

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – FIRST BUDGET HEARING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENT:

Al Johnson, Mayor
Ward Friszolowski, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief
Vince Tenaglia, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director

1. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2017-19: An Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida establishing the millage rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; providing and announcing the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back millage rate, the percentage increase over the rolled-back millage rate, and the millage rate to be levied; providing for reading in its entirety; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Saunders reported the proposed ordinance sets the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Notices in regard to the assessment rate and the public hearings were mailed to all property owners by

Pinellas County. A super majority vote is required to pass the 3.15 proposed millage rate.

Hearing no Commission or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 1(a), Ordinance 2017-19, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, establishing the millage rate for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; providing and announcing the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back millage rate, the percentage increase over the rolled-back millage rate, and the millage rate to be levied; providing for reading in its entirety; and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes s. 200.065 requires the adoption of the millage rate by separate vote and prior to the adoption of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes s. 200.065 requires that prior to adoption of the millage-levy ordinance, the following be publicly announced: the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back millage rate, the percentage increase over the rolled-back millage rate, and the millage rate to be levied; and

WHEREAS, in no event may the millage rate adopted exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH FLORIDA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The name of the taxing authority is the City of St. Pete Beach.

SECTION 2. The rolled-back millage rate for fiscal year 2018 is 2.9450.

SECTION 3. The fiscal year 2018 proposed millage rate is 6.96% higher than the rolled-back rate.

SECTION 4. The millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2018 shall be 3.1500 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

- b. Ordinance 2017-20: An Ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; providing for reading in its entirety; and providing for an effective date.

The proposed budget includes the general funds, enterprise funds and the capital improvement projects.

Hearing no further Commission comments or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Commissioner Pletcher moved to approve Item 1(b), Ordinance 2017-20, upon first reading, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018; providing for reading in its entirety; and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 166.241 requires the adoption of a budget each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior years, must equal the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget must show for each fund, as required by law and sound financial practices, budgeted revenues and expenditures by organizational unit which are at least at the level of detail required for the annual financial report required under Florida Statutes Section 218.32(1); and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget must regulate expenditures of the municipality, and an officer of a municipal government may not expend or contract for expenditures in any fiscal year except as pursuant to the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Pete Beach fiscal year 2018 budget is balanced; is presented at the level of detail required to file the annual financial report; and shall regulate expenditures of the City for the period beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH FLORIDA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The fiscal year 2018 budget document, attached hereto as Exhibit A (“the Budget”), is adopted by reference and is made a part of this ordinance. The Budget provides line item detail appropriating the sources and uses of funds summarized below:

General Fund:	\$20,086,038
Building Fund:	\$717,000
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$8,062,500
Wastewater Fund:	\$10,044,365
Reclaimed Water Fund:	\$863,200
Stormwater Fund:	\$1,814,124
Total:	\$41,587,227

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption.

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Friszolowski and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

2. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2017-07: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida establishing the rate of stormwater service assessments; approving stormwater service non-ad valorem assessment rolls; and providing for an effective date.

The rate schedule was adopted by the City Commission in August 2017 and the assessments are included as part of the tax bill mailed to property owners.

The following changes were made to the rate schedule:

- ~~FY2010~~ FY 2020
- 14.6% 1.46%

Hearing no further Commission comments or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved to approve Item 2(a), Resolution 2017-07, upon first reading, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, establishing the rate of stormwater service assessments; approving stormwater service non-ad valorem assessment rolls; and providing for an effective date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Mr. Saunders discussed the projected storm and hurricane and the necessary steps and actions to take in preparation for the emergency operations.

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation declaring a "State of Local Emergency" effective immediately (proclamation attached).

Resolution 2017-12 declaring a "State of Local Emergency" was presented (resolution attached).

Hearing no further Commission, staff or audience comments, Mayor Johnson called for a motion and the vote.

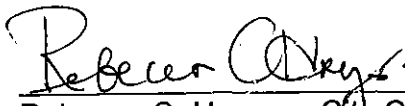
Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Resolution 2017-12, a resolution of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, declaring a State of Emergency in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community and property, both public and private, from the hazards of Hurricane Irma. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Falkenstein and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Mr. Saunders encouraged community members to sign up for SPBConnect and to obtain their re-entry passes.

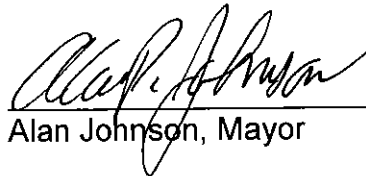
3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 10/24/2017