

A Special Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 3pm at 74 6th Street, Apalachicola, FL.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Adrienna Elliott, Commissioner Donna Duncan, Commissioner Despina George, City Manager Chris Holley, Finance Director Lee Mathes, City Clerk Sheneidra Cummings

AGENDA ADOPTION

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Commissioner Grove and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. There were no objections. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: FY 25/26 Budget Calendar Approval

A motion to approve the budget calendar was made by Commissioner Grove and seconded by Commissioner George. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Tentative Millage Rate

A motion to tentatively set the millage rate at 9.0 mills was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Grove.

Discussion followed:

- Commissioner George stated her support for retaining the current millage rate of 8.3457 for the upcoming 2025–2026 fiscal year.
- City Manager Holley commented on the importance of increasing the rate to cover basic capital improvements, inflation, cost-of-living adjustments, and other expenses.
- Commissioner Duncan noted that raising millage would generate revenue without increasing water rates.
- Commissioner Grove expressed support for raising the millage rate and following the CIP plan.
- Commissioner Elliott voiced support for raising both water rates and the millage rate. He also suggested raising tap fees and prioritizing waterfront restoration.

The motion carried, 4-1, with Commissioner George opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Emergency Procurement Policy Adoption

Adoption of Emergency Procurement Policy

A motion to adopt the Emergency Procurement Policy was made by Commissioner Grove and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. There were no objections. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Well Rehabilitation and Maintenance Proposal

A motion to approve the emergency purchase and accept the well rehabilitation and maintenance proposal from Subsurface Technologies, Inc. was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Duncan.

Discussion: Commissioner Elliott provided comments. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

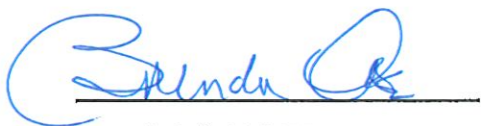
Commissioner Grove stated that the City has nine (9) pallets of ice stored at Leavins Seafood that need to be relocated.

Commissioner Duncan agreed to reach out to Buddy Ward Seafood to determine if the ice could be moved there.

No further comments.

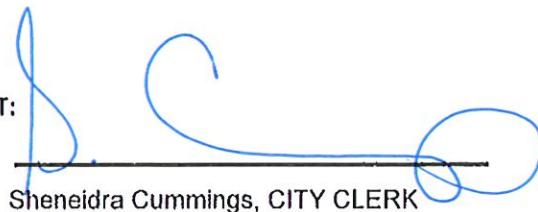
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Grove. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.



Brenda Ash, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Sheneidra Cummings, CITY CLERK