

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission – Budget Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2022

The City Commission met in formal session Thursday, September 22, 2022, 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
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner

Absent: John Valdes, City Commissioner, excused

Also Present: John Regan, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
David Birchim, Assistant City Manager
Mark Simpson, Finance Director
Carlos Aviles, Fire Chief
Elyse Weimann, Recording Secretary

2. General Public Comments (3 minutes per individual)

The Commission heard from the following member of the public:

- BJ Kalaidi

3. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2022-30, establishing the millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Mark Simpson, Financial Services Director, introduced Resolution 2022-30 and noted it was similar to the Resolution 2022-29, which passed two weeks ago. He said this Resolution ratified the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Public hearing was opened, and Commissioners heard comments from the following member of the public:

- BJ Kalaidi

MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED to pass Resolution 2022-30 to be read in its entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Sikes- Kline.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, presented Resolution 2022-30.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida has conducted a public hearing on its final millage rate of 7.5000 mills and has determined its rolled back rate is 6.6168 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 2022-2023 final millage rate of the City of St. Augustine, Florida is 7.5000 mills which represents an increase in the rolled-back rate of 6.6168 mills of 13.35 percent.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida commenced at 5:05 p.m. this 22nd day of September, 2022.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Upchurch, Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Blonder

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing – Second Reading – Consideration of Ordinance 2022-27, establishing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Simpson, Financial Services Director presented Ordinance 2022-27 and noted the Ordinance established the proposed budget for all funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He said there had been no changes from the workshop that took place two weeks prior, and a fund summary was included.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Upchurch MOVED to pass Ordinance 2022-27 to be read in its entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-27

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, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; 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 2022-2023, 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 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 may be transferred within by the City Manager for the purpose of equalization, when necessary.

Section 4. All funds for the current Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and budgeted Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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, 2022, 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 2021-2022 an amount from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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 22nd day of September 2022.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Upchurch, Horvath, Blonder, Sikes-Kline

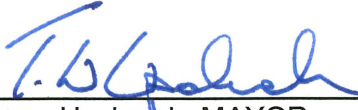
NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.¹

¹ Transcribed by Elyse Wiemann


Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR


Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

