

Minutes For:

**September 25, 2017
2nd Budget Hearing
5:01 P.M.**



District 1
Jim Gray

District 2
Tony Ortiz

District 3
Robert F. Stuart

Mayor
Buddy Dyer

District 4
Patty Sheehan

District 5
Regina I. Hill

District 6
Samuel B. Ings

Opening

On Monday, September 25, 2017, the Orlando City Council met in City Council Chambers at City Hall for the second of two annual budget hearings. Mayor Dyer welcomed those in attendance, asked for a moment of silence and then led the pledge of allegiance.

Call to Order

Mayor Dyer officially called the meeting to order at 5:09 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

Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6 (attending by telephone)

Chief Assistant City Attorney Kyle Shephard

City Clerk Denise Aldridge

Senior Assistant City Clerk Elizabeth Davidson

Police Officers Kevlon Kirkpatrick and Jose Sanchez, Sergeants-at-Arms

(1) 2nd Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Millage Rate and Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the second 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 held on September 6, 2017, City Council adopted 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 Patty Sheehan moved and Commissioner Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the 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, City Council approved a millage rate of 6.6500 adhering to all TRIM guidelines. That millage rate was proposed again on September 6, 2017. An advertisement ran in the local newspaper on Thursday, September 21, 2017. This final rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2018 budget development and is within the parameters outlined by the State. It also has not changed from the prior year and is to maintain the City's programmatic 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 and City Council voted unanimously to adopt the millage rate of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

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 Tony Ortiz moved and Commissioner Patty Sheehan seconded a motion to adopt the 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. It has not changed since our first public hearing and updated Budget In Brief documents are available on our website in addition to the information included in this formal budget resolution."

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 City 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."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and the following persons appeared to comment:

1. Dennis R. Pape, appearing on behalf of Catalyst Spaces, commented in opposition to the Economic Development Department's plan to provide \$150,000 in the current budget to only one co-working space in the City of Orlando (Canvs), one tech organization (Orlando Tech Association) and the tech accelerator programs Starter Studio and Firespring Fund. Mayor Dyer clarified that Mr. Pape was okay with the \$150,000 allocation but will take into account how funds are disbursed.
2. Lawanna Gelzer, appearing on her own behalf, commented about the City's credit ratings, and diversity on several City boards.

Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing and City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

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

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the second 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 held on September 6, 2017, City Council adopted 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 the Downtown Development Board ad valorem tax levy (millage rate) upon the assessed real property within the Downtown Development District of the year 2017.

Commissioner Regina I. Hill moved and Commissioner Patty Sheehan seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown Development Board's Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed Millage Rate for the Downtown Development Board for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 1 mill, which is 43.94 percent lower than the rolled-back rate of 1.7837.

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

"On July 24, 2017, City Council, on behalf of the Downtown Development Board, approved a millage rate of 1.0000 adhering to all TRIM guidelines. The millage rate was proposed again on September 6, 2017. An advertisement ran in the local newspaper on Thursday, September 21, 2017. This final millage rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2018 budget development and is within the parameters outlined by the State. It also 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 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 related to the Downtown Development Board.

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 Regina I. Hill moved and Commissioner Patty Sheehan seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown Development Board's 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. It has not changed since the first public hearing and updated Budget in Brief documents, as well as the formal resolutions, are available on the City's website."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment and the following person appeared to comment:

1. Lawanna Gelzer, appearing on her own behalf.

Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Downtown Development Board's Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

(3) 2nd Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Millage Rate and Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the second of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing held on September 6, 2017, City Council adopted 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 South Neighborhood Improvement District.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) 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 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 Regina I. Hill 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:

“On July 24, 2017, City Council, on behalf of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, approved a millage rate of 1.0000 adhering to all TRIM guidelines. That millage rate was proposed again on September 6, 2017. An advertisement ran in the local newspaper on Thursday, September 21, 2017. This final rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2018 budget development and is within the parameters outlined by the State. It also 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 adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution related to the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District.

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 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 into the record:

“The total proposed budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District is \$595,153. It has not changed since our first public hearing, and updated Budget in Brief documents are available on the City's website in addition to the information included in this formal budget resolution.”

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 South Neighborhood Improvement District budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

At approximately 5:34 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 – 2nd Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) - Adopting Millage Rate and Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Dyer announced that this is the second of two public hearings for the adoption of the Millage Rate and Budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. At the first hearing held on September 6, 2017, the Board of Directors adopted 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 related to the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) 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 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 Regina I. Hill 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:

"On July 24, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, approved a millage rate of 1.0000 adhering to all TRIM guidelines. That millage rate was proposed again on September 6, 2017. An advertisement ran in the local newspaper on Thursday, September 21, 2017. This final rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2018 budget development and is within the parameters outlined by the State. It also 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 adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Denise Aldridge to read the title of the Budget Resolution related to the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District.

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. It has not changed since our first public hearing, and updated Budget in Brief documents are available on the City's website in addition to the information included in this formal budget resolution."

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 Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

At approximately 5:37 P.M. Mayor Dyer adjourned the Board of Directors - Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District meeting and reconvened the City Council meeting.

Mayor Dyer and City Council thanked the Business and Financial Services Department for their work on the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before City Council on Monday, September 25, 2017, Mayor Dyer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Mayor Buddy Dyer

City Clerk Denise Aldridge