

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
FY2016 MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

September 16, 2015

5:05 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Frankie Burnett, Vice Mayor, Natalie Kahler; Council Members Robert Battista, Betty Erhard, and William Kemerer; Attorney Clifford A. Taylor, City Manager, T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, Finance Director, Tannette Gayle, Assistant Finance Director, James Delach, Fire Chief, Tim Mossgrove, Public Works, Administrative Assistant, Sarah Moyer, CAD Technician, Tom Dampman, Police Chief George Turner, Community Development Director, Bill Geiger, Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Walker, Human Resource Specialist, Telina Dowdell, and Deputy Clerk, Janet Kato.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burnett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING-PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY2016

1. Public Announcement - Ad Valorem Tax Rate (TRIM Notice)

Tonight's meeting is the second and final Public Hearing for the City of Brooksville to set the final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2016. The tentative millage rate is 6.6439 mils, which is the current year's rolled-back rate. The notice of Public Budget Hearing for this evening's meeting was advertised on Saturday, September 12, 2015, in the Tampa Bay Times, Hernando Section.

Mayor Burnett read the Public Announcement.

2. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha reviewed and discussed the adoption of the Budget as presented with changes made September 9th based on the adopted rolled-back rate of 6.6439. She requested Council's consideration to increase monies to Fund 140, Florida Department of Transportation Landscaping from \$30,000 to \$78,000. Mr. Walker and his team have been working with FDOT to replant along Highway 41. Since the project has come forward more costly than can be done in any one year, FDOT has graciously agreed to allow monies not used for projects in previous fiscal years to be available for the City in FY2016. An increase to Fund 140 for the landscaping project along Highway 41 would be in the amount of \$48,700.

Mayor Burnett asked if all understood the requested change, and invited the public input.

3. Public Input

There were none.

4. Resolution No. 2015-18 Setting Final Millage Rate for Final Budget for FY2016

Finance Director, Tannette Gayle presented Resolution 2015-18 with the current millage rolled-back of 6.6439, and requested its adoption.

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Motion:

Motion by Council Member Battista, seconded by Council Member Erhard to adopt Resolution 2015-18 setting the final millage rate for the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2016 taxing year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Burnett invited questions from Council.

5. Ordinance No. 845 – Recommended Budget for FY2016

Finance director, Tannette Gayle, presented Ordinance 845 and requested its adoption with the changes presented by the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Kahler inquired as to whether there were any other solutions since last week pertaining to Council Member Kemerer's concern over the funding for a firefighter position.

City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha stated that during that discussion, there were only two places that funding could be transferred in; from General Funds, which needs to be above the City's policy of 3% in reserve, or an elimination of some other expenditure within the existing Fund 143. Next year there should be funds available through assessments or general fund appropriations.

Mayor Burnett asked the pleasure of the Council.

City Manager T. Jennene Norman-Vacha clarified to Council that in adopting this Ordinance, the Council would be including the increase of \$48,700 to Fund 140 for the FDOT landscaping project.

Motion:

Motion by Council Member Battista, seconded by Council Member Kemerer to adopt Ordinance 845 with the changes that are reflected on pages 24 as brought forward in the City Manager's Memorandum dated September 14, 201(6) concerning the FY2016 Budget.

The Deputy City Clerk read Ordinance 845 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, FROM ITS SEVERAL FUNDS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

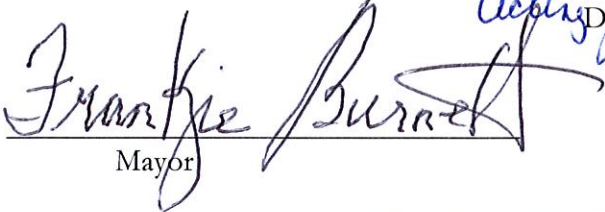
Motion carried 5-0 upon roll-call as follows:


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| Council Member Battista | Aye |
| Council Member Erhard | Aye |
| Council Member Kemerer | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Kahler | Aye |
| Mayor Burnett | Aye |

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D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Final Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Attest: 
 Mayor


 Deputy City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

There was none.