



City of Palm Coast
Minutes
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Hall
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Mayor David Alfin
Vice Mayor Ed Danko
Council Member Cathy Heighter
Council Member Nick Klufas
Council Member Theresa Pontieri

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

9:00 AM

Community Wing

City Staff

Denise Bevan, City Manager

Neysa Borkert, City Attorney

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

C ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kaley Cook called the roll. Council Member Heighter and Council Member Klufas were absent.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. And pursuant to the City Council's Meeting Policies and Procedures:

- (1) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (2) The Public may provide comments to the City Council relative to matters not on the agenda at the times indicated in this Agenda. Following any comments from the public, there may be discussion by the City Council.
- (3) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) direct all comments to the Mayor;
 - (b) make their comments concise and to the point;
 - (c) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (d) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (e) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and
 - (f) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (4) Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine his or her comments to the identified subject or business, shall be cautioned by the Mayor and thereafter must conclude his or her remarks on the subject within the remaining designated time limit.

Any speaker failing to comply, as cautioned, shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting and may be removed, as necessary, for the remainder of the meeting.

Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be advised that public comment will only be permitted during the public comment portions of the agenda at the times indicated by the Chair during the meeting.

There were none.

E PRESENTATIONS

1 PRESENTATION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS BUDGET

Helena Alves, Director of Financial Services, and Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: Presentation Overview, Water & Wastewater Fund Summary, Stormwater Management Fund Summary, Public Works Fund Summary, Building & IT Enterprise Fund Summary, upcoming budget meetings, and where to find additional budget information.

Council held discussion on the following topics: Fiscal Year 2023 projection of available funds, staffing cost increase, cost of living increase, annexations and sufficient capacity, water usage, cost of medical insurance, potential savings, impact fee increases, requested Stormwater positions, ad valorem taxes related to Stormwater budgets, certification of competency for companies that provide rate studies, review and modifications to funding mechanisms for Stormwater, request for presentation on alternative weed control mechanisms, question from

home builders regarding impact fees, and request for heat map based on line-of-sight based on capacity.

Ms. Alves and department directors provided response to Council questions.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to three (3) minutes each.

Gene Dowd spoke about last week's meeting and attacks made on Council Members and City staff. I support Council, and commend City Staff, Positive - City Manager commended staff working out in the heat.

Denise Calderwood spoke about lack of community and not taking care of our people.

Vice Mayor Danko shared supports to Council Member Heighter.

Mayor Alfin shared about a feature that will be written about Council Member Heighter.

Council Member Pontieri seconded the sentiments of Vice Mayor Danko and thanked residents for their public comments. Council Member Pontieri asked for everyone to be respectful with comments and work together for the shared goal of keeping costs low and quality of life high.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Bevan shared an update on coordination with Florida Power & Light (FPL) following the prior meeting on refining Council's discussion of referendum. Ms. Bevan shared that FPL said that the referendum is not feasible for them and requested direction from Council on whether this item should come back at the August 1, 2023, meeting.

Vice Mayor Danko asked what not feasible means.

Ms. Bevan shared information from FPL regarding FPL's concerns.

Mayor Alfin clarified that the agreement offer, and putting the item on referendum, is not on the table.

Council Member Pontieri clarified the statements from FPL.

Ms. Bevan agreed to the clarification.

Council Member Pontieri asked for consensus to remove this item from the agenda.

Mayor Alfin advised City Council of the procedure for this item and the appropriate handling of the motion at the next business meeting on August 1, 2023.

H DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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There were none.

J ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kaley Cook, CMC, FCRM

City Clerk