

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021

The City Commission met in formal session Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 5:05 P.M. in the Alcazar Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tracy Upchurch, and the following were present:

1. Roll Call: Tracy Upchurch, Mayor/City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services
Todd Grant, Director, Utilities
Jennifer Michaux, Police Chief
Elyse Anderson, Recording Secretary

2. General Public Comments

The Commissioners heard from the following members of the public:

- BJ Kalaidi

Public comment was closed.

3. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2021-35, establishing the tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services, reviewed the tentative millage rate and presented Resolution 2021-35 to the Commissioners.

Public hearing was opened; however, there was no response.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to pass Resolution 2021-35. The motion was SECONDED by Mayor Upchurch.

Isabelle Lopez read Resolution 2021-35 in its entirety as follows:

RESOLUTION 2021-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida has conducted a public hearing on its tentative millage rate of 7.500 mills and has determined its rolled back rate is 7.2269 mills as required by Florida Statute 200.065;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida that:

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage rate of the City of St. Augustine, Florida is 7.500 mills which represents an increase in the rolled-back rate of 7.2269 mills of 3.78 percent.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida commenced at 5:05 p.m. this 9th day of September 2021.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Upchurch, Valdes, Horvath, Blonder

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing, First Reading – Consideration of Ordinance 2021-23, establishing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Simpson reviewed Ordinance 2021-23 which would ratify the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. He said there were minor modifications which included a table of contents, page numbers, correction of one incorrect graph, and the addition of a specific line item in the budget for \$10,000 for Sustainability Measures as discussed in the previous Budget workshops.

Public hearing was opened, and the Commissioners heard from the following:

- Mattie Rayford Harms

Public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to place Ordinance 2021-23 on second reading, read by title only and passed. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR BUDGET ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The annual budget estimates of revenues and expenditures of the City of St. Augustine, Florida for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as prepared, amended and submitted to the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida by the City Manager, as considered and acted upon by said City Commission, under and by authority of the Charter of said City and the Laws of Florida, are hereby ratified, approved and adopted by the City Commission of said City, and the amounts of money set forth therein are hereby appropriated.

Section 2. The said budget of revenues and expenditures adopted for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2021-2022 shall be spread in full upon the minutes of the City Commission.

Section 3. The appropriations within an activity or sub-activity for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022 may be transferred within by the City Manager for the purpose of equalization, when necessary.

Section 4. All funds for the current Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and budgeted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 may over-expend adopted

budgets to the extent that actual revenues exceed the adopted budget.

Section 5. All unencumbered appropriations, except for special projects or commitments, be and are canceled as of September 30, 2021, and the City Director of Finance is directed to transfer all appropriation credit balances to unappropriated surplus and place to the credit of all appropriation accounts which show a debit balance for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 an amount from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Section 6. If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinances which can be given effect without this invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, in special session, at 5:05 p.m., this 23rd day of September 2021.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Valdes,
Blonder, Upchurch

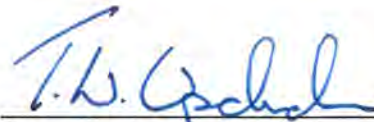
NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.¹

¹ Transcribed by Elyse Anderson


Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR


Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

