

The City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida convened in a Special Meeting, on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers. Present were Mayor Robin C. Lentz presiding, Vice Mayor Len Kreger, Commissioners John A. Miller, Roy G. Smith, and Tim Poynter, City Clerk Caroline Best, City Manager Dale L. Martin and City Attorney Tammi Bach.

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4.1 Statement regarding the percentage increase in Millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the budget and the specific purpose for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased.

- I. Millage rate for operation expenditures
- II. Millage rate for voter approved debt

Mayor Lents read the truth in millage statement for fiscal year 2017-2018 into the record as follows: "Prior to adoption of Resolution 2017-126, which sets the property tax millage rate for operating expenditures, and sets the millage rate for voter approved debt, Chapter 200.065 (4)(d), Florida Statutes, requires that the following statement be publicly announced. The taxing authority levying this property tax is the City Commission of the City of Fernandina Beach. The rolled back rate is 5.4951 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value. • The percentage increase is 9.19% over the rollback millage rate. The operating millage rate to be levied is 6.0000 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value. The voter debt millage rate is .2097."

5.1 RESOLUTION 2017-126 ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR VOTER APPROVED DEBT FOR THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, NASSAU COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-126 adopts the final operating millage of 6.0000 mills for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget and the final voter approved debt millage of .2097 mills for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget. The public hearing was opened at this time there being no comments from the floor, the public hearing was closed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Poynter, seconded by Vice Mayor Kreger to approve the recommendation. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried**

6.1 RESOLUTION 2017-127 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: According to the agenda support documents Resolution 2017-127 adopts the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mr. Leslie Rohde, 645 King George Lane, takes issue with the budget categories labeled as "businesses" they are the airport, golf course and marina and each of their total revenues. The airport brings in \$600,000 but half of that is leasing of city property that should be separated out which leaves \$300,000 that is considered a very insignificant amount in business. Without the leasing, the airport loses money. Golf revenue is \$1.5 million even though it's a declining sport. The marina is \$2.5 million in revenue. Building the airport terminal is not a good thing to do to a "microbusiness" making \$300,000 and as a business owner this is disturbing and nonsensical. Dredging costs approximately \$250,000 per year at a marina bringing in \$2.5 million, this is the best business investment. The decision making has serious problems when it invests in the airport and not in dredging at the marina. Bad decisions are being reached because of the way categorizing money is

spent and the rhetoric is wrong and it is suggested that the commission reconsider these points. Vice Mayor Kreger noted this budget has brought the City out of the cuts that were forced during the decline and although lots of necessary money was spent on needed equipment it's important to be conscientious with spending in the future. **A motion was made by Commissioner Poynter, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution 2017-127. Vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

ATTEST:



CAROLINE BEST
City Clerk



JOHN A. MILLER
Mayor-Commissioner