

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020 10:00 A.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Matthews, Miller, Prafke

COUNCILMEMBERS EXCUSED: Cummings

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kristin Simeone, Finance; City Manager Kunik; City Clerk Smith

Mayor Prafke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**BUDGET**

**A Resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, adopting a proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020–2021; setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider adoption of the tentative millage rate and budget; repealing Resolution No. 3503–2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Ms. Kristin Simeone, Finance Director, explained the meeting was necessary due to an error in the budget public hearing dates that were set during the July 8, 2020 City Council meeting, pointing out September 3, 2020 was the earliest date the budget public hearings could be held.

Discussion ensued with consensus to move the September 2020 Council meetings to September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Simeone stated the proposed millage rate was 3.4337 mills which was 2.59% over the calculated rollback of 3.3469.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution setting the tentative millage rate at 3.4337 and setting the date and time for the public hearing of September 9, 2020, at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**A Resolution adopting a tentative levy of annual special assessment for the Buckley’s Pass Dredging Assessment Area for Fiscal Year 2020–2021; setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider final adoption of the assessment; repealing Resolution No. 3504–2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Ms. Simeone stated the resolution would set the tentative levy at \$399.95 per water access unit for the second year of the three–year assessment for those parcels which had not prepaid the assessment.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution setting the tentative assessment rate at \$399.95 per water access unit for the second year of the three year assessment for those parcels that did not elect to prepay and setting a final public hearing date and time of September 9, 2020, at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**A Resolution adopting a tentative levy of annual special assessment for the City of Punta Gorda Lot Mowing Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider final adoption of the assessment; repealing Resolution No. 3505-2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Ms. Simeone stated the tentative assessment was \$175, which was \$5 over the previous year.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution with an assessment rate of \$175 and setting the public hearing date and time of September 9, 2020 at 5:01 p.m., **SECONDED** by Councilmember Miller.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Note: The City Council adjourned and reconvened as the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District at 10:12 a.m.**

**PUNTA GORDA ISLES CANAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**A Resolution adopting a tentative levy of annual special assessment for the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider final adoption of the assessment; repealing Resolution No. 3507-2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Ms. Simeone explained the proposed rate of \$550 per single family residence which was \$100 less than the previous year, adding for all other properties the assessment was \$.058 per square foot of land lying less than 120 lineal feet from the seawall.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting the proposed assessment of \$550 and setting the public hearing for final adoption on September 9, 2020, at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Note: The Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District adjourned and reconvened as the Burnt Store Isles (PGI) Canal Maintenance Assessment District at 10:14 a.m.**

**BURNT STORE ISLES CANAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**A Resolution adopting a tentative levy of annual special assessment for the Burnt Store Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020–2021; setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider final adoption of the assessment; repealing Resolution No. 3506–2020; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Ms. Simeone explained the proposed rate of \$460 per single family residence was \$95 less than the previous year, adding for all other properties the assessment was \$.048 per square foot of land lying less than 120 lineal feet from the seawall.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting the proposed assessment of \$460 and setting the public hearing for final adoption on September 9, 2020, at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Note: The Burnt Store Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District adjourned and reconvened as the City Council at 10:16 a.m.**

City Manager Kunik inquired as to members availability for an additional meeting should it be necessary.

Discussion ensued with consensus to schedule an additional meeting on August 26, 2020 if same was necessary.

City Manager Kunik recalled resurfacing the pickleball courts and possibly resurfacing the basketball courts had been discussed, adding staff had obtained quotes of \$16,000 for both, which was well within the City Manager's purview to approve. He inquired whether City Council wanted staff to move forward with both courts, noting the quote for the pickleball court was to resurface the entire area even though there were only four courts.

Mayor Prafke inquired whether it was necessary to paint the striping on all eight courts.

Mr. Rick Keeney, Public Works Director, replied it was not necessary; however, if the City desired that to be done in the future it would not be as cost efficient.

City Manager Kunik pointed out only four would be operational at some point in time, suggesting taking the four playable courts and move them to other playable courts.

**Councilmember Miller** inquired as to the reason for the current configuration.

Mr. Keeney replied same was the manufacturer's recommendation to reduce sound impact.

**Councilmember Carey** suggested doing it all at once, adding there may come a time during the summer when the courts would be temporarily moved to the rear for relief from the heat.

City Manager Kunik reiterated only four courts would be operational but there was a reason why the entire area was being resurfaced and striped.

**Councilmember Matthews** inquired as to timing.

Mr. Keeney replied once quotes were obtained by Procurement it would take approximately 60 days for the work to be completed.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Mayor Prafke** stated in response to questions regarding Councilmembers not wearing masks during meetings, social distancing was being maintained in Chambers; however, when Councilmembers left their seat to move around, they donned their masks.

**Councilmember Matthews** clarified the final session for the Citizen's Academy was Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

**Councilmember Carey** stated the *Pages from Our Library's Past* mural had been completed at the Punta Gorda Library.

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk