

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council budget hearing held on September 5, 2018, 5:15 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Commissioner Alice Nolan
Commissioner Alexander Smith
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Edward Bass

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

INVOCATION: Linda Laurendeau gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Nelson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Edward Bass, City Administrator, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Budget FY 2018-19. He reviewed the budget calendar and budget process. Today is the first public hearing to set the tentative millage rate and adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018/2019. The final public hearing will be held on September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The new fiscal year begins October 1, 2018. Some of the challenges they have faced were the general ledger update, reconciliation of bank, fixed asset and utilities, employee turnover, pas through payments, change outs of water meters, debt increased, and the use of reserves. He pointed out there is an upcoming referendum in November 2018 on an additional homestead exemption and if this passes, it will have an effect on the City.

Mr. Bass provided budget highlights, advising the proposed millage rate of 4.0376 per \$1,000 of assessed value represents an increase of .25 mills from the prior year. He reported there were no reserves or borrowing to balance the General Fund. The Red Light Camera program will be eliminated as of December 31, 2018. There are School Resource Officers in all City Schools. The Orange County Station 29 agreement is in this budget, as well as the meter replacement program, bear-cart grant program, and Splash Pad operations. There are five new positions in the budget and two position changes. He provided an overview of the Proposed Budget for all Funds and the General Fund. He reiterated the final public hearing will be on September 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of his presentation is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Nelson opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Suzanne Kidd said the city was in a good place now and having an Economic Development Director on staff would help the city pushing forward for some of the projects that will come to our area with the development of SR 429. She suggested increasing the millage rate a fraction more would pay for an Economic Development Director and in terms of what they could bring to

the city would more than cover their salary. She stated while the economy is good would be the time to raise tax dollars and keep in mind the referendum on Homestead Property Tax exemption coming in November. She said the amount to the taxpayer is minimal.

No others wishing to speak Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

1. ANNOUNCE AND ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 4.0376, WHICH IS 12.08% ABOVE THE ROLLBACK RATE OF 3.6024.

Mayor Nelson announced the City of Apopka hereby proposes for FY 2018/2019 a millage rate of 4.0376 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. The said rate is 12.08% above the rollback rate of 3.6024 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by Florida Statute 200.065.

MOTION by Commissioner Nolan, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to set the tentative millage rate at 4.0376, which is 12.05% above the rollback rate of 3.6024. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Nolan, and Smith voting aye.

2. ADOPT PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM WORKSHOPS.

Mayor Nelson announced that the City Administrator recommends that City Council set September 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. as the final public hearing date, and approve the first reading of the tentative revenues, expenditures and fund balanced for the City's fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan to approve the proposed FY 2019 Budget that totals \$114,579,804 for all funds, and set September 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the final millage rate and budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Nolan, and Smith voting aye.

3. ANNOUNCE FINAL MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Nelson announced the City of Apopka has approved the tentative budget for FY 2018/2019 and sets September 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. as the final millage rate and public budget hearing date.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Linda F. Goff, City Clerk

Bryan Nelson, Mayor