

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE; ORDINANCE 631: AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE; ORDINANCE 632: 2026 - 2027 BUDGET FOR FY 2026 - 2027 WITH THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE WARD RIDGE BUILDING, September 10, 2026, at 5:01 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Hoffman, Kerigan, Langston, and Lowry. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Deputy Clerk Leigh Salter, Finance Director Tiffany Giddens, Police Chief Jake Richards, Wastewater Plan Manager Riley Wolf and City Attorney Clinton McCahill, were also present.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 631 – 2026 / 2027 Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate First Public Hearing; Ordinance 632 – 2026 / 2027 Budget Public Hearing.

City Attorney

Ordinance 631 Ad Valorem Property Tax Millage Rate 2026 – 2027, Public Hearing, First Reading

No one from the public attended the meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Langston, second by Commissioner Hoffman, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 631. All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 631 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, Florida, during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, is hereby set at the rate of 4.0914 mills. The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is more than the rolled-back rate of 3.4243 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) is 19.48%. This Ordinance shall be effective October 1, 2026.

Ordinance 632 Budget 2026 – 2027, Public Hearing, First Reading:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Kerigan, second by Commissioner Lowry, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 632.

All in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney McCahill read Ordinance 632 by title only.

Mayor Buzzett thanked City Staff and the Commissioners for their work on the Budget and noted that this is the first time in over 20 years that the Millage has been raised by the City.

Citizens to be Heard – No one from the public attended the meeting.

Discussion items by Commissioners

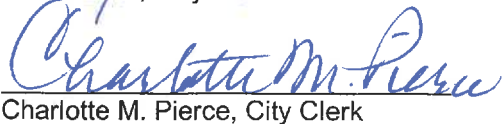
There were no other issues to be addressed by the Commissioners.

Motion to Adjourn

There was no additional business to come before the Commission and Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 5:12 P.M.

Approved this 6th day of October 2026.


Rex Buzzett, Mayor


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

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