

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET HEARING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director
Vince Tenaglia, Administrative Services Director
Wesley Wright, Community Development Director

1. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2018-11, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida establishing the millage rate for fiscal year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; 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 and effective date.

City Manager Wayne Saunders noted that staff is recommending the current millage rate of 3.1500 which requires a super-majority approval. Maintaining the current millage

rate will generate an additional \$952,076 in new revenue due to an 11.57% increase in property value.

An unidentified speaker requested additional information in regard to the stormwater rates.

Commissioner Friszolowski moved to approve Item 1(a), Ordinance 2018-11, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida, establishing the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, 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 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 2019 is 2.8294.

SECTION 3. The fiscal year 2019 proposed millage rate is 11.33% higher than the rolled-back rate.

SECTION 4. The millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2019 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 Vice Mayor Pletcher and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

- b. Ordinance 2018-12, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting the budget for fiscal year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; providing for reading in its entirety; and providing for an effective date.

Mr. Saunders noted that drafting the proposed budget results from individual department meetings, goal-setting meetings, budget workshops, and Finance & Budget Review Committee meetings.

Commissioner Finnerty moved to approve Item 1(b), Ordinance 2018-12, an ordinance of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; 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 2019 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, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

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

SECTION 1. The fiscal year 2019 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: \$21,606,227
Building Fund: \$733,812
Capital Improvement Fund: \$5,873,057
Wastewater Fund: \$8,560,668
Reclaimed Water Fund: \$862,600
Stormwater Fund: \$1,876,890
Total: \$39,513,254

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

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

2. Resolution

- a. Resolution 2018-13, 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 assessments rolls; and providing for an effective date.

The annual assessment is listed on property owner Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) notices and is assessed through a multi-year phase.

Vince Tenaglia, Administrative Services Director, explained the tiers noting Tier One is assessed a flat rate per parcel and Tier Two is assessed at a variable rate per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). A typical single-family home is established at 3,800 sq. ft., or one ERU.

Mike Finnerty, Blind Pass Road, expressed his concern in regard to the increased charges from St. Petersburg for wastewater discharge services.

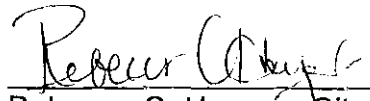
An unidentified speaker commented on the process to apply the ERU charge.

Vice Mayor Pletcher moved to approve Item 2(a), Resolution 2018-13, 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 Friszolowski and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 9-25-2018