

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 7, 2021.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson;
Commissioner Thomas Perona; Mayor Linda Hudson

Staff Present: City Clerk Linda Cox
City Manager Nicholas Mimms
Interim City Attorney Tanya Earley

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to fifteen minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

Susan Parry

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mayor to announce the tentative millage rate which is 6.9; the millage rate exceeds the roll-back rate (6.5954), by 4.62%

Mayor Hudson announced that the City of Fort Pierce is proposing a millage rate of 6.90 and the rate exceeds the roll-back rate of 6.5954 BY 4.62%.

- b. Overview of the proposed budget - Johnna Morris, Finance Director

Ms. Johnna Morris, Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed 2021-22 budget. The budget is balanced at \$47,513,496 which is an increase of \$4,189,622 from FY 2021. There is no proposal to increase the millage rate. The city will receive a one-time infusion of \$1,080,186 from the American Rescue Plan. The city is adding 11 new positions, and cost of living increases for all employees is included in the budget. This is the 4th year that there will be no transfer from the general fund to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on Tentative Millage Rate and Proposed 2021-22 General Fund Budget for the City of Fort Pierce.

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

- b. Consider any proposed amendments to the 2021-22 General Fund Budget.

There were no amendments to the proposed budget.

- c. Adopt the proposed Millage Rate and recompute if necessary. The proposed millage rate is 6.9.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Perona, seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to adopt the millage rate as proposed at 6.9.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

- d. Adoption of tentative 2021-22 General Fund Budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

AYE: Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson,
Commissioner Thomas Perona, Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

7. ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. The first reading of the budget ordinances will be held at a special meeting of the City Commission on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:05 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, Florida. The final budget hearing and second reading of the budget ordinances will be held at a special meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER