



~ Final Minutes ~

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

5:30 PM

107 Miracle Strip Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

CALL TO ORDER

5:30 PM Meeting was called to order on September 6, 2017 at Council Chamber, 107 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dick Rynearson	Mayor	Present	
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	
Scott Smith	Council Member	Present	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

RESOLUTIONS--2017-13 FY 2017-18 Tentative Millage Rate

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Mayor read Resolution 2017-13 by title.

The City Manager advised the FY 17-18 budget has been discussed at two meetings in August and the proposed millage rate of 5.7697 mills is unchanged and Staff is recommending approval of the resolution.

The Mayor advised the tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Walton Beach for FY 2017-18 is 5.7697 mills, which is 3.67% above the rolled-back rate of 5.5656 mills. The rolled-back rate is the millage rate that will provide the same ad valorem tax revenue as was levied during the prior year. The reason for setting the millage rate at 5.7697 mills is to provide sufficient revenues to balance the General Fund budget.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Mayor asked for a motion and second for Resolution 2017-13 to set the tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Walton Beach at 5.7697 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Council Member Jamieson moved to adopt Resolution 2017-13. Council Member Keller seconded the motion.

The Mayor asked for Council discussion. There was none.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13 to set the tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Walton Beach at 5.7697 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 carried unanimously.

The Mayor reported the tentative millage rate for the City of Fort Walton Beach is 5.7697 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018, which is 3.67% above the rolled-back rate of 5.5656 mills.

The proposed millage is subject to a second and final public hearing that will be held at the City of Fort Walton Beach Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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

2017-14 FY 2017-18 Tentative Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor read Resolution 2017-14 by title.

The City Manager advised the FY 17-18 budget is predicated on the current and tentative millage rate at 5.7697 mills, and there have been no changes since the budget hearings in August.

The Mayor informed the tentative budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for FY 2017-18 is \$41,571,702 which is \$2,943,192 or 7.62% more than the adopted FY 2016-17 budget.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. As there were no comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Mayor asked for a motion and second for Resolution 2017-14 to adopt the tentative budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Council Member Jamieson moved to adopt Resolution 2017-14. Council Member Keller seconded the motion.

The Mayor asked for Council discussion.

Council Member Mead stated he will support the budget due to needed increases in information technology, but also to be mindful of large capital improvement projects and possible homestead changes.

Council Member Schmidt expressed concern over the annual increase in the golf course portion of the Parks and Recreation budget and asked if any RFQ's have been issued to see if there are qualified vendors that could provide that service.

The City Manager advised there has been nothing issued but will do so if Council directs.

The vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-14 to adopt the tentative budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for the fiscal year beginning October 1 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 carried by a vote of 6 to 1 with Schmidt opposed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Amy Jamieson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Jamieson, Keller, Mead, Smith
NAYS:	David Schmidt

The Mayor reported the tentative budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for FY 2017-18 is \$41,571,702 with a tentative millage rate of 5.7697 mills, which is 3.67% above the rolled-back rate of 5.5656 mills.

The proposed budget is subject to a second and final public hearing that will be held at the City of Fort Walton Beach Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Council discussion ensued regarding possible options to continue providing golf to the citizens, including a possible future agenda item as a matter of policy as to whether to continue to fund golf; the cost and man-hours of Staff if directed to study the issue; finding ways to generate income from the structures already on the golf course property; that Staff continually looks at ways to save revenue; that the golf course property has deed restrictions for recreational use only; and that problems in prior years at the golf course have caused deficits in prior years.

The City Manager reminded that the direction from the Council the past five years, since he has been City Manager, is to continue to provide golf as part of the recreation department. He stated that recreational activities are a quality of life service that not every city provides. And if you

look at the entire recreation department budget, none of the divisions make money. He also stated that at one time golf was an enterprise fund but is now a recreational service, and until given direction otherwise, Staff will continue to proceed in this direction.

The City Manager advised any special meetings or workshops that might be deemed necessary are up for discussion.

Council Member Schmidt stated he in no way wants to take golf away from the citizens/taxpayers, rather, find a way to shift the liability.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:51 pm