# CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

# CITIZENS' BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING 2021-07

Held on Monday, the 12th day of July 2021, in the Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Finance Department, City Hall Annex, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parr at the hour of 6:07 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Aaron Parr CHAIRPERSON: Present Chris Seibert VICE CHAIRPERSON: Present **MEMBER:** Randall Olszewski Present Alberta Clinkscales MEMBER: Absent MEMBER: Peter Filiberto Present MEMBER: Janae Beauchamp Absent MEMBER Susan Connolly Present

**CITY STAFF:** Present were Larry Wojciechowski, Finance Director; Angelica Collins, Fiscal Manager.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

1. Meeting 2021-06; June 9, 2021

Motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Ms. Connolly, to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

#### **BUSINESS:**

1. Continued discussion of CBAB members' top priorities regarding departmental budgets.

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Chairman Parr requested that this item be postponed until after the City Council meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>, in which the tentative millage would be established. The Board concurred.

## 2. Budget recommendations to City Council.

Ms. Collins provided an overview of the impact that setting the city's millage at the current rate, 3% cap and roll-back would have on taxes. It was discussed at length by the Board whether to recommend the current rate of millage or at the 3% cap. To exceed the cap, the Board discussed that "emergency conditions" would need to be met and what the Board believed those conditions entailed.

Motion by Mr. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Filiberto, to recommend that City Council support maintaining the current millage rate for the following reason: "We are a city that is continuing to grow in needs and most importantly population. This reason exceeds what the 3% cap can fund and is forcing us to continually choose which items the city chooses to fund over many others that are so direly needed, such as Police, Fire, IT, Fleet, Road Maintenance, along with others."

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Chairperson Parr	Yea
Vice Chairperson Siebert	Yea
Mr. Olszewski	Nay
Ms. Clinkscales	Yea
Mr. Filiberto	Yea
Ms. Beauchamp	Yea
Ms. Connolly	Yea

Mr. Olszewski said he agreed with the motion in general but desired a defined plan for the need of the additional funds.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed having a meeting on July 20, 2021, to establish the budget priorities to be provided to the City Council.

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## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjou	urned at 7:41 P.M.
ATTEST:	Aaron Parr, Chairperson
Larry Wojciechowski, Finance Director	