

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 7:00pm
5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL 32044

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ANY TOPIC ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA IS REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A COMMENT CARD AND RETURN TO THE CITY CLERK. PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES.

Meeting Facilitator: Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL – City Clerk – Councilwoman Dot Shealey, Chair Bill Goodge, Vice Chair Douglas Williamson, and Councilwoman Lillian Sams. Mayor Dale Wiseman and Councilman Frank Bryant were absent. City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth was present, City Attorney Will Sexton was not.

Public Comment - Please limit comments to 3 minutes and restrain from personal attacks, using an individual's name or making political statements.

1. Public Hearings:

A. Proposed Millage Rate 1.75/\$22,019 Yearly Ad Valorem

Ms. Hildreth recommended a small increase of .25 in the millage rate. City expenses have multiplied - including a \$24,000 a year increase for Swamp Cutters, insurance has increased by \$5,000, auditing expenses are also up \$5,000, not to mention utilities, supplies, etc.

B. Proposed Budgets General Fund/Water Fund

Ms. Hildreth presented the drafts of the General Fund and Water Fund budgets. She also provided copies of the Budget Summaries from 15/16 and 23/24 to highlight the improvements in city government finances over the past eight years. The combined budgets in 15/16 were approximately \$250,000 and now they are \$2.2 million – although mostly contributed to grants.

Adjourn

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL NAY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL. EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS LOBBYING OR INFORMAL GATHERING) BETWEEN A COUNCIL MEMBER AND OTHERS WHERE THERE IS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION REGARDING A QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISION BY THE CITY COUNCIL MUST BE DISCLOSED BY THE COUNCIL SO THE PUBLIC MAY RESPOND TO SUCH COMMENTS BEFORE A VOTE IS TAKEN. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

Chair Bill Goodge

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, MMC
City Clerk/ Administrator