

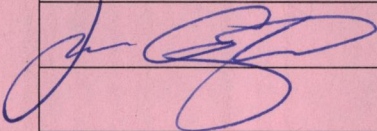
CITY OF GREENACRES

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Date: 10-1-18

Motion By: Dugo Seconded By: Tharp

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CITY OF GREENACRES
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463

CITY COUNCIL MEETING & FY19 BUDGET HEARING Thursday, September 6, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Flores called the City Council Meeting & FY19 Budget Hearing of Thursday, September 6, 2018 to order at 6:00 p.m. City Clerk Joanna Cunningham called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present:

Joel Flores, Mayor
Paula Bousquet, Deputy Mayor
John Tharp, Councilman
Peter A. Noble, Councilman
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman
Jonathan G. Pearce, Councilman

Attendees from Public: 25
Press: 0

Staff Present:

Andrea McCue, City Manager
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney
Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk/PIO
Michael Grimm, Director/Building
Jim McInnis, Director/Finance
Teri Beiriger, Budget Analyst/Finance
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue Department
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services
Kara L. Irwin-Ferris, Director/Planning & Engineering
Oscar Leon, Senior Planner/Planning & Engineering
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant City Clerk
Capt. Tristram Moore/PBSO

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Joel Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Mayor Flores asked if there were comments from the public. He assured the audience that Council would be addressing the solid waste assessment shortly.

4. Agenda Approval.

A. Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.

Mayor Flores inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda. He requested moving Agenda Item 8.B to 5.A to address resident's concerns over the solid waste assessment; he then called for a motion.

B. Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Deputy Mayor Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

5. First Hearing – FY19 Proposed Budget.

- A. PUBLIC HEARING Resolution No. 2018-27:** Relating to the provision of residential solid waste collection services in the City of Greenacres, Florida; providing for purpose and definitions; providing for legislative determinations; approving the assessment rate for residential solid waste collection services for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2018; imposing a residential solid waste collection services assessment against assessed property located within the City of Greenacres for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2018; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo.– James McInnis, Finance Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Resolution 2018-27 into the record.

Finance Director Jim McInnis stated that moving the solid waste billing to the property tax bill would make collection more efficient. Notices were sent out to all residents on August 1, 2018. Property/condo owners will now see the costs for solid waste collection on their property tax bill come November. Each homeowner association will need to decide how to reflect this change in their budgets and maintenance fee structures.

On August 20, 2018, the City adopted Ordinance 2018-15 authorizing a solid waste assessment to be placed on the property tax bill. Resolution 2018-27 formally adopts the solid waste assessment roll to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser for inclusion on the tax bill and sets the rates for collection services.

He noted that solid waste fees will be billed in advance, unlike other property taxes that are paid in arrears. City residents will see two (2) assessments for solid waste, one for Greenacres for the collection of weekly garbage pick-up, and one for a Solid Waste Authority (SWA) charge to dispose of items in the county landfill. Many residents believed they were already paying SWA. He reported that the City received and replied to 14 written letters/emails of objections. Residents unfortunately believed they were being double-billed for solid waste collection.

Director McInnis reported that solid waste assessment rates are designed to generate the revenues needed to cover the contractual costs of providing solid waste collection services. He reviewed the (3) rate tiers based on the three types of service provided: curbside, containerized twice weekly and containerized three times a week. He noted that the Property Appraiser offers a 4% discount if paid early.

Mayor Flores emphasized that the only thing that changes is the billing method and asked if the rates would increase.

Director McInnis stated that the rates increase minimally 1-2% each year pursuant to the franchise agreement.

Councilman Noble reiterated that residents are not being double billed; they are paying the same amount. He reminded residents that for years Greenacres has had some of the lowest garbage rates in the County for years.

Councilwoman Dugo compared fees paid in Greenacres of less than \$10/month with West Palm Beach residents who pay \$22/month.

Mayor Flores called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to Resolution 2018-27 to come forward.

Frank D'Palma of Buttonwood, questioned why residents in Buttonwood II did not receive notices when he received two, and if Council has not yet approved this Resolution, why do the fees already appear on his proposed tax bill. It seemed to him to be a "done deal".

Director McInnis explained that the Property Appraiser was notified in 2017 of the City's intent to include the fees on the November tax bill.

Randy Riggs of 5624 Biscayne Drive, asked for an explanation of a property being lienied for non-payment.

Director McInnis explained if a property owner fails to pay their taxes, the Property Appraiser can lien the property which could result in future foreclosure and loss of title.

A Charter Club resident asked if homeowner associations will now be required to lower their maintenance fees.

Councilmembers discussed homeowner associations removing or reducing garbage collection line items from their budgets.

Mayor Flores closed the floor to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-27 as presented. Councilman Pearce seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

Mayor Flores urged residents in attendance to stay involved with issues of personal importance to them.

B. Ordinances:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 2018-18:** First Reading; establishing a taxable valuation and levying an ad valorem tax on property located within the Corporate Limits of Greenacres, Florida, for the year ending December 31, 2018; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; and pursuant to Staff Memo.— James McInnis, Finance Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance 2018-18 into the record on first reading.

City Manager Andrea McCue reported that as part of the budget process the City is required to hold two (2) public hearings to adopt a millage rate and an operating budget. At the July 30, 2018 budget workshop, Council was presented with a preliminary FY19 Budget and several millage options during which Council directed staff to provide a preliminary millage rate of 6.4 mils to the Property Appraiser.

The City's Certified Taxable Valuation for 2018 is \$1,838,261,979, a 9.4% increase of \$157,684,947 from FY18. Last year's valuation was \$1,680,577,032. The increase in property tax values are based on new construction and increased property values. A millage rate of 6.4 mils would generate an additional ad valorem of \$11,294,282 based on a 96% collection rate. She called Council's attention to the higher difference in revenue of \$500,000 mentioned in the staff memo and explained that is the actual number based on 6.4 mils and a 96% collection rate.

Mayor Flores called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilman Noble stated that although he was originally opposed to the millage increase; the proposed 6.4 mils translates to \$25.

Mayor Flores opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2018-18 to come forward. Seeing no

one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-18 on first reading. Councilman Tharp seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Noble pointed out that the amount the City will receive in property taxes represents the same cost the City will pay annually to PBSO for law enforcement protection - \$10 million. He thanked staff for helping to generate additional funding to help cover some of the operating costs to run the City.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 2018-19:** First Reading; adopting an operating budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; and pursuant to Staff Memo – James McInnis, Finance Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance 2018-19 into the record on first reading.

City Manager McCue reported that the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Summary reflects the 6.4 mills just approved by Council. It allows for a FY19 operating budget, the capital improvement projects and operating expenditures. She reviewed several revenue categories such as the reduction in solid waste penalties in spite of the \$505,000 in unpaid balances.

As for Personnel Services, she reported that positions are now fully burdened and reflect a 5.4% change and operating expenses raised conservatively at 4.2%.

City Manager McCue emphasized that when operating expenses are reduced by increases in contractual services, even with the increase in contractual services with PBSO, the overall increase in operating expenses for all other departments combined was less than 1.5%. That is commendable and she thanked all City department heads for being good stewards of taxpayer's dollars.

City Manager McCue noted that the \$910,000 interfund transfer includes \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. The

City has done an excellent job of maintaining its infrastructure and with the addition of the surtax funding, the City is able to continue maintenance with very little change in expenditures.

She anticipated a .3 mil increase for FY19 Budget.

Mayor Flores called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2018-19 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-19 on first reading. Deputy Mayor Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

6. **Special Business.** None.

7. **Consent Agenda.**

A. Mayor Flores asked Council if they wished to pull any of the five (5) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting August 6, 2018 – Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk
2. **Resolution No. 2018-35:** Authorizing the submittal of the FY2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and authorizing the City Manager to sign all grant documents and accept award of the grant, and authorizing the City Manager with signature authority responsible for implementing the grant for the procurement of law enforcement equipment and technology to be used by law enforcement; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo.–Teri Beiriger, Budget Analyst/Grant Coordinator.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Bousquet made a motion to approve the two (2) Consent Agenda items. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON
THE MOTION:**

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

8. Regular Agenda:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance No. 2018-12 – CPA-17-03:** Second Reading; Amending the Capital Improvement Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan to reflect recent changes, as requested by the Planning and Engineering Department; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for transmittal to the Division of Community Development; providing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report. – Osniel Leon, Senior Planner.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance 2018-12 into the record on second reading.

Senior Planner Osniel Leon stated that Ordinance 2018-12 is for the annual update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. He stated there were no changes from first reading; therefore, staff recommended approval of CPA-17-03 through the adoption of Ordinance 2018-12.

Mayor Flores called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2018-12 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-12 on second reading Councilman Tharp seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON
THE MOTION:**

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilman Tharp, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Pearce.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

9. Comments from the Public. None.

10. Discussion Items: None.

11. Staff Comments:

A. City Manager's Report.

Utility Audit

City Manager McCue reported that as recommended by Deputy Mayor Bousquet, the City will be bringing in a company to review the City's utility costs and will be piggybacking onto an existing contract to help look for savings on those costs.

Geographic Information System

At the October 15, 2018 City Council meeting, the City's GIS Coordinator Samantha Powers will provide Council with a GIS presentation.

Food Trucks

Food trucks have moved from Wednesday to Friday. The first one was held on August 31st with over 700 in attendance. The next one is scheduled for September 28th at Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park from 5:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.

City Photo Contest

The City-wide photo contest ends tomorrow. The City has received 13 entries to date.

B. City Attorney's Report.

City Attorney Glen Torcivia reported on a recent Town of Palm Beach appeals court case wherein a firefighter sued for termination of employment and claimed defamation during the investigation. Both the appellate and trial courts dismissed the claim and upheld that municipalities are immune to defamation cases as long as their comments are within the scope of their job; this has been a long-standing rule.

12. Mayor and City Council Reports.

- District V: Deputy Mayor Bousquet reported that the food truck event was amazing and agreed that Fridays were definitely better.
- District IV: Councilman Pearce requested a review by the City Manager of the millage rates from 2009 to present.
- District III: Nothing to report.
- District II: Councilman Noble provided new attendees with an update on the solid waste collection Resolution, the proposed 6.4 millage rate and the new meeting time of 6:00 pm for Council meetings starting October 1, 2018.
- District I: Councilman Tharp echoed kudos to Director Michele Thompson for a fantastic food truck event.



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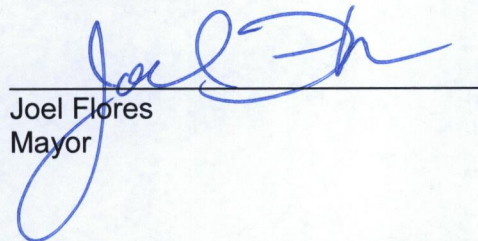
Mayor: Farm Share Event

Mayor Flores announced the partnering with State Senator Lori Berman to hold a Farm Share event scheduled for October 6th at City Hall from 9:00 am – Noon and called for 50 additional volunteers.

13 . Adjournment.

Deputy Mayor Bousquet moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Dugo. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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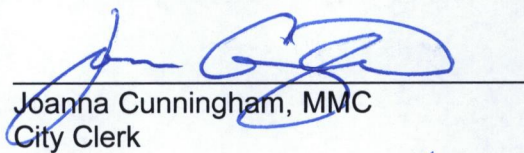

Joel Flores
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Attachment



Respectfully submitted,


Joanna Cunningham, MMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/11/2018