



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
NEPTUNE BEACH CITY HALL
116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA 32266

Pursuant to proper notice, a Special City Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Neptune Beach City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266.

Attendance:**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
Councilor Lauren Key
Councilor Nia Livingston
Councilor Josh Messinger (*absent*)

STAFF:

City Manager Richard Pike
City Attorney Zachary Roth
Public Works Director Deryle Calhoun
Chief Financial Officer Jaime Hernandez
Parks and Sustainability Director Colin Moore
Police Chief Michael Key
Community Development Director Heather Whitmore
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

**Call to
Order/Roll
Call/Pledge**

Mayor Brown called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilor Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ord. No. 2023-
07, Millage
Rate**

Ordinance No. 2023-07, Adopting Final Millage Rate, First Read And Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting a Final Millage Rate and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding "Rolled-Back Rate"; Directing the City Manager to Adjust the Adopted Millage Rate in the Event of Changes in the Assessment Roll and Taxable Value; and Providing an Effective Date.

TRIM Notice

Mayor Brown read into the record the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice.

This is the millage public hearing for the City of Neptune Beach, Florida. The "Rolled-back" rate for the City of Neptune Beach is 3.0747 mills. The rate to be adopted reflects a 10% increase over the "Rolled-back" rate. The rate that is to be levied in this ordinance by the City Council is 3.38217.

Public Hearing

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing.

The following speakers spoke in opposition of raising the millage rate:

Alison Ronzon, 221 South Street, Neptune Beach, spoke in opposition to the millage rate increase.

Julie Geissmann, 119 Oleander Street, Neptune Beach, spoke in opposition of the millage rate increase.

Shellie Thole, 124 Margaret Street, Neptune Beach, spoke in opposition to the increase and she would have to pass this on to her renters.

Erin Sheldon, 240 Windswept Circle, Neptune Beach, spoke in opposition to the millage rate increase. She added that she had not seen increase in salaries for teachers and she would have to cut back due to increase.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

City Attorney Zachary Roth advised that Florida Statutes Section 200.065(5)(a)1. states "A rate of not more than 110 percent of the rolled-back rate based on the previous year's maximum millage rate, adjusted for change in per capita Florida personal income, may be adopted if approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the governing body of the county, municipality, or independent district."

Made by Chin, seconded by Livingston.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE OF 3.3821, AT FIRST READ**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Key, Livingston, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. No. 2023-08, FY24 Budget Ordinance No. 2023-08, Adopting A Final Budget, First Read and Public Hearing. An Ordinance of the City of Neptune Beach, Florida, Adopting a Final Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and Providing an Effective Date.

Made by Livingston, seconded by Chin.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08, ADOPTING THE FY2023-2024 BUDGET AT FIRST READ**

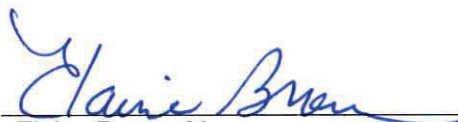
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 4-Livingston, Key, Chin, and Brown

Noes: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Elaine Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Ponson, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: 10-16-2023

