

**Minutes of Special City Council Meeting  
held Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.  
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charlie Latham called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: Charlie Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty      Christine Hoffman (*absent*)      Bruce Thomason  
Lee Buck      Phil Vogelsang      Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, City Department Heads, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor Latham stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and a Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Mayor Latham read the following statement:

The first item to be discussed is the Proposed Millage Rate.

- The budget for the City of Jacksonville Beach was prepared using a millage rate of \$3.9947 mills. The rolled back rate is \$3.6060 mills. The proposed millage rate of \$3.9947 mills is 10.78% more than the rolled back rate.

The second item to be discussed is the Tentative Operating Budget.

- The tentative operating budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is \$164,505,457.

**Public Hearing**

At this time, Mayor Latham opened a Public Hearing on the Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Operating Budget.

Speaker:

- Julie Malmstrom, 2042 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Jacksonville Beach, asked for clarification on how the City assesses the taxes. She stated she would like to see new people moving into the City and developers bear the brunt of the taxes.

**PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE – FY 2017-2018**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to adopt the Proposed Millage Rate for Operating Purposes of \$3.9947 mills.

**Discussion:** Mr. Forbes reported this year the City is proposing an increase in its millage rate. The tentative operating budget has been prepared using a millage rate of \$3.9947 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable value, which is less than both the 2014 rate of \$4.0947 and the current statewide average of \$4.8178. For the past three consecutive years, the City has reduced its millage rate.

The increase in its millage is primarily for adjusting its Public Safety employee's salaries. The millage increase is necessary so that the City can be competitive and continue to recruit and retain Police and Fire personnel.

Mr. Forbes reported that the staff and City Council held five workshops to discuss all facets of the budget.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes - Buck, Thomason, Vogelsang, and Mayor Latham  
Nays – Doherty, Wilson  
Motion carried by a 4-2 vote.

**TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET – FY 2017-2018**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Doherty, to adopt the Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 of \$164,505,457.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion by staff or the Council.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes – Thomason, Vogelsang, Wilson, Buck, and Mayor Latham  
Nays – Doherty  
Motion carried by a 5-1 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott  
City Clerk

Approval:



William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: September 18, 2017