



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

September 11, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers, 1st Floor

ROLL CALL

Council President Jones called the special meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Council Members Present: Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton (arrived 5:31), Allison Patton, Delarian Wiggins

Council Members Absent: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 24-888 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Council President Jones indicated the purpose of this special meeting is to conduct the second (final) public hearing to adopt final millage rates for the City of Pensacola and the Downtown Improvement District for 2024 and final budgets for the Fiscal Year 2025. He then read into the record and explained that the TRIM law requires strict conformance with exacting procedures in order to lawfully adopt millage levies and budgets. In adherence with those procedures, he indicated the first substantive issue to be discussed must be the percentage increase over the "rolled-back" rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased; and further that the proposed final millage rate of 4.2895 mills for the City and 2.0000 mills for the Downtown Improvement District constitutes an 7.67% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.1049 mills. He also stated the basis for the rolled-back rate.

Finance Director Lovoy indicated the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate is to maintain services and meet increased costs.

Further, Council President Jones stated the public must be permitted to speak and ask questions prior to the adoption of any measures and explained other requirements under Section 166.241(2) of the Florida Statutes.

ACTION ITEMS

2. 24-885 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74 - FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2024.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2024-74.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Bare and seconded by Council Member Wiggins.

There being no discussion or public input, the vote was called.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Allison Patton, Delarian Wiggins
No: 0 None

3. 24-886 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2024-75.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; MAKING FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND ALL DEPARTMENTS THEREOF AND FOR THE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Patton and seconded by

Council Member Wiggins.

Council Member Brahier made brief remarks, clarifying for the public that Council's discussion during the budget workshop (held on August 12th) and City staff's and Council's staff's preparations, provided for an easy hearing process for adoption of the millage rates and budgets.

Public input was heard from Katrice Johnson, representing Bantucola, an organization which advocates for the black community, and explained their areas of focus. She inquired about how to engage in the budget process to request funding. Council Member Broughton made follow-up remarks. Council Member Bare suggested Ms. Johnson could reach out to Council Members (individually) to request funding through discretionary funds. Council Member Broughton asked follow-up questions of Ms. Johnson.

Upon conclusion of discussion and there being no further public input, the vote was called.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Allison Patton, Delarian Wiggins

No: 0 None

4. 24-887 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2024-76.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Brahier and seconded by Council Member Wiggins.

There being no discussion or public input, the vote was called.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Casey Jones, Jared Moore, Charles Bare, Jennifer Brahier, Teniade Broughton, Allison Patton, Delarian Wiggins

No: 0 None

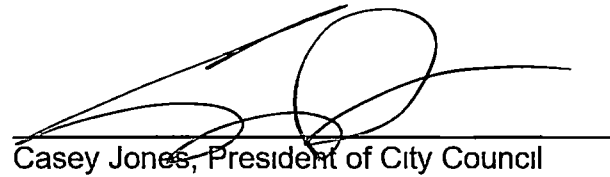
ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 5 44 P M

Adopted

October 10, 2024

Approved


Casey Jones, President of City Council

Attest


Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk