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Town of Ponce Inlet

Special Meeting of the Town Council

September 12, 2016

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to proper notice, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Smith led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

Town Council:

- Mayor Smith, Seat #1
- Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3
- Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4
- Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5
- Councilmember Milano, Seat #2 was excused absent.

Staff Members Present:

- Chief Fabrizio, Police Chief
- Mr. Gunter, General Manager of Public Works
- Ms. Hawkins, IT Technician
- Ms. Hunt, Administrative Assistant
- Ms. McColl, Finance Manager
- Mr. Joulani, Director of Planning and Development Service
- Chief Scales, Fire Chief
- Ms. Witt, Town Manager
- Ms. Zengotita, Parks & Rec/Museum Educator

4. Additions, Corrections or Deletions to the Agenda. None.

5. Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017:

A. Resolution 2016-11, adopting a tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2016/2017. Ms. Witt read Resolution 2016-11 entirely into the record, as required by law:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED IS ABOVE THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

41 WHEREAS, Florida law requires the Town Council of the Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida, to pass a
42 resolution or ordinance establishing the tentative millage rate for levying ad valorem property
43 taxes for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town limits of the Town of Ponce
44 Inlet, Florida, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017;
45 and

46 WHEREAS, Florida law requires said resolution or ordinance to state the millage rate to be
47 levied, and also, to state the percentage by which the millage rate to be levied is above the
48 rolled-back rate as computed pursuant to Florida law; and

49 WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ponce Inlet, Florida, has duly considered the
50 budgetary requirements of the Town and is now acting in accordance with the terms, provisions
51 and procedures contained in Section 200.065, Florida Statutes at this duly advertised public
52 hearing.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
54 PONCE INLET, FLORIDA:

55 SECTION 1. ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX
56 MILLAGE RATE:

57 The tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2016 through
58 September 30, 2017 is 5.79 mills, which equals \$5.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the
59 purpose of raising income in the sum of \$4,551,330.

60 SECTION 2. PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED IS ABOVE
61 THE ROLLED BACK RATE

62 The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is above the rolled-back rate of
63 5.4977 mills (as computed pursuant to Florida law) is 5.51%.

64 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

65 If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or
66 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding in no way affects the
67 remaining portions of this Resolution.

68 SECTION 4. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

69 All Resolutions s in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

70 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

71 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

72 Ms. Witt stated that this resolution is before Council for adopting a tentative millage rate for
73 fiscal year 2016/2017. She provided Council with information regarding the manner in which
74 she was able to reduce the originally proposed rate of 5.85 to 5.79. This included making some
75 purchases in the current fiscal year as additional funds became available; several of these were

76 approved by Council at their August regular meeting. It also included moving some capital
77 projects further out along the proposed five-year capital improvement plan which has been
78 provided to them with this packet and will be proposed for formal adoption as part of the EAR
79 process in October.

80 Mayor Smith asked for any comments from Council. Councilmember Perrone expressed
81 support for the capital improvement fund being established for fire engine / ambulance
82 replacement in future years and inquired if the Town had a fund like this for general capital
83 replacement like air conditioning and roofs. Ms. Witt explained that air conditioning doesn't rise
84 to the fifty-thousand plus cost that they consider in a capital improvement plan and the amounts
85 for replacement are simply planned and budgeted as needed. Roof replacement, though more
86 costly, could be covered via their general fund reserve unless Council wished to prepare a
87 separate fund for this. EMS vehicles are the most significant capital expenditure they have and
88 therefore they have started with that in suggesting a separate fund be established for a future
89 purchase. Councilmember Perrone also inquired about the Ponce Preserve west boardwalk
90 replacement and Ms. Witt explained that this is needed due to the lower quality materials that
91 were used when it was installed in 2006, when construction was so expensive that a higher
92 quality material was not chosen. Councilmember Perrone also asked about the project for
93 expansion of the public works yard, which had been moved back a couple years due to more
94 pressing capital improvement needs around the Town; he confirmed that any beautification
95 would be done as part of a larger overall project and that the adjacent residents would be given
96 an opportunity to be heard regarding the plans.

97 Mayor Smith asked for public participation – hearing none – closed public participation.

98 Councilmember Paritsky moved to adopt Resolution 2016-11, adopting a tentative millage rate
99 of 5.79 for fiscal year 2016/2017, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. This motion PASSED 4-0 with
100 the following vote: Councilmember Paritsky – yes, Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes, Councilmember
101 Perrone – yes, and Mayor Smith – yes.

102 **B. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-04, incorporating the final audited budget**
103 **of fiscal year 2014/2015, amending the budget for fiscal year 2015/2016, and adopting the**
104 **budget for fiscal year 2016/2017.** Ms. Witt read Ordinance 2016-06 by title only into the
105 record. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA INCORPORATING
106 THE FINAL AUDITED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 WHICH BEGAN ON
107 OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR
108 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDS ON
109 SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
110 WHICH WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2017;
111 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND
112 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Smith asked for Council comments – hearing
113 none – closed Council comments. Mayor Smith asked for citizen comments – hearing none –
114 closed public comments. Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the first reading of
115 Ordinance 2016-04, incorporating the final audited budget of fiscal year 2014/2015, amending
116 the budget for fiscal year 2015/2016, and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2016/2017,
117 seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. This motion PASSED 4-0 with the following vote:
118 Councilmember Paritsky – yes, Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes, Councilmember Perrone – yes, and
119 Mayor Smith – yes.

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121 **7. ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

122 Respectfully submitted by:

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125 Jeaneen Witt, CMC, Town Manager/Town Clerk

126 Prepared by: Kim Cherbano, CMC, Human Resources Director/Deputy Clerk