

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Donald Burnette

Also Present:

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Discussion on Tentative City Millage and Tentative City Budget for FY 2024

Mayor Don Burnette announced the public hearing is now convened to discuss the millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget commences on October 1, 2023 and continues through September 30, 2024. Mayor Don Burnette opened discussion on the tentative millage necessary to fund the FY2024 final budget for the City of Port Orange. The current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,048,363,095.

The tentative millage rate is \$4.9999 mills per \$1,000 of valuation which represents a 12.49% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate of \$4.4447.

Mayor Burnette asked the City Manager to comment on the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate and the specific purposes for the increase.

Wayne Clark, City Manager, discussed the focus on public safety, new positions within the Police and Fire Departments, personnel costs, insurance increases for worker's compensation and property casualty, outlay items, and IT costs to strengthen cybersecurity.

Mayor Burnette asked Council to discuss the proposed millage rate and budget.

Mayor Burnette asked for public comment. There was none.

Council will now review the proposed tentative budget and discuss revisions, if any. There were no changes to the proposed millage rate and budget requested by Council.

5. Resolution No. 23-33 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2023-2024

Mayor Burnette read Resolution No. 23-33.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024); PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERROR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-33 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2024 tentative millage rate of 4.9999 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Vice Mayor Reed Foley and seconded by Councilman Drew Bastian. Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Councilman Scott Stiltner voting no.

Mayor Burnette announced the adopted tentative millage rate of 4.9999 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation is a 12.49% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate. Mayor Burnette also announced in addition to the foregoing final millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1885 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016.

6. Resolution No. 23-34 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024

Mayor Burnette read Resolution No. 23-34.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024) FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 23-34 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2024 tentative budget was made by Vice Mayor Reed Foley and seconded by Councilman Drew Bastian. Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Councilman Scott Stiltner voting no.

Councilman Scott Stiltner commented that he appreciates staff's efforts for always trying to be cost effective and encourages employees of all levels and fields to mention money saving ideas to their supervisors. Mayor Burnette thanked Mr. Clark for his commitment to making public safety and service a top priority for our citizens and also thanked our business community. Mr. Clark confirmed that all revenue numbers have been received and were incorporated into the tentative budget.

Mayor Burnette announced this budget includes all operating and capital costs for FY 2024. This budget includes the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The proposed City-wide FY 2024 budgets for all funds is \$187,843,104.

The next public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, Florida, to discuss and adopt a final millage rate and the final budget for FY 2024 for the City of Port Orange.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:45 p.m.



Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

