

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 24, 2021

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Donald O. Burnette at 5:30 p.m.

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Council Member Jonathan Foley Council Member Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Donald Burnette
	Absent:	Council Member Chase Tramont
	Also Present:	City Manager Wayne Clark City Attorney Matthew Jones City Clerk Robin Fenwick

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussion

Robin Hayes, Interim Finance Director, provided an overview of all funds for the FY22 budget, which covered a summary of revenues and expenditures to include personnel, operating, and capital costs.

Council Members had no questions but would like to discuss the surplus left each year, why it wasn't spent, and what can be done with those funds to lower tax rates. Council Member Scott Stiltner is not interested in cutting services but wants to find opportunities to address the pay rate for employees.

Mayor Don Burnette asked questions regarding the fire budget relating to the ambulance services and new positions being requested. Fire Chief Joe Wolfing discussed transport revenues and expenditures.

5. Revise Public Hearing Date/Time for Adopting Tentative Millage Rate and Budget

Ms. Hayes asked Council to revise the public hearing time for setting the tentative millage rate as the notice from the property appraiser showed a 6:30 p.m. start time; even though Council's previous motion was to approve a 5:30 p.m. start time.

Motion to revise the September 8, 2021 public hearing time from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to be consistent with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice distributed by the Volusia County Property Appraiser was made by Vice Mayor Drew Bastion and Seconded by Council Member Jonathan Foley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Solid Waste Rate Discussion

Lynn Stevens, Public Works/Utilities Director, reviewed the history of the solid waste bid award and previous discussions with Council, as well as the current rate (which hasn't been increased since 2014) and level of service.

Jeff Rackley, Government Services Group, Inc., discussed their rate study results and options for a rate increase.

Mrs. Stevens provided the recommendation of staff to include an increase of \$3.91 (from \$18.65 to \$22.56 per month) for residential properties and \$1.24 per cubic yard for commercial properties to take effect on November 1, 2021. This maintains the same level of service currently provided and eliminates the energy fee currently being charged. She also recommended the inclusion of an automatic rate adjustment on October 1 each year based on CPI or 5%, whichever is less and language that a rate decrease may occur if the fund balance meets the City's policy of 25%.

Council agreed with the increase and maintaining the current level of service.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:43 p.m.

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk


Mayor Donald O. Burnette