
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, July 29, 2009 • 5:15 p.m.

Chairman E. Georgia Phillips Presiding

Council Chamber, Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge Florida 32955

EVERY PERSON ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S CARD

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before the meeting convenes or prior to the introduction of a particular agenda item.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Council Finance & Budget Committee, Minutes of Meeting on July 16, 2009
 1. Recommendation: Tentative Millage Rate for Taxable Year 2009
 - a) Resolution Establishing Tentative Millage Rate for Taxable Year 2009
3. ADJOURN



**ANY PERSON WHO DESIRES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE
ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD
OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE
UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.**

**COUNCIL FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 16, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Council Finance & Budget Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank T. Forester, Councilman/Chairman
E. Georgia Phillips, Councilwoman
Thomas J. Price, Jr., Councilman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry L. Schultz, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT: James P. McKnight, City Manager
David A. Henderson, Assistant City Manager
John C. Shockey, Chief of Police
C. Kenneth Poole, Public Works Director
Jim Elmore, Assistant WWTP Director
Richard E Allen, Fire Chief
Carl L. Jones, Building Official

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Forester at 5:30 p. m.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION: FY 2010 General Fund Budget

City Manager McKnight began a discussion concerning the budget for Fiscal Year 2010, and the ad valorem tax rate for calendar year 2009 required to fund the same. He and the Assistant City Manager reviewed the taxable value, and the calculation of the rolled-back rate. The City Manager noted his understanding of the need to provide tax reductions in this fiscal year, but cautioned that too drastic a step could potentially result in a reduction in services. Further observations regarding revenue pointed out reduction in all State Shared Revenues, and the continued decline in construction has reduced Building Permit Revenues. This has also had the affect of reducing connection fees and Renewal & Replacement revenues in the Waste Water Treatment Plant Fund. Councilman Price stated his preference that Staff develop a budget using a millage rate of \$5.35 (the current rate). There was general consensus that this would require a combination of cost-cutting and the utilization of fund balance. It was agreed that Councilman Price would meet with Staff to look at

alternatives which would be presented to the Finance Committee at a later time for discussion and decision.

After additional discussion on the potential impacts to the City, Councilwoman Phillips offered the following motion:

That the Council Finance & Budget Committee recommends to the City Council that the Staff develop a budget utilizing a millage rate of \$5.895, (which is below the rolled-back rate of \$6.1006) for FY 2010.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Price, whereupon it passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION: FY 2010 Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation

City Manager McKnight addressed the fundamentals of the WW/WTR Facility Budget, noting the recommendation for an increase in the base charge of \$1.00 per month. This would be the first increase in the base rate since 1995 and would bring the dedicated fee for Renewal and Replacement to \$2.00 per month. It was the consensus of those present to move the budget, as presented, to the full council at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 12, 2009.

C. DISCUSSION: FY 2010 Sanitation Services Budget

City Manager McKnight reviewed for the Committee the Sanitation Services Budget, noting that no significant changes are proposed. He did note, however, that recycling collection revenue has dropped dramatically. This resulted in a recommendation to increase the collection rate to \$13.50. Staff made note of some changes required to correctly reflect expected expenditures for the coming year. At that point it was the consensus of those present to move the budget, as presented, to the full council at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 12, 2009.

D. DISCUSSION: FY 2010 Stormwater Utility Fund

City Manager McKnight went through the various aspects of the Stormwater Utility and indicated no changes in the rate structure. Staff noted some minor changes in the budget presentation that were necessary to accurately reflect proposed expenditures. There being no further discussion, the consensus of those present was to move the budget, as presented, to the full council at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 12, 2009.

E. DISCUSSION: FY 2010 Community Redevelopment Agency Fund

City Manager McKnight addressed the fundamentals of the Community Redevelopment Agency Fund budget. This budget was presented in draft form as it cannot be finalized until after the millage rate is formally adopted due to the changing ad valorem tax amount. It was the consensus of those present to move the budget, as presented, to the full council at the Budget Workshop scheduled for August 12, 2009.

3. NEW BUSINESS – None

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p. m.

Submitted by:

David A. Henderson
Assistant City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCIL ADVISING THE BREVARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER OF THE ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2009; THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF SAID CITY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR 2009; AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR SAID CITY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Rockledge does hereby advise the Brevard County Property Appraiser of the following, viz:

(a) Based upon information certified to the City of Rockledge by the Brevard County Property Appraiser the rolled back millage rate of the City of Rockledge for the taxable year 2009 is \$_____ per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

(b) The proposed millage rate of the City of Rockledge for the taxable year 2009 is \$_____ per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation.

(c) The first public hearing to consider the tentative budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year of the City of Rockledge, and to consider the aforesaid proposed millage rate, will be held Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. in the Council meeting room in the Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

SECTION 2. That the Finance Director of the City of Rockledge is hereby instructed to furnish a certified copy of this Resolution to the Brevard County Property Appraiser within thirty-five (35) days of said Property Appraiser's certification of the 2009 taxable value of properties within the jurisdiction of the City of Rockledge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, this 29th day of July, 2009.

Chairman, City Council of the
City of Rockledge, Florida

ATTEST:

City Clerk