

MINUTES OF THE FY 2021 - 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, August 17, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M.

The following were present: Mayor Buzzett, Commissioners Ashbrook, Hoffman, and Langston. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Director Mike Lacour, Police Chief Jake Richards, Public Works Director John Grantland, Surface Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Larry McClamma, and Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Kevin Pettis were also present. Commissioner Lowry was absent.

The purpose of the Workshop was to review the FY 2021 – 2022 Budget.

Mr. Anderson provided the Commissioners with a review of the budget to date. There will be a 3% increase in health insurance, no final figures have been received on the liability insurance yet. The pay scale has been reviewed in an attempt to make City salaries more competitive. Water and Sewer Revenues appear to be strong for the coming year. Payoff of the USDA Loan will free up about \$20,000 per year.

Finance Director, Mike Lacour, updated the Commission on the Revenue and Expenses, Employee 10% COLA, USDA Loan Payoff, Projected increase in Boat Ramp Revenue, Reduction in General Fund Rental and Lease Expenses, Reduction of General Fund Cash Carry Forward to \$40,000. Reduction of Water Fund Water Meter expenses, Reduction of SWF garbage expenses, Reduction in Wastewater Funds Wastewater capital expenses, Reduction in Health Insurance from 5% to 3%, Reduction of Life Insurance Premium, move Dental Coverage to Blue Cross Blue Shield for the same rate with better benefits.

Chester Davis, of the NPSJ PAC, asked that the Commission look at the CRA funds as they want a CRA Director. It was noted that the City would pay \$8,361 in TIF Funds and anticipate that the County will pay approximately \$16,000. Combined, there would be approximately \$25,000 for the entire expanded boundary area less the expense of insurance. He feels that this person would be able to secure grant money and noted EPA and Brownfield groups are willing to invest in North Port St. Joe.

Mayor Buzzett responded that a CRA Director would be for the expanded boundary only.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Commission that the first Public Hearing for the Budget will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 5:01 P.M.

Mayor Buzzett adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

Approved this 7th day of September 2021.



Rex Buzzett, Mayor

9/7/21

Date



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk

9/9/21

Date