



City of Crescent City

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MINUTES

City Commission Budget Meeting

September 15, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Present. Mayor Joe Santa; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; and Patrick Kennedy, City Manager

Absent. Commissioner Barbara Scholl; Commissioner Judy West

The budget meeting of the City Commission was held September 15, 2016 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Joe Santa.

Old Business

Resolution 16-07 Adopting the Millage for Tax Year 2016. Resolution 16-07 adopts the millage rate of 8.5914 mils per \$1,000 of taxable value regarding Ad Valorem Taxes. This represents a 0.44% decrease over the 8.6294 rolled back millage rate. Patrick Kennedy reported that this is a reiteration of Resolution 16-07 which was approved on September 8, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Hardy, to approve setting the millage rate of 8.5914mils. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Ordinance 16-02. (Second Reading) An Ordinance Providing for, Approving and Fixing the Budget; Setting the Millage Levy at 8.5914; Allowing for General Operations of the City and Its Various Departments; Approving and Fixing the Budgets for Special Funds and Debt Service; for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Hardy, to accept and approve Ordinance 16-02 providing for, approving and fixing the budget and setting the millage rate of 8.5914mils. Roll call vote – all ayes.

VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMUNICATION.

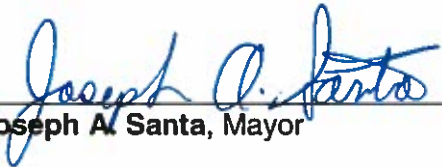
Michael Frank, 83 Lake Shore Drive would like consideration to roll back the millage rate to the level of 2013 and be more in line with Palatka whose rate is approximately 6%. Patrick Kennedy explained that all avenues are considered when evaluating the annual budget. Further, when the Palatka Fire Service Tax is combined with their millage, their rate is actually higher than Crescent City. In an effort to maintain current services and meet our commitment to the community, it would be fiscally irresponsible to reduce the millage rate at the risk of services and reserves at this time.

Brett Peterson, 315 Chestnut Street agreed that reserves are necessary but would like future consideration for a specific, targeted amount.


Mayor Santa spoke of the need for function, security and a healthy reserve when running a municipality to best serve the citizens.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED this 13th day of October, 2016.



Joseph A. Santa, Mayor



Patrick Kennedy, City Manager

