



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bolin.

Due to continued safety concerns measures were in place to promote social distancing. The opportunity of public participation virtually has been provided by email or by calling the City Clerk's office. Public comments received were read into record during that portion of the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Jane Bolin

Vice Mayor Michael Carn

Commissioner Matthew Sparks

Commissioner Aisha Gordon

Commissioner Mitch Rosenwald

Also Present:

City Manager David Hebert

Assistant City Attorney Sean Swartz

City Clerk Renee M. Shrout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bolin requested a moment of silence in memory of Tom Castleberry, a 33-year employee of the City of Oakland Park who had recently passed away from COVID-19.

<u>ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS</u>

None

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

<u>1 Fire Assessment - Adoption of Final Annual Rate Resolution Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel August 22, 2021. To participate in the public hearing, please call the City Clerk's office at 954-630-4300.</u>

Andrew Thompson, Director of Financial Services, provided staff's presentation for all assessment budget hearing items. He reported the Fire Assessment had been approved at \$251 per residential unit, a \$52 increase over the prior year. A new tax exemption had been approved for property

owners of low-income, senior, and disability. The increase would generate \$6.7 million. Mr. Thompson recommended adopting the resolution. He announced the final budget hearing was scheduled for September 22 at 6:30 PM.

The public hearing was held as advertised.

- Steve Arnst, 1860 NW 40th Court, commented on the Fire Assessment increase and recommended raising ad valorem instead of the assessment to provide truth in millage.

Mr. Thompson confirmed there had been a review of the Fire Assessment this past April. A study was required every few years to justify the rates to cover the cost of fire suppression. The assessment helped recover approximately 91% of the costs.

Commissioner Gordon moved to adopt the annual Fire Assessment rate resolution. Commissioner Rosenwald seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Rosenwald, Commissioner Sparks, Vice Mayor Carn, Mayor Bolin

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2021-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA; REIMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[2 Residential Solid Waste Assessment - Adoption Of Annual Rate Resolution Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel August 22, 2021. To participate in the public hearing, please call the City Clerk's office at 954-630-4300.](#)

Andrew Thompson, Director of Financial Services, reported the new rate would be \$255 per residential unit, a \$20 increase over the prior year. He recommended adopting the resolution. He noted the County average was \$334.

Public hearing was held as advertised.

- Steve Arnst, 1860 NW 40th Court, stated the increase was mostly due to recycling costs and recommended outsourcing the recycling or using single-stream recycling and send it to an incinerator.

Mr. Thompson noted that last year, recycling costs had been extremely high, but there had been a decrease in the past few months. The increase was driven by an increase in operating costs, not

recycling costs. He stated consideration of recycling costs was one of the business plan initiatives for next year.

Commissioner Sparks moved to adopt the Residential Solid Waste Assessment final rate of \$255 per residential unit. Commissioner Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Rosenwald, Commissioner Sparks, Vice Mayor Carn, Mayor Bolin

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2021-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN THE ASSESSMENT AREA CONSISTING OF THE ENTIRE INCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA; AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, REIMPOSING SOLID WASTE SERVICE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE UPDATED ASSESSMENT ROLL; CONFIRMING THE PRELIMINARY RATE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3 Adoption of Annual Stormwater Assessment Rate Resolution. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel August 22, 2021. To participate in the public hearing, please call the City Clerk's office at 954-630-4300.

Andrew Thompson, Director of Financial Services, stated the Stormwater Assessment was unchanged, at \$84 per residential unit. This would generate \$3.4 million. He recommended adopting the resolution.

Public hearing was held as advertised. There were no comments.

Commissioner Rosenwald moved to adopt the Annual Stormwater Assessment rate of \$84 per equivalent residential unit. Commissioner Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Rosenwald, Commissioner Sparks, Vice Mayor Carn, Mayor Bolin

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2021-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ESTIMATING THE COST OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STORMWATER UTILITY; DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WILL BE

SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STORMWATER UTILITY; ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING THE COST OF THE UTILITY AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY THAT WILL BE SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT, APPROVING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

Steve Arnst, 1860 NW 40th Court, congratulated the City for its efforts to secure a train station and noted benefits of positive train control; He spoke about the history of the Fire Assessment, which he stated was a way to keep the millage rate artificially low.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:05 PM.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

JANE BOLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK