


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor England
Vice Mayor Kostka
Commissioner George
Commissioner Samora
Commissioner Rumrell

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager 

DATE: September 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

- A. Discussion of Proposed Budget, Millage and Final Reading of Ordinance 20-10, to Adopt Operating and Debt Millage
- B. Ordinance 20-11, Final Reading, to Adopt FY 2021 Budget

INTRODUCTION

At a special meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, you held the first public hearing on the millage and budget ordinances for Fiscal Year 2021. At that meeting, you did the following:

- a. Approved an operating millage of 2.45 mills and a debt service millage of 0.50 mills, and passed on first reading the ordinance adopting each millage.
- b. Approved on first reading the ordinance adopting the FY 21 budget.
- c. Scheduled the second and final public hearing on the millage and budget ordinances on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 5:01 p.m.

Though the Property Appraiser had notified in August every owner of real property in the City the 2.60 mills that you had tentatively set at your July 27th budget meeting, only one owner spoke about the millage and budget at your September 14th meeting, and he wasn't opposed to an increase in millage.

As noted above, you reduced the 2.60 mills to 2.45 mills, or \$2.45 for every \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. This is an increase of nearly six cents per \$1,000 from the FY 2020 millage of 2.3992 mills.

PROCEDURE FOR THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

It is the same as the procedure mandated by section 200.065(2)(e)1, Florida Statutes, for the first public hearing and is outlined below:

"In the hearings required pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (d), the first substantive issue discussed shall be the percentage increase in the millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. During such discussion, the governing body shall hear comments regarding the proposed increase and explain the reasons for the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate. The general public shall be allowed to speak and ask questions prior to the adoption of any measures by the governing body. The governing

body shall adopt its tentative or final millage prior to adopting its tentative or final budget."

As the Finance Director, Ms. Patty Douylliez, ably described at the September 14th public hearing, the reason for the increase in millage is to provide money to increase the General Fund's financial reserves.

In summary the procedure is:

- The City Manager briefly outlines the purpose of the public hearing.
- The public is then provided the opportunity to comment on the millage and/or the budget.
- The Commission can then ask the staff any questions or hold a discussion amongst themselves about the millage and the budget.
- A motion and a second are made to approve the millage ordinance, 20-10, which is in the folder that was provided for your September 14th public hearing.
- The City Attorney reads the ordinance in full.
- The Commission then votes.
- A motion and a second are made to approve the budget ordinance, 20-21.
- The City Attorney reads the ordinance in full.
- The Commission then votes.
- The public hearing is concluded, and the Commission begins the continuation of its September 14th regular meeting.