

## CITY OF APOPKA

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### **Minutes of the City Council budget hearing held on September 09, 2020, 5:15 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.**

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson  
Commissioner Doug Bankson  
Commissioner Kyle Becker  
Commissioner Alexander Smith  
City Administrator Edward Bass  
City Attorney Michael Rodriguez

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Smith provided the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Nelson said he wanted to thank Edward Bass, Department Heads and Staff for all of their hard work in putting this budget together. He stated that this is a fair budget and addresses our needs as well as a few of the wants and he appreciates all of the hard work that have gone into this.

Edward Bass, City Administrator, said before he gets started, he would like to thank the staff as well and said that many long hours have gone into preparing this budget and that this budget is very thorough and detailed. He said that if you recall back in September of last year, we thought we had a really good and conservative budget and one that would handle many of our wants. Of course, as everyone knows, the Coronavirus Pandemic changed our plans in the middle of March, in a dramatic way. He said the staff is to be commended as we have some valuable employees who stepped up and helped us to reduce some of the expenses, wherever possible in order to ensure we maintain that top-notch service level. He said it looks like we could potentially have a \$2 million to \$2.5 million dollars shortfall in sales tax for this current year but and hopefully we can avoid getting into reserves for FY20 year.

Mr. Bass said today is the first public hearing to set the tentative millage rate and adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020/2021. He stated that whatever we set that millage rate at, we can go down in the final hearing but we cannot go up. He announced that the final public hearing will be held on September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. He then provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21. He included some of the highlights before reviewing each of the line items in detail and said that this budget includes funding for some much needed infrastructure improvements. He said he will

The new fiscal year begins October 1, 2020.

He reviewed budget highlights advising the proposed millage rate of 4.1626 per \$1,000 of assessed value is the same rate as the prior year. The City's tax base increased over \$273 million; providing an additional \$1 million in ad valorem tax revenues. There was no reserves or borrowing to balance the General Fund. The only new positions are two new police officers and two repurposed positions for a total of four new police officer positions. He provided an overview of the Proposed Budget for all Funds and the General Fund. He reiterated the final public hearing is on September 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of his presentation is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

1. ANNOUNCE AND ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 4.1626, WHICH IS 8.66% ABOVE THE ROLLBACK RATE OF 3.8309.

Mayor Nelson announced the City of Apopka hereby proposes for FY 2020/2021 a millage rate of 4.1626 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. The said rate is 8.66% above the rollback rate of 3.8309 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by Florida Statute 200.065.

**MOTION by Commissioner Nolan and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to set the tentative millage rate at 4.1626 which is 8.66% above the rollback rate of 3.8309. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith, voting aye.**

2. ADOPT PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM WORKSHOPS.

Mayor Nelson announced that the City Administrator recommends City Council approve the first reading of the tentative revenues, and expenditures for the City's fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021 for all funds.

**MOTION by Commissioner Nolan and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the tentative FY 2020/2021 Budget. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Smith voting aye.**

3. ANNOUNCE FINAL MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Nelson announced the City of Apopka will hold the final Millage Rate and Budget Hearing for FY 2020/2021 on September 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

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Susan M. Bone, Deputy City Clerk