

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 5:01 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Cummings, Keesling, Matthews, Prafke, Wein

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

Mayor Keesling called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET

**Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Hearing Presentation – Millage Rate and All Funds
Operating Budget.**

Mayor Keesling announced the calculated rollback rate for the City was 3.0360 mils, adding the tentative millage rate was 3.1969 mils, which was 5.30% higher than the calculated rollback rate.

Ms. Kristin Simeone, Interim Finance Director, explained the FY 2019 General Fund Ad Valorem tax revenue increase was to better match current revenues with current expenditures, to fund the paving program and continue funding for the drainage improvement program as well as to continue to provide expected service levels, replacement of equipment and emergency vehicles and improving the General Fund operating reserve. She displayed a comparison depicting the impact of the proposed rate of 3.1969 mills for a homesteaded property with assessed values of \$150,000 and \$300,000 versus a non-homesteaded property with those assessed values. She displayed revenues sorted by categories, reporting the total budget was \$100.3 million. She concluded ad valorem taxes represented only 9.5% of all revenue sources.

A Resolution Adopting a Final Millage Rate for the Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

City Manager Kunik read the resolution by title.

Mr. Jerry Riseley requested City Council use the rollback rate and find ways to trim expenses.

Mayor Keesling called three times for public comment.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** to close the public hearing, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** approval of the resolution adopting a final millage rate, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; Making Appropriations; Providing for Conflict and Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Manager Kunik read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Keesling called three times for public comment.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** to close the public hearing, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Prafke.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the emergency ordinance adopting a budget, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Prafke.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Wein pointed out the City had been operating with 20% less staff since 2008, and had been fiscally prudent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk