

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE; ORDINANCE 575 WATER RATES; ORDINANCE 576 SEWER RATES; ORDINANCE 577 WATER AND SEWER IMPACT FEES WITH THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE WARD RIDGE BUILDING, September 29, 2020, at 5:01 P.M. Teleconference as allowed under Executive Order 20-69; App – ZOOM; Phone 1-646-876-9923, Meeting ID 86067578094, Passcode 806868**

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, City Attorney Clinton McCahill, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, Police Lt. Jake Richards, and Administrative Assistance Brie Scheibe were also present. Commissioner Ashbrook was absent.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 573 – 2020 / 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption; Ordinance 574 – 2020 / 2021 Budget Public Hearing, Second Reading and consideration of Adoption; Ordinance 575 Water Rates Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption; Ordinance 576 Sewer Rates Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption, and Ordinance 577 Water and Sewer Impact Fees Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption.

**City Attorney –**

*Ordinance 573 Ad Valorem Property Taxes 2020 – 2021, Public Hearing, Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption:*

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 573. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 573 in its entirety.

The Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate for Municipal Purposes to be levied on the taxable property within the City limits of the City of Port St. Joe for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, is set at the rate of 3.5914 mills. The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is less than the rolled-back rate of 3.2828 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 9.40%.

*Ordinance 574 Budget 2020 – 2021, Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration of Adoption:*

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 574. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 574 by Title only.

*Ordinance 575 Water Rates, Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration of Adoption:*

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 575. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 575 by Title only.

*Ordinance 576 Sewer Rates, Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration of Adoption:*

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

Oct. 7, 2020

Florida Humanities  
599 Second St. South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Dear Florida Humanities Council,

The City of Port St. Joe fully supports The Joe Center for the Arts application for a grant project titled: "Florida Resilient Cities: Port St. Joe from Hidden Coast to Resilient Model." This project is the culmination of research conducted after Hurricane Michael by the Florida Resilient Cities, a program led by the Florida Institute for Built Environment Resilience, the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, and the Center for Landscape Conservation Planning.

Working with these groups, The Joe Center for the Arts will provide an "extended museum" approach to sharing these important results with all the stake-holders in our local community. While the major exhibition will be hosted at The Joe, there will be extended sub-exhibitions throughout our community providing community interaction and engagement. This will allow our residents to have a clearer understanding of how these results can help our city and the surrounding area become more resilient to natural, social, and economic stresses that can occur as a result of living along the coast.

The Joe Center for the Arts is a vital part of our community, providing a venue for artistic, cultural and educational opportunities. The partnership between The Joe and these groups will allow our community to engage with researchers in a dialog that would otherwise be impossible to do. Please consider the positive impact this funding will have on the quality of life for our communities.

Sincerely,

Rex Buzzett, Mayor  
The City of Port St. Joe  
305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd.  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to have the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 576. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 576 by Title only.

*Ordinance 577 Water and Sewer Impact Fees, Public Hearing, Second Reading, and Consideration of Adoption:*

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Langston, to have the Seconding Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 577. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 577 by Title only.

*Garrison Avenue SCOP Grant Change Order*

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to approve the removal of stumps in the roadbed by Roberts and Roberts Inc., in the amount of \$4,500. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman, second by Commissioner Lowry, to approve using insurance funds, pending coverage by FL DOT, for the demolition and replacement of Stormwater Pipes at the intersection 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Garrison Avenue and at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Garrison Avenue. The work will be done by Roberts and Roberts in the amount of \$11,053. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

*COVID 19 Update*

Since Governor DeSantis has moved the State of Florida to Phase 3, a Motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to rescind the Emergency Declaration of July 21, 2020, and strongly encourage the continued use of masks. All in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

**Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the public attended the meeting or participated by Zoom.

**Discussion Items by Commissioners**

Commissioner Langston requested that he be given a key to the Washington Gym.

Neither Commissioner Hoffman, nor Commissioner Lowry had anything else to discuss.

Mayor Buzzett asked that the Sewer Adjustment Policy be reconsidered and be on the Agenda for the October 6, 2020, meeting.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commission that by moving to Phase 3, Zoom can no longer be used to have a quorum for meetings. Consensus of the Commission was that effective today, Zoom will be discontinued for meetings.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

  
Rex Buzzett, Mayor

10/6/20  
Date

  
Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

10/6/20  
Date