

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of September 21, 2021

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Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor HB Robinson and Commission Members: Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin, Commissioner Tom Fellows and Commissioner Jeremy Clark. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Cloud. Absent and excused was Commissioner Bobby Lynch.

Mayor Robinson declared a quorum present and opened the meeting with invocation and a salute to the flag.

### 1. SECOND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Manager read from a prepared script which outlined the proposed millage rate of 7.5000 and the tentative budget funding for FY 2021/2022 at \$34,640,490. The rollback rate was noted at 7.0041 mils.

#### a) PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #1040 SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1040 by title.

Finance Director Donald Carter noted that the ad for the hearing had ran Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

**Motion** by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance 1040 on its second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

#### b) PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1041 APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1041 by title.

Finance Director Donald Carter again noted that the ad for the hearing had ran Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

He also noted that in the Utility Fund budget the hourly rates had been transposed between the Water Plant Operator and the GIS/Locator positions. The budget for these departments would change, however the overall budget of \$34,640,490 would not. He would be correcting the budget and providing the City Clerk with a corrected Budget to attach to the Ordinance.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

**Motion** by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance 1041 on second reading.

The Vice-Mayor commended City Staff for providing them with a very comprehensive and detailed budget. He was impressed again with the detail. All the items that were requested were

justifiable items in his opinion. Their 5 year plan was spot on. He had been concerned with the vac truck but was happy that they had justified the use of it.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Motion** by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Order of Business. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CONSENT AGENDA** - None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In jest, the Vice-Mayor voiced to let the record reflect that the Mayor had said Old Business.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1042 ESTABLISHING A BUILDING PERMIT CONSTRUCTION/TRAINING ACCOUNT; ALLOWING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT TO SET ASIDE EXCESS BUILDING PERMIT FEE REVENUES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING NEW BUILDING DEPARTMENT FACILITIES OR THE TRAINING OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INCLUDING CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFF**

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1042 by title.

Donald advised that there were no changes since first reading and stood for questions.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

**Motion** by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve on second and final reading Ordinance 1042. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1043 AMENDING SECTION 3-8 CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF ALCOHOL ON CITY PROPERTY FOR EVENTS, SPECIFICALLY THE TOM FELLOWS EVENT AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1043 by title.

Parks & Recreation Director Danny McClain advised that there were no changes since first reading and stood for questions.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

**Motion** by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve Ordinance No. 1043.

The Vice-Mayor noted that in the past they have had to approve the consumption and selling of alcohol in the downtown area. He further asked if this Ordinance would eliminate this process or

was the Ordinance specific to the Tom Fellows Community Center. He was informed that it was only for the Tom Fellows Community Center.

The Vice-Mayor then voiced that he had hoped that this would give the City Manager and/or City Staff the authority to make the decision rather than it coming to them each time. The City Manager responded that Staff could look at drafting such an ordinance.

There being no other discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS – None**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager provided that at their last meeting they had asked Staff to get an estimate of the cost to maintain the Peter Rust Civic Center. At their dais was a cost analysis detailing an Annual Revenue loss of \$10,000.00 for rentals and Annual Expenditures of \$10,950.00, which included utilities, repair and maintenance, supplies, insurance and staff. In a year's time it was roughly \$20,950 or approximately \$63,000 with a 3 year lease.

The Vice-Mayor pointed out that basically they broke even within \$1,000. The City Manager noted that Parks & Recreation was a service to the community and not a true money maker. If they broke even then they were doing real good.

The Vice-Mayor pointed out that it would still cost them \$11,000 if they didn't rent the building, or \$33,000 for the length of the lease. The City Attorney added that they were looking at \$33,000 of expenses they were eating plus giving up \$30,000 in revenue. So the real value of a 3 year lease was \$63,000 and would be more if they did a 5 year lease.

Commissioner Fellows pointed out that they needed to look at it in a different perspective. This was a service that they provided to their residents and there was going to be a cost. He didn't see this as being any different than Wilson Park, Lake Play or Jamestown Park. It was a service that they provided to their residents. He had noticed that every city had an Arts & Culture, library or museum in their budget but Davenport didn't. His point being was that they needed to look at this more in terms that they were going to partner with the Historical Society and everybody would agree that they did as much as anybody else to promote the City. Yes there was a cost to the City but it was a win win for the city. If they were going to be a city on the move then they needed to get some Arts & Culture programs in this city. He encouraged them to give them time to set up and recruit new members and suggested giving them 5 years.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Attorney informed them that he had drafted the lease based on all their comments at the last meeting. He had sent it to Robin Gibson, the Historical Society's Attorney. He had called him this morning and had agreed to discuss some things later this week.

Before proceeding, the City Manager added that Commissioner Lynch had asked him to see if there was any consideration to change the date of the Grand Opening. When they had set the date for October 15<sup>th</sup> he was not aware of a prior engagement. Having said this, the City Manager added that the date had already been announced on social media and by the Chamber. Commissioner Fellows expressed that everybody that could be there would be there and those that couldn't was totally understandable.

## **CITY CLERK REPORT - No Comments**

### **CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS**

To follow up with Commissioner Fellows' comments on the community center lease, the Vice-Mayor expressed that the reason for the costs being presented to them was at the request of a citizen at their last meeting. He further stated that there wasn't anyone up there that was against a contract with the Davenport Historical Society. As it was brought up at their last meeting by the Mayor, they didn't want it to become a storage facility. His issues were being addressed by the City Attorney. However length of time they agreed upon, he fully expected it to be renewed when the time was up and he had every faith in the Historical Society that they would do everything that they were going to do and it is going to be a phenomenal facility that was going to offer good services to the residents and would also be a learning experience for the children and schools.

Commissioner Clark echoed the Vice-Mayor's comments on them being onboard with the Historical Society. He too thanked the Davenport Historical Society for their support of the community. He also stated that if "we ever forget about our history, they will forget what they're striving for". Lastly, he thanked the City Staff and the Fire and Police Departments.

Commissioner Fellows also mirrored the Vice-Mayor's comments on the Budget and also thanked Donald and all the City Staff involved. He also thanked them for listening to his comments on the Historical Society.

Commissioner Fellows also asked for an update on the well. Utilities Director Mike Stripling informed him that they were steadily working on it but they weren't making the progress that he would like to see but they were very close to the confining layer. They were still dealing with a little bit of sand. They were at 464' and were about 40' away from what we believe was the layer between the Upper Floridan and Lower Floridan. Once they hit that then drilling would be much easier.

The Mayor voiced his agreement with his fellow Commissioners on all their comments.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Minutes are true and correct.

  
Raquel Castillo, City Clerk