

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting Monday, November 15, 2021

The City Commission met in formal session Monday, November 15, 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
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner
Barbara Blonder, City Commissioner

Absent: Nancy Sikes-Kline, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Meredith Breidenstein, Assistant City Manager
Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services
Jennifer Michaux, Chief of Police
Laura Morse, Recording Secretary

Mayor Upchurch acknowledged the recent passing of former Mayor Eddy Mussallem, who served the City from 1975 to 1979 and received The Order of La Florida, the highest honor issued by the City. He noted City flags would be lowered at half-mast on Friday, November 19th.

2. General Public Comments

Public comment was opened; however, there was no comment.

Public comment was closed.

3. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2021-36, establishing the final millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Mark Simpson, Director, Financial Services, reviewed the Resolution which had an initial miscalculation of 95% of ad valorem budget; therefore, it was necessary to reconvene the Commission.

He stated the required budget of 95% of the anticipated ad valorem proceeds was based on the June 1st St. Johns County Property Appraiser initial estimate, and not the July 1st DR420 Form true estimate, which resulted in a shortage of \$132,872.00 that was noticed by the State of Florida Department of Revenue. He advised the millage Resolution and budget Ordinance were re-advertised and revised with the ad valorem tax change.¹ He concluded the corrected funds were placed in the General Fund Transportation Budget and would be used to replace an archaic street paving machine shown on the City's American Rescue Plan list.

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

- B.J. Kalaidi

¹ Included with original minutes

Public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED to pass Resolution 2021-36. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney, read the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2021-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 final 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 final 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 15th day of November 2021.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Upchurch, Horvath, Valdes, Blonder

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing, Second Reading – Consideration of Ordinance 2021-23,

establishing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Simpson reviewed the Ordinance under Item 3.

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

Public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Mayor Upchurch MOVED to approve Ordinance 2021-23. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the Ordinance.

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 15th day of November 2021.

VOTE ON MOTION:

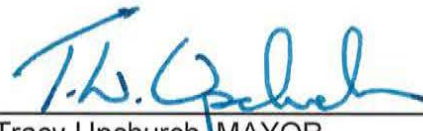
AYES: Upchurch, Horvath, Valdes, Blonder

NAYES: None

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 P.M.²



Tracy Upchurch, MAYOR



Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK



² Transcribed by Laura Morse