

CITY OF BRADENTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2019-20 Budget Hearing #1

September 4, 2019

5:01 P.M.

MINUTES

The City of Bradenton City Council met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

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

City Officials: Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director; Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer; Charles Edwards, Fire Chief; Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; Jim McLellan, Public Works & Utilities Director; and Scott Rudacille, Interim City Attorney.

Catherine Hartley, Planning & Community Development Director, was out with an excused absence. Anthony Warren, Building Official, represented the department.

Mayor Wayne Poston opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and turned it over to Carl Callahan, City Administrator/Economic Development Director.

Mr. Callahan recapped the presentation he provided at the August 21, 2019 City Council Workshop. He reminded everyone there is an 8% increase in property valuations this year and significant increases within the Community Redevelopment districts. He announced that out of the \$21,970,000 coming in from ad valorem taxes, roughly \$2,300,000 of that will be going back to the Community Redevelopment Agencies.

Mr. Callahan added tax revenues have been fairly stable; however, over the past several years there has been a slight decline in telecommunication tax revenue.

He said expenditures have been fairly consistent by department with the exception of personnel costs due to the increase in health insurance claims and employee wages. Collective bargaining contracts with Police and Fire are still in negotiation at this time. Changes to the budget may need to be made to accommodate the outcomes of these discussions.

He provided some departmental expense highlights and changes from the previous presentation:

Generators for Fleet, Fire Department Public Works Annex

Electrical: Auger Truck Replacement

IT Department: Ongoing purchases for infrastructure, storage and security.

Police Department: Budget increase of 4.25%, primarily due to the request of three additional civilian positions.

Legislative: Charter Review costs

Fire: Fire Station #3 is included in the budget and a presentation will be given by Fawley Bryant for design approval at the September 11, 2019 City Council Meeting. A new fire truck is included in the Half-Cent Sales Tax budget.

Streets: Paving – Up to \$1,800,000 designated from various sources

Sewer Collection: New vacuum truck

Insurance: Increase in expenses due to insuring new construction projects, along with covering an increase in medical insurance based on current year claims.

Solid Waste: Rear loaders and new tomcats to assist in smaller collections.

Golf Course: Reelmaster mower

Sharon Beauchamp, City Clerk & Treasurer, officially read in to the record:

- The name of the taxing authority: City of Bradenton
- The rolled-back rate: 5.5912
- The percent increase over the rolled back rate: 5.48%
- The millage rate to be levied: 5.8976

Mr. Callahan explained that the reason the valuations show an increase of 8%, but the increase in the rolled back rate is only 5.48%, is because new construction is not included in the rolled back rate. The spread between these percentages indicate that a good amount of new construction is happening in the City, which is a positive sign.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-55 FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ARISING FROM SAID LEVY; ALSO THE DISBURSEMENTS OF CERTAIN OTHER FUNDS.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward. None came. Those opposed were invited to come forward. None came. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE CITY OF BRADENTON MILLAGE RATE FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT 5:01 P.M. was made by Vice Mayor Byrd and seconded by Councilman Roff. Motion passed 5:0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-56 FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET; AND SETTING REVENUES AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Public Hearing was opened. Those in favor were asked to come forward. None came. Those opposed were invited to come forward. None came. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING AND SET THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE CITY OF BRADENTON BUDGET FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AT 5:01 P.M. was made by Councilman Roff and seconded by Vice Mayor Byrd. Motion passed 5:0.

Mr. Callahan announced the official advertisement for the September 18, 2019 Budget Hearing will reflect a 5.48% increase in taxes. He reminded Council the City will be bringing in more taxes due to the increase in valuations, but the Millage Rate is remaining the same.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available upon request.