



**City Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the special meeting of the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Mayor James W. Hathaway called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jason McGuirk	Vice Mayor	Present	
Jim Hathaway	Mayor	Present	
Judy Reiker	Commissioner	Present	
Jake Sachs	Commissioner	Present	
Randy Hartman	Commissioner	Present	

Also present were City Manager Pamela Brangaccio, City Attorney Carrie Avallone, Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Police Chief Mike Coffin, Fire Chief Shawn Vandemark, CRA/Economic Development Director Tony Otte, Planning and Zoning Director Amye King, Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox, Interim Finance Director Lewie Wise, Information Technology Director Thomas Cook, Maintenance Operations Director Faith Miller, Interim Public Information Officer Phil Veski, City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe and Assistant City Clerk Kelly McQuillen.

II. THE FIRST OF TWO REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TENTATIVE OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

1. Ordinance No. 51-18: Conduct the Second Reading and Second and Final of Two Required Public Hearings of an ordinance, which if adopted, would set the City's Tentative Operating and Debt Service Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

City Attorney Avallone read Ordinance No. 51-18 the first time, by title only.

Interim Finance Director Lewie Wise outlined a PowerPoint Presentation summarizing the FY 2018 - 2019 Millage Rate.

Mayor Hathaway opened the public hearing.

Steve Provost, 1805 Beacon Street, commented in support of Ordinance No. 51-18. He asked about a \$15M bond on the ballot.

City Manager Brangaccio read the bond wording from the presentation.

Peggy Belfower, 505 South Cooper Street, commented on page 17 of the presentation. She asked about the survey results. She thought the Commissioners needed to ask the citizens if they were for or against replacing the natural turf on the sports complex football field before the item was approved in the budget. She asked about the overflow lot and the future budget horizon.

City Manager Brangaccio explained to Ms. Belfower that the item she was referring to was classified under "General Fund Capital Improvement Requests, funds not available, FY2018/2019"; therefore, the turf was not included as a part of the budget approval.

Mayor Hathaway closed the public hearing.

Motion:

Vice Mayor McGuirk moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 51-18, as submitted. Commissioner Reiker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-1 by majority vote, with Commissioner Sachs voting no. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 25, 2018.

Mayor Hathaway asked Commissioner Sachs if he would explain his no vote because this was the first reading and he wanted to ensure all concerns were addressed prior to the second hearing.

Commissioner Sachs commented on single-mother family homes and thought that raising the tax would cause more of a struggle. He stated he was concerned about the general obligation bond and thought not enough information was provided.

Vice Mayor McGuirk asked Commissioner Sachs if he did not want to support the general obligation bond. He asked him specifically what concerned him so that they could address it.

Commissioner Sachs shared that the entire budget concerned him because it raised taxes. He suggested that the City Manager review each line item to reduce costs.

Mayor Hathaway would like Commissioners to come to a consensus. He wanted to remedy it and asked Commissioner Sachs for suggestions.

Discussion ensued about ways to reduce the budget.

City Manager Brangaccio shared that if the City were to cut back from the 4.4% proposed millage rate to the current rate, it would be an \$863,000 deficit and she stated new personnel and existing personnel budgets would be considered first for reductions.

Commissioner Sachs stated that Public Safety personnel is essential and he was implying in other areas, not Police and Fire.

Commissioner Hartman shared that he thought if we could offset the automatic deficit into next fiscal year's budget now by charging a \$15 approximate tax increase, then it would be wise to do that now.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [4 TO 1]	Next: 9/25/2018 5:05 PM
MOVER:	Jason McGuirk, Vice Mayor	
SECONDER:	Judy Reiker, Commissioner	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Hartman	
NAYS:	Sachs	

2. Ordinance No. 52-18: Conduct the Second Reading and Second and Final of Two Required Public Hearings of an ordinance, which if adopted, would approve the City Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

City Attorney Avallone read Ordinance No. 52-18 the first time, by title only.

Mayor Hathaway opened the public hearing. As no citizens wished to speak, Mayor Hathaway closed the public hearing.

Motion:

Vice Mayor McGuirk moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 52-18, as submitted. Commissioner Hartman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 25, 2018.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/25/2018 5:05 PM
MOVER:	Jason McGuirk, Vice Mayor	
SECONDER:	Randy Hartman, Commissioner	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman	

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No action.

IV. THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE UTILITIES COMMISSION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

1. Ordinance No. 53-18: Conduct the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance, which if adopted, would approve the Proposed Annual Budget of the Utilities Commission, New Smyrna Beach, for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

City Attorney Avallone read Ordinance No. 53-18 the first time, by title only.

Motion:

Commissioner Hartman moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 53-18, as submitted. Commissioner Sachs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 25, 2018.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/25/2018 5:05 PM
MOVER:	Randy Hartman, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jake Sachs, Commissioner	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman	

V. CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

No action.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

No action.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.