

**FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FY 2024-2025  
September 19, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tyson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Council Member Herrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Baker, Interim City Manager Noah Powers, Attorney Dill, and Mayor Tyson.  
**ABSENT:** Council Member Salgado

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- (a) **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25/** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A MILLAGE RATE OF 5.0000 MILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; THE ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE IS 4.7191 MILLS, THEREFORE THE RATE OF 5.0000 MILLS IS 5.95% PERCENT GREATER THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ACCOUNTING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE./*2nd Reading and Final Public Hearing for September 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.*

Mayor Tyson introduced the Ordinance and Attorney Dill, read Ordinance No. 2024-25 by title only.

Mayor Tyson expresses confusion about the rollback rate and asks Manager Powers to explain it again. Manager Powers explained the rollback rate.

Finance Director Claudia Alvarado clarified that this is the second reading and final hearing, and it had no changes from the previous hearing, and they will maintain the millage rate at 5.0000 mills. Which reflects an increase of 5.95% over the rollback rate of 4.7191.

Mayor Tyson questioned the allocation of \$300,000 reserves and their use in the budget.

Finance Director Alvarado stated that was related to the reserves, she further explained that the reserves are allocated as revenue and can be used as expenses if needed, ensuring they are included in the budget. It is kind of a wash. And if they ever need the money, then they would not put the money back in as of \$300,000 it would be short the amount they use.

Interim Powers stated that typically they should have a preliminary budget. He did not have any input into this budget, but he would like to make it work. He thinks it will be fine. Next year they will have a tentative budget, first ready and then the second reading and workshops before that.

Mayor Tyson stated that he would like to have a workshop on a night other than a Council night so that they are not pressed for time. They had no time for the Council to ask questions again this year and he hope next year he would appreciate that they get time to ask questions.

Mayor Tyson opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on Ordinance 2024-25, hearing no comments he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION** by Council Member Herrera **SECONDED** by Council Member Baker to approve Ordinance No. 2024-25.

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Council Member Herrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Baker and Mayor Tyson

NAYS: None

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

**(b) RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74/** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-27 APPENDIX "A", SECTION 1, MONTHLY WATER RATE INSIDE CITY; AMENDING SECTION 2, MONTHLY WATER RATE OUTSIDE CITY; ADDING FEES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS TAMPERING WITH METERS, AFTER HOUR CALL OUT FOR RECONNECTION AND CREDIT CARD CONVENIENCE FEE, WEB OR TERMINAL; AMENDING SECTION 3, APPENDIX "B" MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES; AMENDING APPENDIX "C" MONTHLY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FEE; PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ORDINANCE 2000-01, ARTICLE IV WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE./ ***2nd Reading and Final Public Hearing for September 19,2024 at 6:00 P.M.***

Mayor Tyson introduced the Resolution and Attorney Rhodeback, read Resolution No. 2024-74, by title only.

Finance Director Alvarado stated that this is the second reading and final public hearing, they had no changes from the last meeting, so they remain at the 5% increase across the board, water, wastewater, and stormwater fees.

Mayor Tyson opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on Resolution No. 2024-74, hearing no comments he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION** by Council Member Hernandez **SECONDED** by Council Member Herrera to approve Resolution No. 2024-74.

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

**RECESSED THE COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENED AS THE  
FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Mayor Tyson recessed the Council Meeting at 6:52 p.m. and called the Fellsmere Community Redevelopment agency meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

**(c) CRA-RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75 /**A RESOLUTION OF THE FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, SUCH APPROPRIATIONS BEING FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE; PROVIDING A MEANS TO AMEND SAID ANNUAL BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE./ ***2nd Reading and Final Public Hearing for September 19,2024 at 6:00 P.M.***

Chairman Tyson introduced the Resolution and Attorney Dill, read CRA Resolution No 2024-75, by title only.

Finance Director Alvarado stated that this is resolution is related to the Community Redevelopment Agency budget, and receiving no comments and no needs to amend the budget, it is presented the same with no changes as the prior hearing.

Chairman Tyson asked when does the city get this money from the county?

Finance Director Alvarado stated that once the county set their millage rate as well and they finalize their valuation, they send the city their information, and in turn, the city will bill the county, and the county will ACH it to the city. And it is a one-time payment.

Chairman Tyson asked they would not know how much the city has coming until the end of the fiscal year.

Finance Director Alvarado responded that until they concluded their budget hearings and set their millage rate. That information comes from the tax collector.

Chairman Tyson stated this will be the first year in probably 10 years that the city will have enough money to try and do anything. Does the city have a plan on what they will do with the money.

Finance Director Alvarado stated that it is embedded in the city's budget book, and it is listed under fund 166 so they will find the information on how the money is allocated and plan to be used this year.

Chairman Tyson opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on CRA Resolution No 2024-75, hearing no comments he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION** by Agency Member Herrera **SECONDED** by Agency Member Baker to approve CRA-Resolution No. 2024-75.

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

**ADJOURNED AS THE FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL**

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:17 p.m.

- (d) **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26/** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 01, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE AND ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; SUCH APPROPRIATIONS BEING FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE; PROVIDING A MEANS TO AMEND THE SAID ANNUAL BUDGET SO AS TO CARRY FORWARD THE FUNDING OF PURCHASE ORDERS, WORK ORDERS, AND GRANTS OUTSTANDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING A MEANS TO AMEND THE SAID ANNUAL BUDGET TO REFLECT GRANTS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS HEREIN APPROPRIATED SO LONG AS THE TOTAL COMBINED APPROPRIATIONS SHALL NOT BE INCREASED THEREBY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ***12nd Reading and Final Public Hearing for September 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.***

Mayor Tyson introduced the Ordinance and Attorney Dill, read Ordinance No. 2024-26 by title only.

Mayor Tyson opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on Ordinance No. 2024-26, hearing no comments he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION** by Council Member Herrera **SECONDED** by Council Member Hernandez to approve Ordinance No. 2024-26.

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: Council Member Herrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Baker and Mayor Tyson

NAYS: None

**ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

- 4. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Mayor Tyson adjourned the meeting at 6:18p.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council of the City of Fellsmere this 3 day of October 2024

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Maria F. Suarez-Sanchez, CMC, City Clerk  
CO20240919BUDGETMINUTES.DOC