

Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes
September 9, 2025
5:01 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Attorney Kiersten Ballou, Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Building & Zoning Office Manager Lance Campbell, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Code Enforcement Officer Nick Krah, Grants Coordinator Becky May and General Manager Drew Mullins.

Mayor Redding said the first issue to be discussed is the proposed tentative millage. Mr. Mullins said the proposed tentative millage is 4.3879 mills. The millage is a 5.3037% increase over the rolled-back rate of 4.1669 mills. Mayor Redding said this rate is what the commission voted on prior to maintain the rate from last year. He asked if there were any comments from the public regarding this millage rate. There were none. Mayor Redding asked if there were any comments from the commission regarding the proposed tentative millage rate. There were none. He entertained a motion to set the millage at 4.3879. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to set the millage at 4.3879. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Redding called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-43 setting the tentative millage rate at 4.3879 and approving the final hearing date to set the final millage rate, which will be two weeks from now, September 23rd. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding said the next issue to be discussed is the proposed tentative budget. Mr. Mullins said the proposed tentative budget is composed of the following expenditures and reserve totals: General Fund, \$8,590,628 Special Revenue Funds \$1,880,697, Enterprise Funds, \$43,623,937 for a total approved budget of \$54,095,262. Mr. Mullins said the proposed budget's total operating expenses are 24.9% more than last year's total operating expenses. Mayor Redding asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the proposed tentative budget. There were none. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the commission regarding the proposed tentative budget. Commissioner Milner asked if there was a policy in writing regarding city donations to outside organizations. Mr. Mullins said the city does not at this time, but that is something that he proposes to bring back at a later date. Mayor Redding called for any other questions or comments. Commissioner Mortimer asked if that would include contributions to organizations that the city pays a membership fee. Mr. Mullins said it will be just for charitable organizations. Commissioner Milner asked about the maintenance and streetlights for \$35,394. Mr. Mullins said overall it is \$50,000. Commissioner Nugent asked if all the lights have been changed to energy-efficient lights. Mr. Mullins said not throughout the city but are being systematically replaced. Mayor Redding entertained a

motion to adopt Resolution Number 2025-44 adopting the tentative budget consisting of the following expenditures and reserve totals and approving the final hearing date of September 23rd to adopt the final budget of \$54,095,262. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding concluded the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:13 pm.