



City of Freeport
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a
September 20, 2016 Minutes

I. Meeting Opened

The September 20th 2016 Final Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Council members absent: Councilwoman Cuchens

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Anna Hudson, City Engineer Cliff Knauer, Billing Supervisor Jennifer Douglas and Sewer Supervisor Robert Fawcett

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Final Budget & Millage

Mayor Russ Barley opened the meeting and turned the proceedings over to City Clerk Podraza. Clerk Podraza informed the Council and those present that on September 8, 2016 the tentative budget was approved in the amount of \$4,646,200.00. The tentative millage rate for 4.7302 was approved as well. Clerk Podraza then turned the meeting over to City Attorney Adkinson.

Attorney Adkinson informed the Council that this is the final budget hearing which has been properly advertised. He advised that the millage rate of 4.7302 is greater than the roll back rate of 4.6401 milled by 1.94%. The proposed budget is \$4,646,200.00 and proposed millage is 4.7302.

Attorney Adkinson read the proposed resolution to adopt the 2016/2017 millage rate of 4.7302:

Council Action: Councilwoman McLean made a motion to set the final millage rate of 4.7302 and adopt Resolution No. 2016-10 for the 2016/2017 budget year. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion. Four ayes (McLean, Cuchens, Farris, Laird), one nay (Brannon); motion carried.

The City of Freeport may take action on any matter during this meeting, including items that are not set forth within this agenda.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's office at 850-835-2822 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

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Attorney Adkinson read the proposed resolution to adopt the final 2016/2017 budget in the amount of \$4,646,200.00:

Council Action: Councilman Farris made a motion to accept the final 2016/2017 budget in the amount of \$4,646,200.00 and adopt Resolution No. 2016-11. Councilwoman Laird seconded the motion.

Council Discussion: Councilwoman Brannon read a statement that will be provided as copy of record with the minutes as to why she will be voting no on the 2016/2017 budget.

Four ayes (McLean, Cuchens, Farris, Laird), one nay (Brannon); motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Russ Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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