CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

City Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019

The City Commission met in formal session Thursday, September 19, 2019 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
Leanna S.A. Freeman, Vice Mayor/City Commissioner
Nancy Sikes-Kline, City Commissioner
Roxanne Horvath, City Commissioner
John Valdes, City Commissioner

John Regan, City Manager
Timothy A. Burchfield, Assistant City Manager
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney
Darlene Galambos, City Clerk
Mark Litzinger, Director, Financial Services
Meredith Breidenstein, Director, Budget & Performance Management
Barry Fox, Police Chief
Carlos Aviles, Fire Chief
Candice Seymour, Recording Secretary

General Public Comments

(None)

2. Public Hearing, Second Reading – Ordinance 2019-36, establishing the Stormwater rates at $7.50 per Single Family Unit (SFU) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Meredith Breidenstein, Director, Budget and Performance Management, reviewed the Ordinance.

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

- B.J. Kalaidi

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to PASS Ordinance 2019-36 on second reading read by title only and passed. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the ordinance title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE I, SECTION 29-5 TO REVISE THE MONTHLY RATE FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE OF INVALID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Horvath, Valdes, Freeman, Upchurch
NAYES: NONE
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2019-38, establishing the final millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

Ms. Breidenstein introduced the resolution.

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

- B.J. Kalaidi

MOTION

Commissioner Freeman MOVED to PASS Resolution 2019-38 read in its entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Horvath.

Ms. Lopez read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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 6.9649 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 2019-2020 final millage rate of the City of St. Augustine, Florida is 7.500 mills which represents an increase in the rolled-back rate of 6.9649 mills of 7.68 percent.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida commenced at 5:05 p.m. this 19th day of September, 2019.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Freeman, Horvath, Valdes, Sikes-Kline, Upchurch
NAYES: NONE
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Public Hearing, Second Reading – Ordinance 2019-35 proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Ms. Breidenstein reviewed the ordinance.

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

- B.J. Kalaidi

In response to public comment, Ms. Breidenstein stated that, netting out transfers between funds for accuracy, $60 million was the approximate budget for the City of St. Augustine.

Commissioner Sikes-Kline noted that there were many budget workshops over the course of the year that culminated in this final meeting for approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Sikes-Kline MOVED to PASS Ordinance 2019-35 on second reading, read in its entirety. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Valdes.

Ms. Lopez read the ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-35

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, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; 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 2019-2020, 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 2019-2020 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 2018-2019 and Fiscal Year 2019-2020 may be transferred within by the City Manager for the purpose of equalization, when necessary.

Section 4. All funds for the current Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and budgeted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 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, 2019, 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 2018-2019 an amount from unappropriated surplus to balance same and to close all such accounts for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Section 6. If any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, are held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect 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 19th day of September, 2019.

VOTE ON MOTION

AYES: Sikes-Kline, Valdes, Horvath, Freeman, Upchurch
NAYES:
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M.[1]

T. W. Upchurch

Tracy W. Upchurch, MAYOR

Darlene Galambos

Darlene Galambos, CITY CLERK

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

[1] Transcribed by Candice Seymour