

**CITY OF BRADENTON
BUDGET HEARING #
September 7, 2016 5:01 P.M.
MINUTES**

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, IOI Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, for the first of two public hearings on the proposed 2016-2017 City of Bradenton budget.

Present: Mayor Wayne Poston; Councilman Ward I Gene Gallo; Vice Mayor/Councilman Ward II Gene Brown; Councilman Ward III Patrick Roff; Councilman Ward IV Bemis Smith; and Councilman Ward V Harold Byrd, Jr.

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief; Catherine Hartley, Department of Planning & Community Development Manager; and William Lisch, City Attorney.

City Administrator, Carl Callahan, stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was twofold: (1.) To provide a public hearing for anyone who may have questions or wished to speak about the proposed budget (2.) To adopt the tentative budget to move it forward for advertising purposes and to the final public hearing to be held on September 21, 2016. Mr. Callahan reminded everyone that changes to the budget could be made tonight and/or at the second budget hearing.

Mr. Callahan indicated that the proposed millage rate of 5.8976 was 4.75% over the rollback rate of 5.6302. He stated that overall there had been no major changes in operational expenses. The proposed budget included essential public safety expenditures including a new fire truck, new police radios, and additional staffing. Also included in the budget were multiple vehicle replacements, the road paving project, a new downtown parking garage, a tournament sports park, the scoreboard at McKechnie Field, and the Twin Dolphin Marina dock expansion. Grants and funding was available for most of the various expenses, but these capital fund projects artificially inflate the budget.

With the experience of Tropical Storm Hermine fresh in the rearview mirror, the importance of continued updating and maintenance of the City infrastructure was emphasized. This would need to be done on an incremental annual basis to prepare properly for the future.

Taxable value was anticipated to bring in approximately \$17,276,000 in ad valorem taxes into a total general fund budget of \$115,000,000. Mayor Poston interjected that this budget was equal to that of 2009 and less than that of 2008. The Public Hearing was opened. No one came forward. The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Callahan recommended the adoption of Resolution 16-45 and reiterated that this would set the tentative millage rate at 5.8976, which was a 4.75% increase above the rollback rate of 5.6302.

RESOLUTION 16-45 FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 16-45 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROFF, AND APPROVED 5:0.

Mr. Callahan recommended approval of Resolution 16-45 which would adopt the 2016-2017 tentative budget of \$115,000,000. The final budget hearing would be held at 5:01 p.m. on Sept. 21, 2016 and would be properly advertised in the Bradenton Herald.

RESOLUTION 16-46

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 16-46 AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ROFF, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BYRD, AND APPROVED 5:0.

There being no further business, Mayor Poston adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.