



~ Final Minutes ~

City of Fort Walton Beach Special Meeting of the City Council of Fort Walton Beach

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

5:00 PM

107 Miracle Strip Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

CALL TO ORDER

5:00 PM Meeting was called to order on August 1, 2017 at Council Chamber, 107 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Nic Allegretto	Council Member	Present	
Mike Holmes	Council Member	Present	
Amy Jamieson	Council Member	Present	
Diane Keller	Council Member	Present	
John Mead	Council Member	Present	
David Schmidt	Council Member	Present	
Dick Rynearson	Mayor	Present	
Scott Smith	Council Member	Absent	

INVOCATION

Mr. Duane Keck, Trinity United Methodist Church

In the absence of Duane Keck, Council Member David Schmidt gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The vote on the motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt

ACTION--DIRECTION--DISCUSSION**Setting the Proposed FY 2017-18 Millage Rate**

Recommends City Council approval to set the proposed ad valorem millage rate for FY 2017-18 at the current millage rate of 5.7697 mills.

Michael Beedie, City Manager, gave a presentation to Council outlining the status of Strategic Planning Goals and Initiatives, Revenues and Expenses, a Fund Overview and the general fiscal condition of the City. Specific items also addressed included the Golf Division of the Recreation Department, the CRA, the continued use of the Sanitation's Recycling Program, the City's Pension Plans and Insurance Benefits, and the General Fund Reserves. The City Manager also announced the dates of the final budget meetings on Wednesdays, September 6th and September 20th, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Mike Anderson, 8 Carlyle Court, addressed Council saying that he had attended the Okaloosa County Budget Workshop and commended the City for having a Sidewalk Program, which the County does not. He also mentioned the County's intent to implement the last 2 cents of the 5 cent gas tax. Mr. Anderson commented on the Stormwater Utility and that the City is "ahead of the game" for a regional stormwater utility. He also commented on the cost of health insurance for City Council Members and that Council should reconsider this benefit to the elected officials. As a participating member, he offered the Institute for Senior Professionals for project analysis such as the Performance Matrix.

Council Member David Schmidt thanked staff for their efforts on the budget; mentioned housing values and how Sylvania Heights would like to be inside the City; and how we should pursue assistance from the legislators to access Tourist Development Council dollars for safety and infrastructure that are affected by tourism. He also asked for some clarity with the golf club expenses, to which the Finance Director responded, and he believes subleasing to a contractor will transfer the liability of the service of golf away from the taxpayers.

Council Member John Mead explained that he has been on Council for several years and the golf club has always been a source for conversation, and that previous standing Councils took the position that golf, as an available recreation, was the image they wanted to present to the citizens.

The vote on the motion to set the proposed millage rate for the FY 2017-18 budget at 5.7697 mills, which is the current millage rate, carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt

The vote on the motion to set the dates and times of the public hearings for the millage and budget, Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to set the tentative millage rate, and Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to set the final millage rate, carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Schmidt

ADJOURNMENT 5:58 PM