



September 25, 2023

2nd 5:01 P.M. Budget Hearing
Minutes

District 1	District 2	District 3	Mayor	District 4	District 5	District 6
Jim Gray	Tony Ortiz	Robert F. Stuart	Buddy Dyer	Patty Sheehan	Regina I. Hill	Bakari F. Burns

Opening

On Monday, September 25, 2023, the Orlando City Council met in City Council Chambers at City Hall for the second 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
Commissioner Bakari F. Burns, District 6
Chief Assistant City Attorney Roy Payne
City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia
Deputy City Clerk Laurie Nossair
Police Officers Edgar Malave and DeCarlos Hill, Sergeants-at-Arms

Mayor Dyer opened the Budget hearing by greeting the Commissioners and noting that today is the second and final public Budget Hearing to adopt the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and set the budget and Capital Improvement Program.

This budget reflects the previous discussions at our workshop in July and represents a balanced budget that does not raise the millage rate. Additionally, the proposed investments continue to focus on maintaining and delivering core city services that our residents depend on.

Today's hearing will include brief comments from our Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Michelle McCrimmon.

(1) 2nd Budget Hearing (5:01 P.M.) – Resolutions Adopting the Millage Rate and Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024. At the first hearing held on September 11th, City Council adopted the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. At this second hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the final millage rate and budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the millage resolution.

City of Orlando Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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 2023.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed millage rate for the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is 6.6500 mills, which is 9.66 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 6.0642.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved, and Commissioner Robert F. Stuart seconded a motion to adopt the Millage Rate Resolution of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Michelle McCrimmon, who read the following into the record:

On July 17th, City Council approved a millage rate of 6.6500 mills, adhering to all TRIM guidelines. That same millage rate was proposed and approved by City Council at the first Budget Hearing on September 11th. An advertisement ran in the Orlando Sentinel last Thursday, September 21st. This final millage rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2024 budget development, is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year, and is to maintain the City's levels of service.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the budget resolution.

City of Orlando Budget Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan moved, and Commissioner Robert F. Stuart seconded a motion to adopt the Budget Resolution of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Michelle McCrimmon, who read the following into the record and gave a presentation, attached as supplemental papers to these minutes:

The total proposed budget is \$1,766,480,614, including a General Fund budget of \$659,800,250, and has not changed since the first Budget Hearing on September 11th. The final Budget In Brief was posted to the City's website on September 1st, and other budget documents, including the Budget Workshop presentation from July 17th, the initial Budget In Brief, and Commissioner Notebooks, have been available on the City's website since late July.

Mayor Dyer asked if there were any questions for Michelle McCrimmon, and no one commented.

Commissioner Bakari F. Burns read the following statement into the record:

"As you know, I serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare Center for the Homeless. The City's budget for this year, and for several years prior to my service on the City Council, has included funds that provide grant funding to the Healthcare Center for the Homeless. None of that money goes toward my compensation. Additionally, these funds would not be granted to the Healthcare Center for the Homeless unless and until the City and the Healthcare Center enter into a separate written agreement. Such agreements will come back before the City Council for individual approval in the future, and I want to make it clear that when this specific item comes before the Council, I will abstain from voting on any funding agreement between the City and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless and will fill out the proper paperwork required for noting this information and provide the information to the City Clerk."

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment, and the following submitted appearance request forms, and Lawanna Gelzer appeared to provide public comment in person.

Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Budget Resolution of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

(2) 2nd Budget Hearing (5:10 P.M.) – Resolutions Adopting the Millage Rate and Budget of the Downtown Development Board (DDB) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 2023-2024. At the first hearing held on September 11th, City Council adopted the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. At this second hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the final millage rate and budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the millage resolution related to the Downtown Development Board.

Downtown Development Board (DDB) Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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 2024.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed millage rate for the Downtown Development Board (DDB) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is 1 mill, which is 12.93 percent lower than the rolled-back rate of 1.1485.

Commissioner Regina I. Hill moved, and Commissioner Patty Sheehan seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown Development Board's Millage Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Michelle McCrimmon, who read the following into the record:

On July 17th, the City Council, on behalf of the Downtown Development Board, set a proposed millage rate of 1 mill. That millage rate was proposed and approved by City Council at the first Budget Hearing on September 11th. An advertisement ran in the Orlando Sentinel last Thursday, September 21st. This final millage rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2024 budget development, is within the parameters outlined by State formula, has not changed from the prior year, and is to maintain DDB 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) Millage Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the budget resolution related to the Downtown Development Board.

Downtown Development Board (DDB) Budget Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Commissioner Regina I. Hill moved, and Commissioner Patty Sheehan seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown Development Board's Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Michelle McCrimmon, who read the following into the record:

The total proposed budget for the Downtown Development Board is \$4,777,623 and has not changed since our first Budget Hearing on September 11th. The final Budget In Brief was posted to the City's website on September 1st, and other budget documents have been available on the City's website since late July.

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment, and Lawanna Gelzer appeared to provide public comment in person.

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 2023-2024.

(3) 2nd Budget Hearing (5:16 P.M.) – Resolutions Adopting the Millage Rate and Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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 (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. At the first hearing held on September 11th, City Council adopted the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. At this second hearing, City Council will consider for adoption the final millage rate and budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the millage rate resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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 Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed millage rate for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is 1 mill, which is 5.61 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 0.9469.

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

On July 17th City Council, as Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, set a millage rate of 1 mill. That millage rate was proposed and approved at the first Budget Hearing on September 11th. An advertisement ran in the Orlando Sentinel last Thursday, September 21st. This final millage rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2024 budget development, 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 adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's Millage Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the budget resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) Budget Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024.

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

The total proposed budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District is \$830,144 and has not changed since our first Budget Hearing on September 11th. The final Budget In Brief was posted to the City's website on September 1st, and other budget documents have been available on the City's website since late July.

Mayor Dyer opened the hearing for public comment, and no one submitted appearance request forms.

Mayor Dyer closed the public comment portion of the hearing. City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

At approximately 5:19 P.M., Mayor Dyer adjourned the City Council meeting and convened the Board of Directors for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District to do what was just done as the City Council.

(4) Board of Directors – 2nd Budget Hearing (5:19 P.M.) – Resolutions Adopting the Millage Rate and Budget of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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 (DSNID) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. At the first hearing held on

September 11th, the Board of Directors adopted the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. At this second hearing, the Board of Directors will consider for adoption the final millage rate and budget.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the millage rate resolution.

Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District Board of Directors Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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.

Board of Directors Member Patty Sheehan moved, and Board of Directors Member Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Millage Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Dyer announced that the proposed millage rate for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is 1 mill, which is 5.61 percent higher than the rolled-back rate of 0.9469. Mayor Dyer called on Deputy Chief Financial Officer Michelle McCrimmon, who read the following into the record:

On July 17th City Council, as Board of Directors of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District, set a millage rate of 1 mill. That millage rate was proposed and approved at the first Budget Hearing on September 11th. An advertisement ran in the Orlando Sentinel last Thursday, September 21st. This final millage rate has remained the same throughout the entire fiscal year 2024 budget development, 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 adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Millage Rate Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Dyer called on City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia to read the title of the budget resolution.

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

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia 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 2023-2024 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.

Board of Directors Member Patty Sheehan moved, and Board of Directors Member Regina I. Hill seconded a motion to adopt the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District's proposed Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

The total proposed budget for the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District is \$830,144 and has not changed since our first Budget Hearing on September 11th. The final Budget In Brief was posted to the City's website on September 1st, and other budget documents have been available on the City's website since late July.

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 Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

At approximately 5:22 P.M., Mayor Dyer adjourned the Board of Directors – Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Dyer acknowledged that the budget process is intricate and noted how proud he was of the dedicated staff at the City who work to ensure top-rated city services are delivered in the most fiscally responsible manner. Mayor Dyer especially wanted to thank the Budget team in the Office of Business and Financial Services, which includes Martin Carmody, Jason Wojkiewicz, Anthony Bellizio, Nicole Novak, and Chris Mendoza.

Mayor Buddy Dyer adjourned the 2nd 5:01 P.M. Budget Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

Mayor Buddy Dyer

City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia

Request to Address City Council



Submitted on	25 September 2023, 2:40PM
Receipt number	813
Related form version	57

Tell Us About Your Request

What is the type of appearance?	General Appearance Request
What is the type of agenda item?	
Agenda item number.	
What is the type of hearing item?	
Hearing item number	
Discussion topic	Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the City of Orlando for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
Choose the Council meeting date.	September 25, 2023 - 5:01 p.m.m 2nd Budget Hearing
I want to speak	

Tell Us About Yourself

Your first name	Lawanna
Your last name	Gelzer
Your home/business address	815 Hills Street
Your phone number	14079535599
Your email address	lawannagelzer@gmail.com
Check one:	I will be speaking on my behalf.
Name of person, business or association	
Address	
Phone number	

How Will You Be Appearing?

Choose one:

I will make a live comment during the meeting.

Live appearance options

I will appear in-person in Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of City Hall to make my live comments.

If making a live comment during a virtual meeting, enter the name or phone number you will use to connect to the Zoom Webinar.

Submit Your Comments for the Record

My comments

Upload a video or voice recording

Certification

By checking this box, I agree to the above.

I agree.

Your signature



[Link to signature](#)

Form name

Request to Address City Council

Request to Address City Council



Submitted on	25 September 2023, 2:52PM
Receipt number	814
Related form version	57

Tell Us About Your Request

What is the type of appearance?	General Appearance Request
---------------------------------	----------------------------

What is the type of agenda item?	
----------------------------------	--

Agenda item number.	
---------------------	--

What is the type of hearing item?	
-----------------------------------	--

Hearing item number	
---------------------	--

Discussion topic	Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget of the Downtown Development Board (DDB) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
------------------	--

Choose the Council meeting date.	September 25, 2023 - 5:01 p.m.m 2nd Budget Hearing
----------------------------------	--

I want to speak	
-----------------	--

Tell Us About Yourself

Your first name	Lawanna
-----------------	---------

Your last name	Gelzer
----------------	--------

Your home/business address	815 Hills Street
----------------------------	------------------

Your phone number	14079535599
-------------------	-------------

Your email address	lawannagelzer@gmail.com
--------------------	-------------------------

Check one:	I will be speaking on my behalf.
------------	----------------------------------

Name of person, business or association	
---	--

Address	
---------	--

Phone number	
--------------	--

How Will You Be Appearing?

Choose one:

I will make a live comment during the meeting.

Live appearance options

I will appear in-person in Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of City Hall to make my live comments.

If making a live comment during a virtual meeting, enter the name or phone number you will use to connect to the Zoom Webinar.

Submit Your Comments for the Record

My comments

Upload a video or voice recording

Certification

By checking this box, I agree to the above.

I agree.

Your signature



[Link to signature](#)

Form name

Request to Address City Council