

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

BUDGET HEARING

October 15, 2024

Mayor LaCascia reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Assistant City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Commissioner Charles Nichols, Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen, Commissioner Michelle Pettit, Commissioner Rick Wilson, Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin (Sub for City Attorney Thomas Cloud) and City Manager Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 2024-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE (TENTATIVE/FINAL) LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **Second and Final Reading.**

City Manager Jackson stated based on discussions with the Commission during the Budget Workshops on Saturday, August 17, 2024; she has prepared an Ordinance reflecting a 5.25 Millage Rate.

City Attorney Hatcher-Bolin read Ordinance 2024-06 by title only.

City Manager Jackson advised that Polk City's certified value is \$252,619,657. The FY 2024-2025 operating Millage Rate for Polk City is 5.25000 mills. The Rollback Rate computed for Polk City for FY 2024-2025 is 5.1234 mills; therefore, the percentage by which the above specified final Millage Rate to be levied by Polk City is 2.47 percent of the Rollback Rate.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against this Ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Nichols to approve Ordinance 2024-06 on Second and Final Reading reflecting a 5.25 millage rate; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettit.

No discussion from the Commission or Public.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye, Commissioner Pettit – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2024-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Hatcher-Bolin read Ordinance 2024-07 by title only.

City Manager Jackson advised the total budget for FY 2024-2025 is \$9,599,687. Various revenues accruing to Polk City and set aside for the purpose of paying expenses and maintaining the Government of Polk City for FY 2024-2025.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing.

Vice Mayor Nichols stated as he had discussed with City Manager Jackson previously to amend the budget to reflect a 5% COLA instead of the 4%.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding a salary survey and the long-term effects if given a 5% COLA increase versus a 4%.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Nichols to approve Ordinance 2024-07 on Second and Final Reading reflecting a 5% COLA increase; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettit.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Nichols – aye, Commissioner Pettit-aye, Commissioner Blethen - nay, Commissioner Wilson – aye, Mayor LaCascia - nay

Motion carried 3/2.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor