

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025

5:30 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. MILLAGE & SALARIES

- A. The commission looked over the budget at the rollback rate of 3.57 and with wages set to 6 percent increase.

2. GENERAL FUNDS EXPENDITURES

- A. The commission discussed renewing the contract with The Southern Group for lobbying services.
- B. Looked into contract with sheriff office and need to keep a deputy otherwise unincorporate – decided to continue with extra duty officers
- C. Woods Pepperman of Palm Street asked for funds allocated to permanent speed tables.
- D. Sidewalks extension on Pennsylvania Avenue was estimated to cost \$70,000. The commission agreed to focus on smaller sidewalk projects for the upcoming year.
- E. Funds were added to Technology for a new website to meet state requirements.
- F. The roll back rate was left as is.

3. WATER FUNDS REVENUE

- A. Revenue was expected to go down due to water conservation efforts and decrease in building.

4. WATER FUNDS EXPENDITURES

- A. Expenditures were consistent from the previous fiscal year.
- B. Staff were waiting to hear about settling with FDOT for the promissory note for the roundabout project.

- 5. The first budget hearing will take place on September 11th at 5:30 PM and the final budget hearing would be September 23rd at 6:00 PM.

- 6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Workshop adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fresne-Sandifer, Assistant City Clerk