

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 28, 2016

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 28, 2016 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members except for Council Woman Boudreaux and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; a member of the press, and 3 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 16-08-04 - an ordinance of the City of Niceville, Florida; providing for authority; providing for findings of fact; providing for amendments to part II, Code of Ordinances of Niceville, Florida, Chapter 10-Housing, Article III-Discrimination, Section 10-32, 10-37(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), (10), (17), and 10-38(1) pursuant to Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; providing for conflicting provisions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (Second Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 16-08-04 by title. No one spoke for or against. Councilman Henkel moved approved on second reading. Councilman Nodjomian seconded. Council Vote: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Proposed Millage Rate:

Mr Doucet advised that the City has received the certification of taxable values from the property appraiser which is used to establish our proposed millage rate. He advised that our current year taxable value has increased 5.372% as compared to our final assessment for this fiscal year. He provided a brief overview and a tax table for the council's information. He advised because of the increased property values the City will receive approximately \$ 173,826 more in 2016 as compared to the 3.70 millage rate for 2015. He stated that department budget requests for the FY-17 budget include additional expense in the Information Technology Department at an additional cost of **\$393,640** as compared to last year. We are projecting a percentage increase in our health insurance premiums due to claims. Our insurance carrier is meeting with us on August 2nd 2016 to discuss our options. State retirement will increase approximately **\$53,210** and equipment expense will be approximately **\$ 1,148,060**.

Mr Doucet in coordination with the City Manager recommended the proposed millage rate be set at **3.75** which is higher than the rolled back rate of **3.6099**. The **3.75** rate will produce \$ **3,489,926** in ad valorem revenue. This rate will provide \$ **220,359** additional

ad valorem revenue as compared to our current year. He advised this additional amount of revenue will help offset the additional expense outlined above which totals **\$1,594,910.**

Mr Doucet recommended to set the proposed millage rate at 3.75 and advised we must report this information on the required forms to the Dept of Revenue no later than August 5, 2016 to meet TRIM requirements. Mr Doucet advised it is very important to meet this deadline. He advised the proposed rate can be subsequently reduced during budget workshops or hearings however, if we desire to raise the millage rate from the proposed rate, it will require a first class postal mailing to each property owner which is very expensive. He also recommended that the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for 6:00 PM, September 8, 2016 stating we are not allowed to set the tentative hearing on the same date and time as the School Board and the County hearings.

Mr Doucet pointed out that if you approve the 3.75 proposed rate it means (in simple terms) that a property owner will pay \$ 3.75 for every \$1,000 dollars of their assessed property value after appropriate deductions such as homestead exception, etc are made. Discussion followed. Mr Corbin added support to set the proposed rate at 3.75 saying that after public input we can always roll it back. He advised that Niceville's millage has been historically much lower than surrounding municipalities. All council members asked several questions regarding the process. Councilman Nodjomian moved to set the proposed millage at 3.70 and also recommended the tentative budget hearing be scheduled for September 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Rominger seconded. Discussion followed. Council Vote: Henkel-yes Schaetzle-yes Nodjomian-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

MAYOR

CITY CLERK