

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, 5:01 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Carey, Cummings, Matthews, Miller, Prafke

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kristin Simeone, Finance; Rick Keeney, Public Works; Chuck Pavlos, Utilities; Pam Davis, Police; Ray Briggs, Fire; City Manager Kunik; Incoming City Manager Murray; City Clerk Smith

Mayor Prafke called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She confirmed no email comments had been received. She then confirmed there were no public comments from members of the audience.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing Presentation – Millage Rate, All Funds Operating Budget, CRA Operating Budget and Special Assessments.

Ms. Kristin Simeone, Finance Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation, as delineated in the agenda material, explaining the FY 2021 General Fund Ad Valorem tax revenue increase better matched current revenues with current expenditures, would ensure revenue sufficiency as other revenue projections had decreased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, funded the City's paving and drainage improvement programs and allowed the City to continue with expected service levels. She noted the proposed rate of 3.4337 mils would generate revenue of \$11.467 million with a proposed budget for all revenues of \$133,483,830. She reported the proposed assessments for the lot mowing program was \$175 and the Buckley's pass assessment for the second year was \$399.95 per water access unit. She then briefly reviewed the proposed budget for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). She stated the proposed assessment rate was \$550 for the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Fund (CMF) and \$460 for the Burnt Store Isles CMF.

A Resolution adopting a tentative millage rate for the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and setting a date, time and place of public hearing to consider the final millage rate.

Mayor Prafke read the resolution by title, announcing the calculated rollback rate for the City was 3.3469 mils, adding the tentative millage rate was 3.4337 mils, which was 2.59% higher than the calculated rollback rate.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting a tentative millage rate of 3.4337 mils, setting the final Budget Public Hearing date for September

23, 2020, at 5:01 p.m., in City Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

A Resolution adopting a tentative budget for the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and setting a date, time, and place of public hearing to consider the final budget.

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title, noting the tentative budget was \$133,483,830; however, when internal funds were removed, the actual budget for expenses was \$104,535,317.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting a tentative budget and setting the final Budget Public Hearing date of September 23, 2020 at 5:01 p.m. to be held in City Council Chambers, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, establishing fiscal year 2020/2021 assessments for lot mowing program services; finding a special benefit to the owners of lots assessed; providing for collection of such assessments by the tax collector as non- ad valorem assessments; and providing an effective date

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting an assessment of \$175 per mowing unit, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, establishing fiscal year 2020/2021 annual special assessment for the Buckley's Pass Dredging Assessment Area; providing for collection such assessments by the tax collector as non- ad valorem assessments; and providing an effective date

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting an assessment of \$399.95 per water access unit, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Note: City Council recessed and reconvened as the Community Redevelopment Agency at 5:15 p.m.

A Resolution adopting a budget for the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Executive Director Kunik read the resolution by title, noting the budget amount was \$4,807,965; however, when the inner fund transfers were eliminated, the budget was \$3,967,910.

Commissioner Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting the CRA budget, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Note: The Community Redevelopment Agency recessed and reconvened as the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District at 5:16 p.m.

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES CANAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, as the governing body of the Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District, establishing Fiscal Year 2020/2021 assessments for canal maintenance and repairs; finding a special benefit to the owners of lots assessed; providing for collection of such assessments by the tax collector as non-ad valorem assessments; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title, noting the assessment was \$550 on each subdivided lot zoned for single family residences or zoned multi-family with single family residences, and \$.058 per square foot for other than single family lots except lots zoned multi-family with single family residences.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting an assessment of \$550, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Note: The Punta Gorda Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District adjourned and reconvened as the Burnt Store Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District at 5:18 p.m.

BURNT STORE ISLES CANAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, as the governing body of the Burnt Store Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District, establishing Fiscal Year 2020/2021 assessments for canal maintenance and repairs; finding a special benefit to the owners of lots assessed; providing for

collection of such assessments by the tax collector as non-ad valorem assessments; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title, noting the assessment was \$460 on each subdivided lot zoned for single family residences or zoned multi-family with single family residences, and \$.048 per square foot for other than single family lots except for lots zoned multi-family with single family residences.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting an assessment of \$460, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Note: The Burnt Store Isles Canal Maintenance Assessment District adjourned and reconvened as the City Council at 5:19 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk