

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 22, 2018

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Donald O. Burnette at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Councilman Bob Ford
Councilman Chase Tramont
Councilman Drew Bastian
Vice Mayor Scott Stiltner
Mayor Donald Burnette

Also Present: City Manager Jake Johansson
City Attorney Margaret Roberts
City Clerk Robin Fenwick

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. FY19 Budget Discussion

Tracey Riehm, Finance Director, discussed the decrease from the max millage rate previously set. The millage rate being presented tonight is 4.7781. She provided history of the millage rates in the City and surrounding cities. Ms. Riehm discussed the savings reported and other changes made to decrease the millage rate.

Councilman Ford discussed response time performance in Port Orange as provided to him by Volusia County. He believes the response times are better than originally thought. The County has ensured him they will be purchasing a new ambulance and will review their system.

Councilman Bastian believes the response times are unacceptable.

Vice Mayor Stiltner doesn't believe the response time in Fire is calculated the same as the Police Department measures it, which is where the issues come into play.

Assistant City Manager Alan Rosen explained details from the County's budget relating to new ambulance services. He also discussed revenue forecasts.

Vice Mayor Stiltner supports the addition of ambulance services.

Chief Fustin answered questions and explained the plan for use of ambulances.

Discussion was held regarding budget changes.

John Fleemin, citizen, supports the increased services to public safety.

Dalen Mills, citizen, suggested the ambulance issue be tabled for a year to allow the County to fix the issues.

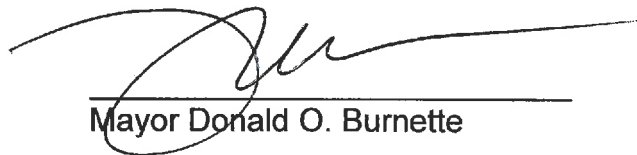
Sarah Jones, citizen, supports the ambulance program and asked for the specific amount that the average citizen will be charged. Mr. Johansson and Ms. Riehm gave examples.

Ms. Riehm discussed the millage rate changes that resulted from the reductions requested by Mayor Burnette.

Mayor Burnette will support the ambulance program but asked Chief Fustin to work on other reductions. He also asked for the median income projections to be included in the revenues minus the first three months.

Millage rate is currently at 4.7253, which will be brought to Council for first reading on September 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:57 p.m.



Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, CMC
City Clerk