

MINUTES OF THE FY 2018 – 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, August 28, 2018, AT 12 Noon.

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Director Mike Lacour, Police Chief Matt Herring, and City Insurance Agent Dwight Van Lierop were also present.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the Health Insurance Rates and Non-Departmental segments of the FY 2018 – 2019 Budget.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commissioners of the first Public Hearing on the Budget, Thursday, September 6, 2018, Ward Ridge Building at 5:01 P.M.

Mike Lacour provided a copy of the updated budget, Insurance Costs, and Non-Departmental requests. He noted the current cap for Health Insurance is \$705. There will be an increase of 1% for Health Insurance for each employee. Employees currently pay \$9.02 per month and this will increase to \$14.68 per month. For \$10,500 the City could cover the cost of the additional premium for each employee.

The current Millage rate is 3.5914, with a total Budget across all funds of \$14,138,950 and there is an estimated increase of \$61,346 from AD Taxes based on our current Millage.

Dwight Van Lierop confirmed the 1% rate increase cost, shared the claims history of the City for the present year, and noted a proactive change in life styles for City employees would be a tremendous help. The original quote for health insurance was 7% and through negotiations, Mr. Van Lierop was able to get the increase reduced to 1%. He will be checking with Teladoc to see what it would cost for these services to be provided for the employees.

Consensus of the Commission was for Mr. Lacour to include a 3% COLA increase for each full time employee and increase the insurance cap to \$719.68 per employee.

Commissioner Hoffman shared that he had spoken with Johanna White of CareerSource and he is in hopes the City can help with the Community Assistance Program. He also would like to see Waste Pro give some relief to the WIG for garbage service.


Commissioner Langston asked if \$2,500 could be given to CareerSource for their Community Assistance Program.

Commissioner Lowry asked about increasing the fireworks contribution to \$10,000 for a larger show.

The next Budget Workshop will be held in the City Commission Meeting Room at Ward Ridge on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 5:15 P.M. for a review of Health Insurance costs, CareerSource Assistance, and fireworks to close out budget issues.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to adjourn the Workshop at 12:33 P.M.

Approved this 4th day of September 2018.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor

9/4/18
Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/4/18
Date