

**Minutes of Special City Council Meeting
held Monday, September 8, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.
In the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles Latham called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor: Charlie Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty Steve Hartkemeyer Christine Hoffman
Tom Taylor Phil Vogelsang (*Absent*) Jeanell Wilson

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Latham explained that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- Adopt a Millage Rate, Resolution No. 1935-2014, and
- Adopt an Operating Budget, Resolution No. 1936-2014 for fiscal year 2015.

Mayor Latham then read the following statement:

- The first item to be discussed is the 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 \$3.8994 mills. The millage rate of \$3.9947 mills is 2.4% more than the rolled back rate.

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

The operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$153,947,972.

Public Hearing

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

Speaker:

- Charles Mitzel, 4083 Grande Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach
Mr. Mitzel asked questions regarding the cost of the sign at the intersection of Osceola and South Beach Parkway, the use of bricks at Beach Boulevard and 2nd Street

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intersection; why the City has a defined benefit pension plan instead of a 401K; and he stated that he does not understand the why the City spends money on certain things.

There being no one else who wished to address the Council, Mayor Latham closed the Public Hearing.

MILLAGE RATE – FY 2015

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt Resolution No. 1936-2014, adopting the Millage Rate for fiscal year 2014-2015 of \$3.9947 mills.

RESOLUTION NO. 1935-2014

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Discussion

Mr. Forbes advised that the City is reducing the millage rate from \$4.0947 mills to \$3.9947 mills and is receiving less in property taxes than was received in 2008. He added that the City’s Operating Budget is 14% less than the current year’s budget and that there would be some redevelopment agency monies put back in the budget as they are approved for various projects.

Mr. Forbes also explained that most of the items questioned by Mr. Mitzel were approved by previous councils. The downtown work is part of the City’s Vision Plan, which included additional parking. There were also many meetings held and a walking tour of the area took place prior to approval of the plan. Mr. Forbes added that the City and Unions were able to work out sustainable pension plans through pension reform and that the three plans are in sound financial condition.

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

OPERATING BUDGET – FY 2014-2015

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hartkemeyer, to adopt Resolution No. 1936-2014, adopting the Operating Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 of \$153,947,972.

RESOLUTION NO. 1936-2014

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL

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YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2015, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before the Council, Mayor Latham adjourned the
meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
City Clerk

Approval:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: October 6, 2014