



**City Commission Special Meeting  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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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 Tuesday, September 25, 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, Interim Finance Director Lewie Wise, Maintenance Operations Director Faith Miller, Interim Public Information Office Phil Veski, City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe and Assistant City Clerk Kelly McQuillen.

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**II. THE SECOND AND FINAL OF TWO REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS 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**

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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 second time by title only.

Interim Finance Director Lewie Wise outlined the proposed 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.

Mayor Hathaway opened the public hearing.

Martin Danaher, 115 Lagoon Court, commented about his disappointment regarding the behavior of City Commissioner's at the first Budget Hearing towards one Commissioner and the lack of professionalism displayed.

Mayor Hathaway asked the Commissioners if they would grant Mr. Danaher more time to speak as his three minutes were over.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sachs moved to grant three additional minutes to Mr. Danaher to speak. Commissioner Hartman seconded the motion.*

Chip Beedle, 253 Minorca Way, asked how many Police Vehicles were in the fleet, he questioned why the millage rates would increase if there was a decrease in revenue.

Chief Coffin stated there were sixty-seven vehicles in the Police Fleet.

City Manager Brangaccio stated that the reduction in budget was caused by a decrease in capital projects. She explained the new construction cost was \$383,647 and stated that just about covers the wage adjustments for new Police Officers.

Mr. Beedle asked why would the cost per person increase instead of decrease.

Mayor Hathaway explained the reasons why the taxes would increase.

Vice Mayor McGuirk explained that expenses increase each year and briefly outlined the number of issues that the City was tackling. He stated the City's expenses do not stay flat and stated the increase in revenue does not offset the increase in expenses.

Steve Provost, 1805 Beacon Street, commented about the City being in catch-up mode. He commented on the benefit of the decrease in County taxes. He also commented on his embarrassment of the treatment of one Commissioner at the last meeting.

Fannie Hudson, 699 West Street, commented on the citizens in New Smyrna Beach approaching her and communicating that the citizens appreciated what the City Commission and Staff have done to help the community. She thanked the City Commission and expressed her appreciation and was hopeful that the City would be able to help like last year.

Mayor Hathaway closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hathaway personally apologized on behalf of the City Commission for the overzealous comments made at the last budget hearing. He shared that it was a frustrating procedure and stressed the importance of Commissioners stating their concerns to the City Manager prior to the budget hearings.

City Attorney Avallone read the current millage rates into the record.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Reiker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 51-18 setting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Operating Millage Rate at 3.8416%, Debt Service Millage Rate at .3339% and Total City Millage Rate at 4.4%. Commissioner Hartman seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-1 by majority vote, with Commissioner Sachs voting no.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Judy Reiker, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Randy Hartman, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Hartman
<b>NAYS:</b>	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 second time by title only.

Interim Finance Director Lewie Wise and City Manager Pamela Brangaccio outlined the proposed ordinance, which if adopted, would approve the City Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

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

**Motion:**  
Vice Mayor McGuirk moved to adopt Ordinance No. 52-18, as submitted. Commissioner Reiker seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-1 by majority vote, with Commissioner Sachs voting no.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jason McGuirk, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Judy Reiker, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Hartman
<b>NAYS:</b>	Sachs

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No action.

**IV. THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE UTILITIES COMMISSION PROPOSED 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 second time by title only.

Utilities Commission New Smyrna Beach Interim Finance Director Laurie Merchant outlined the proposed 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.

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

**Motion:**

Vice Mayor McGuirk moved to adopt Ordinance No. 53-18, as submitted. Commissioner Reiker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jason McGuirk, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Judy Reiker, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman

**V. CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION/COMMENTS**

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No action.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

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No action.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.