

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 25, 2023

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING 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:

Councilman Tracy Grubbs
Councilman Drew Bastian
Councilman Scott Stiltner
Vice Mayor Reed Foley
Mayor Don Burnette

Also Present:

City Manager Wayne Clark
City Attorney Matthew Jones
Deputy City Clerk Tracee Cody

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Setting Maximum Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Wayne Clark, City Manager, introduced John McKinney, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, to provide details of the Special Meeting.

Mr. McKinney explained the discussion was about the maximum millage for the operating/general fund, voted debt service millage, and public hearing dates. Currently, the general fund is at a budget of \$58,006,784. Since the July workshop, some state revenue totals came in and reduced the working millage rate from 5.1661 to 5.0600. The new rate of 5.0600 relates to a 13.84% increase over the current rolled-back rate of 4.4447.

Mr. McKinney recommended setting the maximum millage rate at 5.06 because we are still waiting for state revenue estimates, such as local option gas tax and communication services tax. Mr. McKinney believes once we receive the estimates, that the millage rate could be reduced even more.

Vice Mayor Reed Foley pointed out that Port Orange has the most homesteaded properties (2/3) in Volusia County. Councilman Drew Bastian had Mr. McKinney explain the difference between assessed value, market value, and taxable value.

Motion to set the maximum millage rate at 5.0600 was made by Councilman Drew Bastian and seconded by Councilman Scott Stiltner. Motion failed 3-2 with Councilman Tracy Grubbs, Councilman Scott Stiltner, and Mayor Don Burnette voting no.

Motion to set the maximum millage rate at 4.9999 was made by Councilman Scott Stiltner and seconded by Councilman Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Drew Bastian voting no.

Mayor Burnette announced the public hearings will be held on September 6, 2023 and September 20, 2023, both at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. McKinney will give a proposed budget book to Council on August 10, 2023, which will include the necessary millage to balance the budget. Mr. McKinney also informed Council of the 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The GO Bond millage rate that is required is 0.1885, the City has an outstanding debt of \$8,695,000 and the required debt service for FY2024 is \$903,619.

Lastly, Mr. Clark mentioned a Transform 386 meeting, hurricane recovery help put on by Volusia county, will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at the Port Orange Regional Library.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:01 p.m.

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk



Mayor Donald O. Burnette