

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 5:05 P.M. ON MONDAY, **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hudson called the special meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Linda Hudson; Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson; Commissioner Thomas Perona; Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox  
City Manager Nicholas Mimms  
City Attorney Peter Sweeney

Commissioner Alexander participated by phone.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Ordinance 20-026 levying and collecting taxes for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, adopting final millage rate. **FIRST READING**

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read in its entirety, into the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE **LEVYING AND COLLECTING OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING SUCH AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SAID CITY DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR AND TO PAY FUNDS SO COLLECTED INTO THE ACCOUNTS PROVIDED THEREFOR; **ADOPTING THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR FINAL MILLAGE RATE**; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The final millage rate of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 is hereby levied at the rate of 6.9000 per thousand dollar valuation for general City purposes; said rate being in excess of the roll-back rate by 5.81%.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida hereby levies a tax of 6.9000 per thousand dollar valuation on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of said City, subject to tax on the first day of January 2020, provided however that such 6.9000 shall not be levied upon property in the City of Fort Pierce exempt under state statute or federal constitution.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby instructed and directed to certify to the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser the above and forgoing enumerated Millage to be levied for all purposes, for the 2020-21 fiscal year in the said City of Fort Pierce, Florida, pursuant to the provision of the laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be and become effective October 1, 2020.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing. Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to approve Ordinance 20-026.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

- b. Ordinance 20-027 Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. **FIRST READING**

City Clerk Linda Cox introduced the ordinance, read in its entirety, into the record.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-027**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Commission of Fort Pierce, Florida after having held a public hearing, hereby adopts as its final budget for the operation of the government of said City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, the estimates made by the City Manager of said City presented to the City Commission on September 14, 2020, which detailed amended estimates are now on file with the City Clerk and the Director of Finance.

**SECTION 2.** That it shall be the duty of the City Manager to set up the aforesaid appropriation of revenues and expenses on the account records of said City, to keep such accounts thereof, as required by the Charter of said City, as may be directed from time to time by the City Commission.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be and become effective October 1, 2020.

Mayor Hudson opened the public hearing. Seeing no one, she closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sessions expressed concerns regarding the hiring of higher level police officers, the command staff, from other areas that he doesn't know, and at salaries that seem high. Mr. Mimms confirmed that no new positions have been created in the police department; only what was budgeted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rufus Alexander to approve Ordinance 20-027.

AYE: Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Rufus Alexander, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Passed

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER