

A Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the City of Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Commission Meeting Room located at 74 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Despina George, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Donna Duncan, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Interim City Manager Chris Holley, Finance Director Lee Mathes, Grants Coordinator Leslie Glaze

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ash.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Motion to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 5 to 0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2025-03 – FY 25/26 BUDGET**

Mayor Ash opened Public Hearing.

Mayor Ash read the following statement:

The City of Apalachicola total budget for FY 25/26 is \$9,023,768.

Millage Rate to be levied is 8.3457.

The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is a 6.93% increase of the rolled back rate of 7.8048.

The final public hearing to adopt FY 25/26 millage rate and budget will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Commission Meeting Room located at 74 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Mayor Ash read Ordinance 2025-03 in its entirety.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed. Mayor Ash opened Special Meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Karen Kissel expressed concern about having some City Offices upstairs in the HCA building, as the HCA building does not meet ADA requirements.

2. Toni McIntosh commented on upcoming City Manager interviews and budget requirements for funding Capital Improvement Plan.

**TENTATIVELY ADOPT FY 25/26 MILLAGE RATE – RESOLUTION 2025-06**

Mayor Ash read Resolution 2025-06 in its entirety.

Motion to tentatively adopt FY 25/26 millage rate at 8.3457 mills which is a 6.93% increase of the rolled back rate of 7.8048 made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Grove.  
Motion carried 5 to 0.

**TENTATIVELY ADOPT FY 25/26 BUDGET – ORDINANCE 2025-03**

Mayor Ash read Ordinance 2025-03 in its entirety.

Motion to tentatively adopt FY 25/26 budget made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Discussion held concerning accuracy of carryforward numbers, funding of Capital Improvement Plan, and transient overnight rental rates.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Grove. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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**Brenda Ash, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Lee Mathes, Finance Director/ MMC**  
**Sheneidra Cummings, City Clerk (absent)**