



CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING MEETING

City of Greenacres, Florida

Wednesday, September 03, 2025, at 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

MINUTES

Mayor and City Council

Chuck Shaw, Mayor

Susy Diaz, Deputy Mayor

John Tharp, Councilmember, District I

Peter Noble, Councilmember District II

Judith Dugo, Councilmember, District III

Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager

Christy Goddeau, City Attorney

Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

Tanya Earley, City Attorney

Quintella Moorer, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 6PM. Councilmember Dugo and Bousquet were absent. All other Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve the agenda as amended to remove Item 7 from the Consent Agenda and to add Greenacres new branding video as an item to the Special Business Agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

First Budget Hearing - Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2025-17: First Reading:** Establishing a taxable valuation and levying an ad valorem tax on property located within the corporate limits of Greenacres, Florida, as of the year ending December 31, 2025; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, severability, and an effective date. - Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. McCue read the required Florida State Statue Chapter 200.065 into the record as required.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2025-17 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2025-18: First Reading:** Adopting an operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. - Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. McCue provided a brief presentation of the proposed budget. Mentioning the property tax revenue that was proposed for 2026 was over \$20 million. The proposed millage rate was 6.3. She noted the City budgeted at 96 percentage collection rates for the ad valorem.

She mentioned the City would end the year to the good at about \$1.7 million. She also mentioned the City was spending less in investment dollars. Ms. McCue stated the total revenue was proposed at over \$58 million. She mentioned the next budget hearing was set for September 17, 2025.

Ms. McCue mentioned the property tax topic was very important and everyone should be educated as the property tax does not cover the cost of safety, events and parks. She continued to break down the dollar and cents breakdown per resident.

Councilmember Noble mentioned the school tax and his overall taxes increase in 2025.

Deputy Mayor Diaz questioned two fund increases. Ms. McCue stated the increases were due to the school zone cameras and public safety.

Motion made by Councilmember Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Noble to approve Ordinance 2025-18 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 3. Proclamation:** National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 2025. - Carlos Poveda, Dr. Leon Poveda and Jessica Poveda, of Grace Family Medicine; Catalina E. Restrepo, David Olaya, and Angela Amezcua of Restrepo Law Group.

The Greenacres new brand brief video was shown to the audience.

Deputy Mayor Diaz read the proclamation by title.

She thanked the recipients for attending.

Ms. Catalina Restrepo thanked the Council and City and was pleased to accept the gesture.

Mr. Poveda thanked the Council, the City and Dr. Phillip Harris for welcoming him to accept the gesture and was excited to be in Greenacres. He was honored. Ms. Poveda was honored especially to be a resident of Greenacres.

Photos were taken.

- 4. Proclamation:** Light it up Green - Muscular Dystrophy. - Nadine Kirby.

Deputy Mayor Diaz read the proclamation by title.

Ms. Kirby accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council for the gesture. She was delighted.

Photos were taken.

- 5. Proclamation:** Firefighter Appreciation Month, September 2025. - Fire Chief, Phillip Konz, Fire Rescue.

Councilmember Tharp read the proclamation by title.

Chief Konz accepted the proclamation and thanked the City and Council and was thrilled for the honor of showing appreciation to the firefighters.

Photos were taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. Official City Council Meeting Minutes:** City Council Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2025. - Quintella L. Moorer, City Clerk.

- 7. Proclamation:** Recognition of the retirement of former Councilmember Richard Radcliffe.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

Mayor Shaw thanked Mr. Radcliffe for his service. Councilmember Noble was thankful for Mr. Radcliffe for getting him involved and stated he did a lot of good for the City.

Councilmember Tharp also stated Mr. Radcliffe got him involved in the City and was responsible for his service on the Council and he was thankful for his service.

Deputy Mayor Diaz stated Mr. Radcliffe was a great collaborator and did a wonderful job during his long tenure.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2025-34:** Complying with Senate Bill 784 (2025), which amended Section 177.071, Florida Statutes, by requiring all plats and replats to be administratively approved and requiring all municipalities to designate an administrative official to administratively approve, approve with conditions, or deny plats and replats on or after July 1, 2025; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for an effective date. - Gionni Gallier, Assistant Director of Development and Neighborhood Services.

Ms. Moorer read the resolution by title.

Mr. Gallier stated the amendment was required by the State and the resolution was complying with the recent laws. The plats and replats were now administratively approved as they serve as technical documents.

Staff recommended approval.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Noble to approve Resolution 2025-34.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2025-15: First Reading:** Amending Chapter 16, Article 3, District Regulations, Division 13, Study Area Zone (SAZ); to clarify the application, and to allow for limited minor improvements; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code; and providing for an effective date. - Gionni Gallier, Assistant Director of Development and Neighborhood Services.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Mr. Gallier stated the ordinance was a City initiated amendment that allowed study areas to be limited for minor improvements of valid approvals from the County.

Staff recommended approval.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2025-15 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

10. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2025-20: First Reading: Amending Chapter 13

"Taxation," Article 5 "Additional Homestead Exemption for persons 65 and older," Section 13-85 "Exemption," to increase the Homestead Exemption for qualifying persons 65 years of age and older; providing for severability, conflicts, codification, delivery of the ordinance, and an effective date. - Tanya Earley, City Attorney.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Early stated the amendment would allow the City to increase the homestead exemption for seniors over 65 years of age and qualified income and the Council had previously discussed the increase from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year at a Council meeting.

Staff recommended approval.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2025-20 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

11. Ordinance 2025-16: First Reading: Amending the City of Greenacres' budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, inclusive; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. - Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Beiriger stated the budget adjustment was to cover expenses for the the Youth Programs and Parks and Recreation funds due to the wait on grants and other funding delays. Mayor Shaw confirmed the fund expenses were not new expenses and that funds were only being transferred. Ms. Beiriger replied yes.

The total was about \$400 thousand.

Motion made by Councilmember Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Noble to approve Ordinance 2025-16 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

12. Ordinance 2025-19: First Reading: Authorizing an amended lease agreement for a portion of Veterans Memorial Park pursuant to Article 6, Section 1(G), of the City's Charter, which requires leases of city-owned property to be approved by ordinance; providing for severability, conflicts, and an effective date. - Tanya Early, City Attorney.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Early stated the City's Charter required approval of leases. Staff recommended approval of the lease agreement.

Motion made by Councilmember Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Noble to approve Ordinance 2025-19 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Diaz, Councilmember Noble, and Councilmember Tharp.

DISCUSSION ITEM

13. Charter Review Committee. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue stated guidance was needed to determine re-appointment of members as the list of members expires in November of 2025 and she wanted to determine if the Council wanted to reconvene the Committee to review outdated language in the Charter.

The Council agreed to reappoint the board members and reconvene the Charter for review.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Nathan Galang, resident, thanked the Council for reviewing land acquisitions and he recommended the City find out about ICE activity which involved City residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. McCue reminded the Council about upcoming events in the City, such as the Senior Resource Fair and Sunday Sounds. She also mentioned the Parks Master Plan was underway and they should look out for upcoming tasks to review.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Tharp: Commended Dr. Phillip Harris, Economic Development Director on his outstanding work with the Dine-Local initiative. He mentioned he heard great feedback.

Deputy Mayor Diaz: Also commended Dr. Harris on his engagement with the businesses and his great work with the Dine Local.

Mayor Shaw: Commended Dr. Harris and his outstanding work and leadership with the businesses and their engagement with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

7:10PM.

Chuck Shaw
Mayor

Quintella Moorer, MMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: _____