

AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL ONE ITEM AGENDA MEETING
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
5:01 P.M.

The following minutes reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes, you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m. and the following members and staff were present:

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland
Deputy Mayor Jaccarie D. Simons

Councilmember Keith Keene
Councilmember Robert W. Heine, Jr.

Councilmember Jerry B. Alexander – not in attendance

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Terry Stewart
City Clerk Penny Delaney
Finance Director Beth Carsten

Public Hearing

Mayor Wertz-Strickland opened the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2018-23; a Resolution Adopting the Final Millage Rate to be Levied by the City of Arcadia, Florida for Fiscal Year 2018-19

City Administrator Stewart explained the millage rate would be voted on first due to the statutory requirement of the State of Florida. Finance Director Carsten presented a power point (a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk) and stated that the millage rate was being proposed at eight point eight one nine five (8.8195) which would generate One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,665,975.00) for ad valorem revenue. She advised the proposed millage rate was five point zero two percent (5.02%) more than the rolled back rate and asked for approval of Resolution 2018-23. City Administrator Stewart stated the difference between the two rates was approximately Seventy-

Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$79,000.00). Councilmember Heine made a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the final millage rate to be levied by the City of Arcadia, Florida for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Deputy Mayor Simons seconded the motion. Councilmember Heine amended his motion to include “at a millage rate of eight point eight one nine five (8.8195)” and Deputy Mayor Simons seconded the amended motion. At this time, the City Clerk took a roll call vote and the results were as follows: Deputy Mayor Simons voted in the affirmative, Mayor Wertz-Strickland voted in the affirmative, Councilmember Heine voted in the affirmative and Councilmember Keene voted in the affirmative. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

Resolution No. 2018-24; a Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for the City of Arcadia, Florida for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Finance Director Carsten referred to the power point which reflected the summary of all funds and she advised there had been no changes since the adoption of the tentative budget other than the addition of a letter from the City Administrator. City Administrator Stewart stated that once Council adopted the budget, the City Finance Director will begin preparing the adopted budget and will provide a narrative summarizing the adopted budget. Councilmember Heine made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-24, a resolution adopting the final budget for the City of Arcadia, Florida for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and Councilmember Keene seconded the motion. Councilmember Heine amended his motion to include “in the amount of Twenty-Seven Million Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$27,089,236.00) and Councilmember Keene seconded the amended motion. Charles Conklin, a City resident, asked how much it would increase residents’ water bills. Mr. Conklin had filled out a speaker card, but did not indicate which item he wanted to address nor did he speak up prior to the previous vote. City Administrator Stewart answered by stating the vote on the budget would not change residents’ water bills at all because the water bill was set by a rate analysis which was approved by Council the past year. He explained that it provided for a three percent (3%) increase on an annual basis unless the Council decides to do otherwise. He further explained the rate study had been calculated to be able to accomplish the work that must be done to fix the sewer system over the next six (6) to seven (7) years and to provide the water service. After Mr. Conklin expressed concern regarding people being able to afford such, Mr. Stewart stated that the study had been done with very little public comment even though it had been well advertised. Mr. Conklin expressed concern with his bill going up and City Administrator Stewart suggested he contact the Finance Director regarding such. At this time, the City Clerk took a roll call vote and the results were as follows: Mayor Wertz-Strickland voted in the affirmative, Councilmember Heine voted in the affirmative, Councilmember Keene voted in the affirmative and Deputy Mayor Simons voted in the affirmative. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

City Administrator Stewart complimented Finance Director Carsten for her outstanding work regarding the budget presentation, the department directors for their hard work and the Council for working with staff to get it accomplished. Mayor Wertz-Strickland thanked City Administrator Stewart and staff for their outstanding work of putting the budget together.

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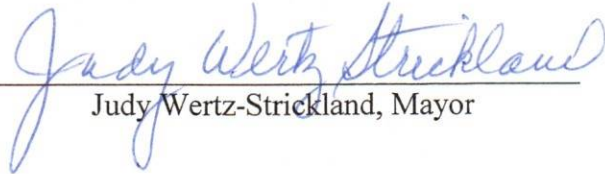
None

ADJOURN

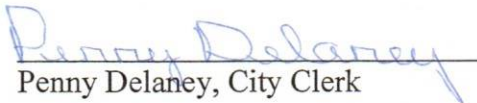
Deputy Mayor Simons made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Heine seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved. Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:19 P.M.

ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF October, 2018.

By:


Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Penny Delaney, City Clerk