

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Don Burnette

Also Present:

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

Mayor Don Burnette announced the public hearing is now convened to discuss the final millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget commences on October 1, 2024 and continues through September 30, 2025. The City of Port Orange is the taxing authority and the current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,519,205,501. We will begin with Council discussion of the final millage necessary to fund the FY2025 final budget for the City of Port Orange. The tentative millage rate and proposed final 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 final 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, explained the factors that impact the increase in millage rate are for parks projects, Police Department generators, participation in the elevation or demolition of houses in flood areas, contractual obligations, personnel, public safety, and being proactive to maintain the City's infrastructure such as sidewalks.

Mayor Don Burnette asked Council for discussion regarding the reasons for the

increase in the final millage above the rolled back rate. Mayor Don Burnette commented that the 7.84% increase in millage only represents an increase in the size of the budget of 4.2%. He stated Port Orange has more homesteaded properties, both by percentage and by number, than any other city in Volusia County.

There were no public comments on the proposed final millage and budget and Council had no revisions to the proposed final budget as presented.

5. Resolution No. 24-38 - Adopting the Final Millage Rate for FY 2024-2025

Matt Jones, City Attorney, read Resolution No. 24-38.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL 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. 24-38 adopting the City of Port Orange FY 2025 final 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.

Shawn Goepfert, Council elect for District 3, expressed his concerns about having incentives for recruiting new employees and having the financial tools for the City Manager and Department Heads to take care of current employees.

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

Mayor Don Burnette announced the adopted final 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 final 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. 24-39 - Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2024-2025

Attorney Jones read Resolution No. 24-39.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 (OCTOBER 1, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025) FOR THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-39 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2025 final 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 this budget includes all operating and capital costs for FY 2025. This budget includes the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital, Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. The adopted City-wide FY 2025 budget for all funds \$205,719,722.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:46 p.m.




Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

