

A Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:01 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Despina George, Commissioner Donna Duncan, City Manager Travis Wade, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ash.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Mayor Ash amended agenda to add Hillside Sidewalk Workshop meeting date to the agenda.

Motion to approve amended agenda made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner George. Motion carried 4 to 0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

City Manager Wade read the following statement:

City of Apalachicola 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Information:

General Fund: \$5,685,879

Enterprise Fund: \$3,738,093

Total Budget: \$9,423,972

Proposed Millage Rate: 8.3457

Rolled Back Rate: 7.2299

The proposed millage rate is greater than the rollback rate of 7.2299 by 15.43%.

This is the final public hearing and special meeting for adoption of FY 2023-2024 budget.

Commission commented on incorrect fee schedule and approved changes not incorporated into budget.

City Clerk Mathes stated that a budget amendment can be made to correct any foreseen errors.

No public comments. Public hearing closed.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anna Maria Cannatella and Erin Rodriguez spoke on Hillside Sidewalk Project.

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION 2023-07 – FY 2023-2024 MILLAGE RATE**

City Manager Wade read Resolution 2023-07 in its entirety.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 adopting the FY 2023-2024 millage rate at 8.3457 made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**ADOPTION ORDINANCE 2023-04 – FY 2023-2024 BUDGET**

City Manager Wade read Ordinance 2023-04 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PUBLISHED PER ORDINANCE.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04 adopting the FY 2023-2024 budget made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Duncan. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**HILLSIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT**

City Manager Wade stated he would like to hold a workshop at Holy Family to discuss the Hillside Sidewalk Project. City Manager Wade stated that residents will be hand delivered a notice stating the date, time, and location of workshop so that the citizens will understand the scope of the project and provide feedback. Workshop will also be posted on Facebook.

Motion to hold workshop to discuss Hillside Sidewalk Project, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 4PM – 5PM at Holy Family, made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Brenda Ash, Mayor

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Lee Mathes, City Clerk

