

**Minutes of Special City Council Meeting  
held Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 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 Steve Hartkemeyer Christine Hoffman  
Tom Taylor Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

Also present was City Manager George Forbes, City Department Directors, and City Clerk Judy Bullock.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor Latham stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2014 and a Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mayor Latham made 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 the millage rate of \$4.0947 mills. The rolled back rate is 4.1072 mills. The proposed millage rate of 4.0947 mills is 0.3% less than the rolled back rate.

The second item to be discussed is the Tentative Operating Budget. The tentative operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 is \$161,513,569.

**Public Hearing**

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

Seeing no one who wished to address the Council, Mayor Latham closed the Public Hearing.

**PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt the Proposed Millage Rate for Operating Purposes of \$4.0947 mills.

**Discussion**

Mr. Forbes advised that the City held six very detailed Budget Workshops on the entire budget. He added that he had proposed adoption of the rolled back millage rate of 4.1072 mills, which would provide the City with the same amount of monies received in the previous year. The Council decided that they would

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maintain the same millage rate, which is 4.0947 mills. Mr. Forbes stated that the assessed value in Jacksonville Beach increased by \$19,586,293 with \$12,000,000 from new construction.

Mr. Forbes advised that the total tentative operating budget is \$16,843,797, which is a 9.4% decrease from last year. He remarked that that number might change during the year as a result of redevelopment projects.

Mr. Forbes added that 63% (\$11,948,092) of the General Fund's budget and 74% of its authorized positions are dedicated to the police and fire departments. In response to Mr. Doherty's question concerning the difference between the current millage rate and the rolled back millage rate, Mr. Forbes advised that this year the difference was approximately \$22,000. He added that in previous years it was in the six figures.

Ms. Wilson expressed her appreciation to Mr. Forbes and his staff for not raising the millage rate and reducing spending accordingly.

Mayor Latham extended his appreciation to the City Manager and Staff for the amount of work that goes into budget preparation.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Doherty, Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

**TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET – FY 2013-2014**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt the Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of \$ 161,513,569.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hartkemeyer, Hoffman, Taylor, Vogelsang, Wilson, Doherty, and Mayor Latham; motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock  
City Clerk

Approval:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: September 16, 2013