

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD AT
2775 GARRISON AVENUE, September 14, 2021, at 5:01 P.M.**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, City Attorney Clinton McCahill, and Financial Director Mike Lacour were also present.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 593 – 2021 / 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing and First Reading, and also Ordinance 594 – 2021 / 2022 Budget Public Hearing and First Reading.

Ordinance 593 Ad Valorem Taxes – Public Hearing and First Reading:

No one spoke on Ordinance 593.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 593. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 593 in its entirety.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Millage rate for the coming year is 3.5914, which is the same as last year. The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is less than the rolled-back rate of 3.3091 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 8.53%.

Ordinance 594, 2021-2022 Budget – Public Hearing and First Reading:

Mark Griffin requested, and received, a copy of the FY 2021 – 2022 Budget.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ashbrook, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 594. All in Favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 594 in its entirety.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Final Public Hearing and adoption of Ordinance 593 AD Valorem Tax and Ordinance 594 Budget will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 5:01 P.M., in the Ward Ridge Building, 2775 Garrison Avenue.

Citizens to be Heard

No one wished to address the Commission.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Lowry announced that he would not be present at the September 21, 2021, meeting, and encouraged the Commissioners to look at the development behind Veterans Park at Beacon Hill.

Mayor Buzzett asked that the Commissioners rank their priorities for the Workforce Housing Project, turn them in, and use this as the starting point for deciding what the project should offer.

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Buzzett adjourn the Meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Approved this 21st day of September 2021.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

9/21/21

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/21/21

Date