

Minutes For:

**September 6, 2017
1st Budget Hearing
5:01 P.M.**



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Jim Gray

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Samuel B. Ings

Opening

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the Orlando City Council met in City Council Chambers at City Hall for the first of two annual budget hearings.

Call to Order

Mayor Dyer officially called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5 (arrived at 5:02 P.M.)
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6 (arrived at 5:07 P.M.)
Chief Assistant City Attorney Kyle Shephard
City Clerk Denise Aldridge
Senior Assistant City Clerk Elizabeth Davidson
Police Officers Edgar Malave and Andres Pinero, Sergeants-at-Arms

(1) 1st Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the first of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget. At the second hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the final Millage Rate and Budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Millage Rate Resolution.

City of Orlando Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City of Orlando, Florida, establishing the ad valorem tax levy (millage rate) upon the assessed real property and business personal property tax rolls of the year 2017. Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed Millage Rate for the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 6.6500 mills, which is 7.53 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 6.1844.

Commissioner Tony Ortiz moved and Commissioner Robert F. Stuart seconded a motion to adopt the proposed Millage Rate of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

“On July 24, 2017 the City Council approved a millage rate of 6.6500 so that the appropriate filing could be made with the Property Appraiser by the August 1st deadline set for the TRIM notification process. The millage rate is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year and is to maintain the City’s current levels of service.”

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted 6-0 to adopt the millage rate of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, noting that Commissioner Samuel B. Ings was not present for the vote.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution.

City of Orlando Budget Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City of Orlando, Florida adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Orlando, Florida for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

“The total proposed budget is \$1,214,065,150, including a General Fund budget of \$446,401,952. As discussed at the Budget Workshop, there have only been a few administrative changes to the total amount compared to the overall City budget presented in the July 24, 2017 Budget-in-Brief.”

Mr. Battles stated that all budget information is available for review on the City of Orlando’s website.

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and the following person appeared to comment: Lawanna Gelzer, appearing on her own behalf, commented about the City’s credit ratings on bonds. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

At approximately 5:07 P.M., Commissioner Samuel B. Ings entered the meeting.

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart read the following statement into the record:

“As you know, I have served for many years as the Executive Director of the Christian Service Center for Central Florida. The budget for this year and for many years prior to my service on the City Council has included funds that provide a modest grant to the Center. The amount of that proposed funding for this year is \$25,000.00. None of that money goes toward the general operations of the Christian Service Center. These funds, however, will not be granted to the Christian Service Center unless and until the Christian Service Center and the City enter into a separate written agreement. Such agreement will come before City Council for individual approval at some point in the future. I want to make it clear that when this specific item comes before the Council, I will abstain from voting on the funding agreement between the City and the Christian Service Center and will fill out the proper paperwork required for noting this information.”

City Council voted unanimously to approve the Tentative Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

(2) 1st Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the Downtown Development Board (DDB) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the first of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the Downtown Development Board for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget. At the second hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the final Millage Rate and Budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Millage Rate Resolution related to the Downtown Development Board.

Downtown Development Board (DDB) Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City of Orlando, Florida establishing for the Downtown Development Board the ad valorem tax levy (millage rate) upon the assessed real property within the Downtown Development District of the year 2017. Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed Millage Rate for the Downtown Development Board (DDB) Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 1 mill, which is 43.94 percent lower than the rolled-back rate of 1.7837.

Commissioner Tony Ortiz moved and Commissioner Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown Development Board's Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

"The City Council, on behalf of the Downtown Development Board, has set a millage rate of \$1 per \$1,000 valuation. Similar to the City millage rate, that rate was submitted to the Property Appraiser by the August 1st deadline for the TRIM notification process. The millage rate is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year and is to maintain Board delivered programs."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Downtown Development Board (DDB) proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Downtown Development Board (DDB) Budget Resolution

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution.

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City of Orlando, Florida adopting the Annual Budget of the Downtown Development Board for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Commissioner Samuel B. Ings moved and Commissioner Robert F. Stuart seconded a motion to approve the Downtown Development Board's tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

"The total proposed budget for the Downtown Development Board is \$4,664,939. That is approximately \$200,000 more than the amount as included in the overall City budget as presented in the July 24, 2017 Budget-in-Brief for increased marketing activities."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to approve the Downtown Development Board's tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

(3) 1st Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the first of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget. At the second hearing City Council will consider for adoption the final Millage Rate and Budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Millage Rate Resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida and the Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) levying an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value on non-exempt real property located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, providing certain findings; providing for administrative millage adjustment in accordance with Florida Statutes; providing for the collection of taxes; providing for severability, correction of scrivener's errors, repeal of conflicting resolutions, and an effective date.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Samuel B. Ings seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed Millage Rate for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 1 mill, which is 7.96 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 0.9263.

Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

"The City Council, on behalf of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, has set a millage rate of \$1 per \$1,000 valuation. Similar to the City millage rate, that rate was submitted to the Property Appraiser by the August 1st deadline for the TRIM notification process. The millage rate is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year and is to provide administration and infrastructure projects within the District."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to approve the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed millage rate and tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) Budget Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida and the Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District adopting the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District; providing certain findings; providing certain budget accounting procedures; providing for severability, correction of scrivener's errors, repeal of conflicting resolutions, and an effective date.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Samuel B. Ings seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

"The total proposed budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District is \$595,153. That is the same amount as included in the overall City budget as presented in the July 24, 2017 Budget-in-Brief."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to approve the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

At approximately 5:16 P.M. Mayor Dyer adjourned the City Council meeting and convened the Board of Directors - Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District meeting.

(4) Board of Directors – 1st Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the first of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing, the Board of Directors will consider for adoption the proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget. At the second hearing the Board of Directors will consider for adoption the final Millage Rate and Budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Millage Rate Resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District Board of Directors Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida and the Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) levying an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value on non-exempt real property located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, providing certain findings; providing for administrative millage adjustment in accordance with Florida Statutes; providing for the collection of taxes; providing for severability, correction of scrivener's errors, repeal of conflicting resolutions, and an effective date.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Samuel B. Ings seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed Millage Rate for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 1 mill, which is 7.96 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 0.9263.

Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following into the record:

“The Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District has set a millage rate of \$1 per \$1,000 valuation. Similar to the City's millage rate, that rate was submitted to the Property Appraiser by the August 1st deadline for the TRIM notification process. The millage rate is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year and is to provide administration and infrastructure projects within the District.”

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Millage Rate and tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) Board of Directors Budget Resolution

City Clerk Denise Aldridge presented a resolution of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida and the Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District adopting the Fiscal

Year 2017/2018 Budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District; providing certain findings; providing certain budget accounting procedures; providing for severability, correction of scrivener's errors, repeal of conflicting resolutions, and an effective date.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brian Battles, who read the following to the record:

"The total proposed budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District is \$595,153. That is the same amount as included in the overall City budget as presented in the July 24, 2017 Budget-in-Brief."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and no one appeared to comment. Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

At approximately 5:19 P.M. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Board of Directors - Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District meeting.

Mayor Dyer announced that the second budget hearings will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 5:01 P.M.

Mayor Buddy Dyer

City Clerk Denise Aldridge