



City of Palm Coast Minutes Budget Hearing

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Mayor Michael Norris
Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri
Council Member Charles Gambaro
Council Member Ty Miller
Council Member David Sullivan

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

5:15 PM

**City Hall - Jon Netts
Community Wing**

City Staff

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Marcus Duffy, City Attorney

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

C. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kaley Cook called the roll. All members were present.

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) This agenda item has a thirty (30) minute limit.
- (2) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Public speakers may address their comments to the Council as a whole, the Mayor, or to an individual Council Member
- (5) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) make their comments concise and to the point;
 - (b) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (c) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (d) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and
 - (e) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (6) 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.

Richard Drogas discussed property tax increases and city projects.

Sharon Moss discussed proposed taxes and new homes.

Mayor Norris asked staff to provide assistance to both speakers.

Council Member Sullivan discussed homestead exemptions and seeking assistance from the property appraiser.

E. PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION - FINAL PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

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

Topics presented included: General Fund Revenues Summary, General Fund Expenditure Summary, Proprietary Funds Budget Summary, Capital Projects Funds Budget Summary, Capital Projects Funds Major Projects Fiscal Year

2026, Special Revenue Funds Budget Summary, Internal Services Funds Budget Summary, Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Summary, Millage Rate Options, and next steps.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: terminology, brief description of rates, reduction in mil, months of budget workshops, County public hearings, compliments and thanks to staff, millage rate compared to other cities, the millage rate over time, and utility rates.

*Public comment:
There were none.*

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA BOARD

City Council recessed at 5:49 p.m. and convened the SR 100 Corridor CRA Board.

F. SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA RESOLUTIONS

- 2. STATE ROAD 100 CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SR100 CRA) RESOLUTION 2025-144 ADOPTING THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND AMENDING THE STATE ROAD 100 CORRIDOR CRA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

Ms. Alves provided a brief overview and reiterated budget amount of \$3,336,344.

*Public Comment:
There were none.*

Pass

Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Pontieri and seconded by Council Member Miller

Approved - 5 - Mayor Michael Norris, Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan

ADJOURN THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA BOARD AND RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL

The SR 100 Corridor CRA Board adjourned at 5:51 p.m. and the City Council meeting reconvened.

G. CITY RESOLUTIONS

- 3. RESOLUTION 2025-143 SETTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE (TRIM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to levy a tentative millage rate of 4.0893 mills. This is an increase of 2.14% from the rolled-back rate of 4.0035 mills.

Public comment:

Robert Drogas asked questions and commented on the topic.

Mayor Norris discussed efforts that have been taken by the Council and discussed disadvantages for new residents.

Council Member Gambaro encouraged meeting with Mr. Mancill, Director of Public Works, for details on fleet replacement.

Council Member Miller shared that the property appraiser is a great resource.

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative millage rate of 4.0893 mills.

Pass

Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Pontieri and seconded by Council Member Miller

Approved - 5 - Mayor Michael Norris, Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan

4. RESOLUTION 2025-142 ESTABLISHES THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative budget with total appropriated expenditures and reserves of \$696,444,327.

Public Comment:

There were none.

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative budget of \$696,444,327.

Mayor Norris announced the Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget is scheduled for September 24, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., at the Palm Coast City Hall, Community Wing.

Pass

Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Pontieri and seconded by Council Member Miller

Approved - 5 - Mayor Michael Norris, Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

There were none.

I. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Miller shared about educational classes.

Vice Mayor Pontieri shared prayers for Charlie Kirk's family and for the Country.

J. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

K. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk*