



~ Final Minutes ~

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

Wednesday, September 20, 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 20, 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	Absent	
Diane Keller	Council Member	Present	
John Mead	Council Member	Present	
David Schmidt	Council Member	Present	
Scott Smith	Council Member	Present	

Council Member Jamieson was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

RESOLUTIONS--2017-17 FY 2017-18 Millage Rate

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

The Finance Director read Resolution 2017-17 by title.

The Mayor announced the 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. He continued 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 and asked for comments on the millage rate.

Mike Anderson, 8 Carlyle Court, commended the City Staff for their vision on preparing a balanced budget and encouraged Council to begin looking at alternative sources of revenue for the future if an increase in the homestead exemption should occur.

The public hearing was closed.

The Mayor asked for a motion and second for Resolution 2017-17 to set the 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 Keller moved to set the 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 Holmes seconded the motion.

As there was no discussion the vote on the motion to set the 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 announced the 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.

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

2017-18 FY 2017-18 Final Budget

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 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 Finance Director read Resolution 2017-18 by title.

The Mayor stated the 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 and ask for comments on the budget. As there were no comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Mayor asked for a Motion and Second for Resolution 2017-18 to adopt the budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Council Member Holmes moved to adopt the budget for the City of Fort Walton Beach for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. Council Member Keller seconded the motion.

The Mayor asked for Council discussion. Council Member Holmes thanked the Staff for their hard work on preparing the budget. Council Member Schmidt expressed concern regarding using funds to continue certain services, and thanked the Staff for their efforts.

As there was no further discussion the vote on the motion to adopt the 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 5 to 1 with Schmidt opposed.

The Mayor announced the 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.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Mike Holmes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Diane Keller, Council Member
AYES:	Allegretto, Holmes, Keller, Mead, Smith
NAYS:	David Schmidt
ABSENT:	Amy Jamieson

ADJOURNMENT 5:40 PM