

## **CITY OF APOPKA**

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**Minutes of a special City Council meeting held on September 27, 2017, at 5:01 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Kilsheimer  
Commissioner Billie Dean  
Commissioner Diane Velazquez  
Commissioner Kyle Becker  
Commissioner Doug Bankson  
Glenn Irby, City Administrator

**PRESS PRESENT:** John Peery - The Apopka Chief

**INVOCATION:** The invocation as given by Reverend Laura Viau of First Presbyterian Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -** Mayor Kilsheimer led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **SET FINAL MILLAGE & BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

1. **Resolution No. 2017-16 - Setting the millage levy for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 at 3.7876.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16**

##### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, SETTING THE MILLAGE LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

Mayor Kilsheimer said the City of Apopka City Council convenes this Public Hearing on the City of Apopka's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Final Millage rates and Final Budget as required by Florida Statutes, Chapters 129 and 200.

Mayor Kilsheimer said Florida Statutes, Chapter 200 requires that a Final Public Hearing on the budget be preceded by a two to five day notice of that hearing. Florida Statutes, Chapter 129 requires that we advertise a summary of the final budget. He asked the clerk if there was proof of publication that such notices have been given.

City Clerk Goff said pursuant to these requirements, a summary of the final City Budget was provided for public review by means of advertisement in the Orlando Sentinel on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Mayor Kilsheimer said Resolution 2017-16 is setting the millage levy for the fiscal year 2017-18 at 3.7876 mills.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing, inviting citizens to comment on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 millage rate. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-16, establishing Fiscal Year 2017-18 final millage rate at 3.7876 mills, which represents an increase of 7.42% from the rolled back rate of 3.5260 mills.**

Commissioner Bankson said they know his concerns and objections and he will let those stand. He stated this is an increase and he did not see it being the long term solve.

**Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez and Becker voting aye, and Commissioner Bankson voting nay.**

Mayor Kilsheimer announced the City of Apopka has determined that a final millage rate of 3.7876 mills is necessary to fund the final budget. The final millage rate represents an increase of 7.42% from the rolled back rate of 3.5260 mills.

- 2. Resolution No. 2017-17 - Adopt the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

Mayor Kilsheimer said the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed budget for all funds is balanced at \$124,672,709. It is balanced at an operating millage rate of 3.7876, which is 7.42% above the rolled back rate of 3.5260.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Bankson said he spent several hours today talking with Bob Ensor with the Florida League of Cities (FLC) discussing matters he was concerned about, including the reserve rate. He said the City was still in a safe zone, stating the GFOA only gives a two month basis to establish from and build upon. He stated he was looking at common trends that lead to sustainability and Mr. Ensor confirmed the three main indicators to be concerned about were taxes going up, borrowing increasing, and reserves going down. He said that he was not against utilizing our reserves for needs, but the City has no plan to put them back

and this is his concern He said there were certain principals that are good, sound, and healthy, and this is what he advocates and asks Council to work together to consider this for the residents.

Commissioner Velazquez inquired if Commissioner Bankson showed Mr. Ensor previous budgets for comparison to show where they started, to which Commissioner Bankson said they discussed this budget and he discussed where the City had been, trying to give Mr. Ensor as much information as he could during the conversation.

Commissioner Velazquez said we have to provide services to our community and by voting no to the budget it was not supportive of the community and staff.

Commissioner Bankson said his objection was that the present path the City was on was not sustainable, and there were no policies to replenish the reserve funds.

Commissioner Becker said he can totally respect Commissioner Bankson's comments, but for him it is all about the math. He asked Commissioner Bankson if by voting no on the millage rate was it his idea to roll the millage back, stating we would be further in the hole in terms of the general fund revenue. Commissioner Becker said he supports the idea of having a healthy reserve balance, but what actual steps do we have to take to get there. He stated during the budget workshops they did not have conversations enough to where cutting back the necessities supported the idea of working toward the 25% number.

Commissioner Bankson said he was seeing a number of trends that concern him and felt this needs to be factored in to the thinking process of our budgeting. He reiterated he could not support the budget if these factors were not included.

**MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-17 adopting revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City's Fiscal Year Budget commencing on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018. Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez and Becker voting aye and Commissioner Bankson voting nay.**

Mayor Kilsheimer announced the City of Apopka has adopted Resolution No. 2017-17, which adopts revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City's Fiscal Year Budget commencing on October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Mayor Kilsheimer said this concludes the Public Hearing on the City of Apopka's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Final Millage rates and Final Budget as required by Florida Statutes, Chapters 129 and 200.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda F. Goff, City Clerk