 million to fund wage increases to begin to meet the mandate.

Ruth Thayne, citizen, spoke regarding the services provided in the City and the need for higher wages to retain employees.

Motion to establish the proposed millage rate at 5.1302 mills, which is 14.94% over the rollback rate of 4.4633 was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion to establish the proposed millage rate at 4.9632, which is 11.20% above the rollback rate of 4.4633 was made by Council Member Jonathan Foley and Seconded by Council Member Scott Stiltner. Motion carried 3-2 with Council Member Chase Tramont and Vice Mayor Drew Bastian voting no.

Motion to set the public hearing dates for the tentative millage rate and the tentative budget on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 and the final millage rate and final budget on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 both at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian and Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Foley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:31 p.m.



Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest.



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

