

**Minutes of Special City Council Meeting  
held Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.  
via Video Conference  
Jacksonville Beach, Florida.**



**STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Charlie Latham made the following statement:

“Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order No. 20-193, extended the Governor’s authorization for local government bodies to continue to conduct meetings without an in-person quorum at any specific location and to hold meetings using communications media technology (CMT).

On April 6, 2020, the City of Jacksonville Beach Council approved at their public meeting the use of CMT and alternative start times to conduct their Council meetings and briefings.

Accordingly, this City Council meeting is being held in a modified manner using CMT. The Council, staff, and the public are not physically present in City Hall tonight.

In a moment, the City Attorney will explain the CMT procedures and adaptations for public attendance and public comment that have been put in place.

The City Council members and City personnel are appearing through CMT.”

Mayor Latham invited City Attorney Chris Ambrosio to state the CMT procedures and adaptations being utilized for this meeting.

Mr. Ambrosio explained the CMT instructions and opportunities for the public to attend and participate were published on various platforms in a public notice [*on file*] and went over the options.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Charlie Latham called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: Charlie Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty      Georgette Dumont      Sandy Golding  
Christine Hoffman      Cory Nichols      Phil Vogelsang (Absent)

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Budget Officer A.J. Souto, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor Latham stated the purpose of the meeting was to:

- 1) Adopt a proposed Millage Rate for FY2021 (Resolution No. 2063-2020); and
- 2) Adopt an Operating Budget for FY2021 (Resolution No. 2064-2020).

Mayor Latham read the following statement:

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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 \$3.7942 mills. The proposed millage rate of \$3.9947 mills is 5.28% more than the rolled-back rate.

The second item to be discussed is the Operating Budget.

- The tentative operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is \$164,824,450.

**Public Hearing**

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

No one had registered to speak on this item, and no public comments were submitted.

Mayor Latham closed the Public Hearing.

**MILLAGE RATE – FY 2020-2021**

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk to read Resolution 2063-2020, by title only.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to adopt the Millage Rate for Operating Purposes of \$3.9947 mills, Resolution No. 2063-2020.

There was no discussion by Council.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes – Doherty, Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Mayor Latham  
The motion carried.

**OPERATING BUDGET – FY 2020-2021**

Mayor Latham requested the City Clerk to read Resolution 2064-2020, by title only.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2064-2020, adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 of \$164,824,450.

Budget Officer A.J. Souto confirmed the budget amount included the increase for the doubling of the CARE Fund and the actions from the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) August 24, 2020, meeting.

There was no discussion by Council.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes - Dumont, Golding, Hoffman, Nichols, Doherty, Mayor Latham  
The motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Submitted by: Laurie Scott  
City Clerk

Approval:

  
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William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: 9/25/20

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