

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 – 5:00 PM



MINUTES

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – **Mayor Butler**

Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Connie Butler, Vice Mayor Steven Kelley, Council Member Ed Gaw, Council Member Matt Johnson, Council Member Thomas Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Kimberly Thomas, Executive Assistant

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT: L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.
No comments

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Establish Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. ***L. Steve Kennedy***
City Manager Steve Kennedy speaks to the Council concerning the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2023/2024. Mr. Kennedy advises the number in the budget is currently 5.000 mills which was used to get the DR420 form started. As the numbers stand, going from 4.500 mills to 5.000 will generated around \$340,000 more. Mr. Kennedy reminds the Council this is just to get the DR420 form completed, and the amount set can be reduced but if it is increased there will be additional steps that need completed.
Van Royal 3688 LaCosta Ct. GCS speaks to the Council about raising the millage. Mr. Royal advises insurance on homes is going up. If the number is raised to 5 mills it will be a 14% increase while increasing, it to 4.625 mills will only be 6 or 7 percent and he believes residents will be able to handle that increase along with the insurance increase. Mr. Royal speaks about improving the community, projects being completed, and looking into bringing on a grant writer. Council discussion followed concerning the millage rate.

Motion to approve for Council to approve setting 5.000 as the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2023/2024.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelley, Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Smith

Motion to approve setting September 5th at 7:00 pm as the first public hearing on the millage, budget, and CIP and setting September 19th at 7:00 pm as the second and final hearing on the millage, budget, and CIP.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelley, Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Smith

2. Consider adoption of Resolution No. R-11-2023, a Resolution relating to collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Material within the Magnolia West Subdivision, including setting a Public Hearing for Final Proposed Solid Waste Service Assessments. ***L. J. Arnold III***
Assistant City Manager Mike Null explains the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R-11-2023, a Resolution relating to collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Material within the Magnolia West Subdivision and related issues, and setting a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Johnson, Seconded by Council Member Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Smith

3. Consider adoption of Resolution No. R-10-2023, a Resolution estimating the cost of Stormwater Management Services provided by the City, determining certain tax parcels will be benefited thereby and related issues, including setting a Public Hearing for Final Proposed Stormwater Assessments. ***L. J. Arnold III***
Assistant City Manager Mike Null explains the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R-10-2023, a Resolution estimating the cost of Stormwater Management Services provided by the City, determining certain tax parcels will be benefited thereby and related issues, and setting a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelley, Seconded by Council Member Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Smith

4. Council approval for Thomas May Construction to complete point repair on the Clay Street Outfall in the amount of \$62,525.00. ***Greg Bauer***
Public Work Field Supervisor Greg Bauer explains the repairs on the Clay Street Outfall.

Motion to approve Thomas May Construction to complete point repair on the Clay Street Outfall in the amount of \$62,525.00.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelley, Seconded by Council Member Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Smith

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Constance W. Butler, Mayor

Attest:

Erin West, City Clerk