

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

AUGUST 25th, 2025

5:00 PM

PRESENT:

John Vogel II, Mayor

Caitlin Bolender, Mayor Pro Tem

Randy Huckabee, Streets Commissioner

Blaze Drinkwine, Parks Commissioner

Sasha Madden, Water Commissioner

Marissa Morales, City Clerk

Adam Ray, Public Works Director

Will Plazewski, Water Clerk

Julia Fresne-Sandifer, Assistant City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Julia Fresne-Sandifer

1. GENERAL FUNDS REVENUE

- A. The waste franchise revenue would be significantly higher due to the current contractor paying the correct amount. The electric franchise revenue would also be higher due to TECO increasing rates.
- B. The Penny for Pasco shared revenue was expected to decrease following state legislation.
- C. No other significant changes for revenue sharing from the state was expected.

2. GENERAL FUNDS EXPENDITURES

- A. The commission agreed to eliminate the monthly honorarium.
- B. Training funds were lowered as staff was up to date on accreditations.
- C. No significant changes were foreseen for accounting, attorney fees, insurance, or planning and consulting fees.
- D. Lobbying was expected to increase for 2026. The commission discussed not retaining lobbying services for the following budget cycle due to the workload of upcoming grants staff would be handling.
- E. Commission directed staff to contact Pasco County Sheriff's Office to discuss the contract.
 - 1. Don Kandalec of Dunne Road commented.
- F. The commission may need to engage the assistance of Dade City or Pasco County for code enforcement as there were still no qualified candidates who applied.
- G. No significant increases were expected for Parks expenditure.
 - 1. Staff was working on applying for grants for replacement of the Depot deck and the Lake Park dock.
- H. No significant increases were expected for Streets expenditure.
 - 1. The commission discussed working on Oak Street widening this upcoming year.
 - 2. Staff would obtain an estimate for connecting sidewalks from Pennsylvania Avenue to Curley Street before the next meeting.
- I. Public Works Director Ray requested funding for a small, motorized vehicle to use for ditch and right-of-way maintenance.

3. SALARIES

- A. The commission set the salary increases to 5 percent.

4. MILLAGE

- A. The prior millage rate was 3.7. The current millage was tentatively set at 3.6 while looking over the budget put together by staff.

- 5. The next workshop will take place on September 4, at 5:30 PM.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Workshop adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fresne-Sandifer, Assistant City Clerk