

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

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 Jonathan Foley
Councilman Tracy Grubbs
Councilman Drew Bastian
Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner
Mayor Donald Burnette

Also Present:

City Manager Wayne Clark
City Attorney Matthew Jones
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk
Robin Fenwick

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Discussion on Tentative City Millage and Tentative City Budget for FY 2025

Mayor Don Burnette announced the public hearing is now convened to discuss the millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget commences on October 1, 2024, and continues through September 30, 2025. We will begin with the City Council discussion of the tentative millage necessary to fund the FY2025 tentative budget for the City of Port Orange. The City of Port Orange is the taxing authority and the current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,519,205,501.

The tentative millage rate is \$4.975 mills per \$1,000 of valuation which represents a 7.84% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate of \$4.6134.

In addition to the foregoing tentative millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1720 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016.

Mayor Don 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, provided details on the increases, which include contractual salary increases for staff, as well as price increases on vendor contracts, additional funding for street paving, sidewalk repairs, health insurance among other

necessary increases for services.

Mayor Don Burnette provided information regarding the millage rate increase and how it affects the actual increase in revenues. He asked for Council discussion regarding the reasons for the increase in the tentative millage above the rolled back rate.

Councilman Jonathan Foley spoke on the increases in the economy and understands the City also sees those increases and must adjust.

Councilman Drew Bastian supports the millage rate presented to cover the cost of the increases necessary to run the City. It remains one of the lowest rates in the county but allows staff to execute.

Councilman Tracy Grubbs agreed with Councilman Bastian and thanked management and staff for the efficiencies and improvements in processes.

Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner asked the City Manager to discuss the FEMA program allowing residents to raise or demolition their homes that were flooded during recent storms. Mr. Clark explained the program and the cost to the City to participate in the program. Vice Mayor Stiltner would like to see the millage rate lower but is happy that services have not been cut.

Mayor Don Burnette pointed out that Port Orange is not the largest city in the county but has the most homesteaded properties than any other county. He thanked Port Orange businesses who bear the brunt of the tax burden.

There were no public comments.

5. Resolution No. 24-34 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2024-2025

Matt Jones, City Attorney, read Resolution No. 24-34.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-34

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 2025 (OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025); PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-34 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2025 Tentative millage rate of 4.975 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner and Seconded by Councilman Drew Bastian.

Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with
Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner voting no.

Mayor Don Burnette announced the adopted tentative millage rate of 4.975 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation is a 7.84% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate.

In addition to the foregoing tentative millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1720 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. 24-35 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2024-2025

Mr. Jones read Resolution No. 24-35.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 (OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025) 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. 24-35 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2025 Tentative budget was made by Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner and Seconded by Councilman Drew Bastian. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Don Burnette announced the budget includes all operating and capital costs for FY2025. This budget includes the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The proposed City-wide FY 2025 budget for all funds is \$205,719,722.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:54 p.m.

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk


Mayor Donald O. Burnette