

**CITY OF FREEPORT
FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**

September 13, 2023, 5:01 PM
Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner, Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Tracey Dickey, Councilman Bud Day, and Councilman Eddie Farris

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Manager Mark Martin, City Clerk Kathie Gatewood, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, Senior Planner Samanth Graves, Billing Supervisor Rebecca King, Parks Director Charles Bartlett, Wastewater Supervisor Paul Johnson, and Human Resources Generalist Chris Quinley

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

2. First Public Budget Hearing Discussion

City Attorney Adkinson announced the millage rate of 4.73,02 mills which is greater than the rollback rate of 3.9305 mills by 20.35%. He also announced the tentative budget amount of \$65,676,040.00. He asked for a motion for the tentative milage rate of 4.7302.

Moved by: Councilman Farris
Seconded by: Councilman Day

To approve the tentative milage rate as 4.7302.

Mayor Barley asked for public comment and there was none.

City Clerk Note: Financial Audits are available on the city website under Finance or by Public Record Request through the City Clerk's Office.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Haffner	aye
Councilman Day:	aye
Councilman Farris:	aye
Councilwoman Brannon	aye
Councilman Dickey:	aye

Carried.

City Attorney Adkinson asked the Council for a motion to accept the tentative budget.

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Moved by: Councilman Farris
Seconded by: Councilman Day

To accept the 2023-2024 tentative budget of \$65,676,040.00

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Haffner	aye
Councilman Day:	aye
Councilman Farris:	aye
Councilwoman Brannon	aye
Councilman Dickey:	aye

Carried.

City Attorney Adkinson asked the Council for a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing for October 2, 2023 at 5:05pm at City Hall.

Moved by: Councilwoman Brannon
Seconded by: Councilwoman Haffner

To approve October 2, 2023, at 5:01pm for the Final Budget Meeting at Freeport City Hall.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

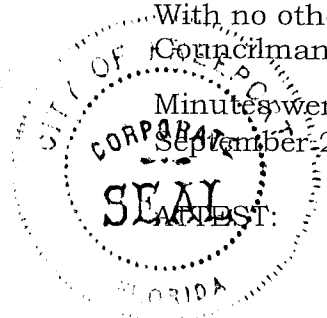
Councilwoman Haffner	aye
Councilman Day:	aye
Councilman Farris:	aye
Councilwoman Brannon	aye
Councilman Dickey:	aye

Carried.

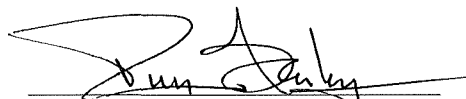
3. Adjournment

With no other city business, Councilman Farris made a motion to adjourn, and Councilman Dickey seconded the motion.

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Gatewood and approved by the City Council on September 28, 2023.



Kathie Gatewood, City Clerk



Russ Barley, Mayor