# MINUTES (Amended) <br> City of Cocoa <br> Regular Meeting of The City Council 

## September 28, 2021

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

## I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hearn provided the invocation and Veterans in attendance led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

| PRESENT: | Michael C. Blake | Mayor |
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|  | James Goins | Deputy Mayor |
|  | Rip Dyal | Councilmember |
|  | Lavander Hearn | Councilmember |
|  | Lorraine Koss | Councilmember |
|  | Anthony Garganese | City Attorney |
| Stockton Whitten | City Manager |  |
|  | Carie Shealy | City Clerk |

## OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Evander Collier, Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PIO; Charlene Neuterman, Interim Community Services Director; Gail Bantugan, Leisure Services Manager; Officer Dan Rhoades and K9 Bear; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; and Trevor Roth, Helpdesk Support Tech.
II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of September 28, 2021. (21-634)
2. Minutes: N/A

* MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Mayor Blake, to approve the Agenda for the Regular meeting of September 28, 2021 with the following amendments: Remove Item VII. 1 from the agenda and move Public Hearing Item VI. 3 to Item VI.1.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)
III. Awards and Presentations:

1. Presentation of a plaque by Theresa Clifton with the Brevard Humane Society to Officer Dan Rhoades and K9 Bear. (21-635). (Theresa Clifton)

Ms. Theresa Clifton spoke on behalf of the Brevard Humane Society and presented Officer Dan Rhoades and K9 Bear an award. Chief Collier accepted the plaque on their behalf. She explained why they received the award and pointed out it was presented at their Tuxes and Tails event held earlier in the month. She expressed their appreciation for both of them.

Officer Rhoades arrived and thanked her for the award and recognition.
She invited everyone to the "Blessing of the Animals" on October $4^{\text {th }}$ at 5:00 p.m. on Cox Road in front of their chapel. She hoped everyone could attend.
2. Proclamation: "Get Vaccinated Brevard". (21-643). (Mayor Blake)

Mayor Blake read the proclamation into the record.
3. Proclamation: declaring the month of October 2021 as "National Cybersecurity Awareness Month". (21-644). (Chief Technology Officer)

Mayor Blake read the title of the proclamation into the record and explained the importance of awareness of cybersecurity.

## IV. Delegations:

Paul Kamus, 116 Olive Street, Cocoa, distributed a photo ${ }^{1}$ of Forrest Avenue to Olive Street, heading west and a photo of a tree beauty contest sign as well. He pointed out that there is more and more traffic through that area and one of the pieces of land was owned by FDOT. He picks up trash in that area, however, a "no trespassing sign" had been posted. He was able to obtain a permit to pick up litter but now the weeds and grass are waist high. He asked that this be looked into and mowed.

## V. Consent Agenda:

## (A) General Consent Items:

1. Approve Task Order No. 2021-17 to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to Provide Program Management/ Administration, Design Management and Construction Project Support Services for Operating Revenue funded Cocoa Utilities Capital Improvement Plan Program Projects related to Water Supply and Water Treatment; Pending the Approval of the FY2022 Budget. (21-574). (Utilities Director)
2. Approve Task Order No. 2021-21 to Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services for the Design and Permitting of a New Ammonium Sulfate Storage and Feed System at the Viera Booster Station, Project No. WS21VP. (21575). (Utilities Director)
3. Authorize the City Manager to approve the annual purchase orders for electrical utilities as they relate to electrical consumption only and Verizon for the Police Department for FY2022, pending the approval of the FY22 Budget. (21-606). (Finance Director)
4. Approval for the City to apply for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Restoration Assistance (DWRA) Nonpoint Source Grant funds in the amount of $\$ 650,000$ for the Riverfront Park Drain Field Improvements Project with 50\% match. (21-609). (Public Works Director)
5. Approve a Resolution Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process for the Purpose of Making Sole Source Purchase of Cal Flo Liquid Lime from Burnett Lime Co., Inc., Campobello, SC and LT27 Polymer from Fort Bend Services, Inc., Stafford, TX for the Dyal Water Treatment Plant and the Jerry Sellers Water Reclamation Facility for FY2022; To Approve the Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement with 1)

1 EXHIBIT A: Photos provided by P. Kamus

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., Irving, TX for Carbon Dioxide, 2) Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., Bartow, FL for Ferric Sulfate, and 3) Allied Universal Corp., Miami, FL for Sodium Hypochlorite; To Authorize the City Manager to Approve Change Orders in an Amount not to Exceed the Total FY2022 Budget for Chemicals; Pending Approval of the FY2022 Budget. (21-610). (Utilities Director)
6. Approve Task Order 2022-22 with Jacobs Engineering Group (Jacobs) for the Sea Ray Drive Bridge 36 -Inch Water Main Crossing Relocation Design and Permitting Services; Pending Approval of the FY2022 Budget. (21-611). (Utilities Director)
7. Approve Task Order 2022-22 with Carollo Engineers, Inc., Orlando, Florida, for the SCADA Design at the Jerry Sellers Water Reclamation Facility; Pending Approval of the FY22 Budget. (21-622). (Utilities Director)
8. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Changer Order to the Space Coast Auto Supply Purchase Order \#77828 for the NAPA IBS Operational Services and Inventory Management Solutions. (21-630). (Public Works Director)
9. Approve an Addendum to the Current Soda Ash Chemical Contract the City of Cocoa has with Genesis Alkali LLC located at 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, for the Purchase of Soda Ash for an Additional Sixty (60) Days for the convenience of the City of Cocoa. (21-636). (Utilities Director)

## (B) Multi-Year Contracts:

10. Approve entering into a multi-year piggyback agreement for an initial 3 year term from 2021-2024 (with two (1) year renewals), with East Coast Fence and Guardrail of Brevard, LLC., utilizing Brevard County Contract B\# 21-452-B-JW for on demand fencing and guardrail services. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract(s) and renewal(s) for each subsequent fiscal year. (21-569). (Public Works Director)
11. Approve Staff's recommended ranking of bidders for Contract Mowing RFP 21-26COC and award an initial three-year multi-year agreement to the highest two ranked bidders beginning in Fiscal Year 2022, U.S. Lawns in the amount of \$210,944 for Mowing Areas \#2 and \#3; and Perfection Lawn \& Tree Service in the amount of $\$ 195,047$ for Areas \#1 and \#4. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts and issue the related purchase orders. Approve a Contingency Resolution and Authorize the City Manager to issue related contingency change
orders as necessary not to exceed 9.7\% of the total contract value, \$39,381.13. Pending the approval of the FY2022 Budget. (21-599). (Public Works Director)
12. Approval of the renewed multi-year agreement with Target Solutions Learning, LLC for a city-wide Learning Management System effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, with approval to waive competitive quote requirement, and authorize the City Manager to approve the final terms and conditions of the agreement and execute the final agreement upon final approval by the City Attorney as to legal form and sufficiency. (21-642). (Administrative Services Director)

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

## VI. Public Hearings:

1.3. Approve a Settlement Implementation Agreement between Beachline Partners, LLC and the City of Cocoa including a preliminary site plan, amenities and amenities schedule, construction timeline, utilities requirements and other development matters for a residential subdivision, commonly known as the former "Barrera Shores" or "Silvestri Property", to implement that Stipulated Settlement Agreement, made and entered into December 11, 2007 and recorded in the Brevard County Official Records Book 5837, Page 2226: Parcel \#: 24-35-10-00502; To the extent necessary, authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to complete any outstanding technical issues and record the Agreement. (21-645). (Interim Community Services Director)

Mayor Blake requested that this item be done in decent order. The density will be addressed as well as the proper notifications, etc. He spoke in furtherance about the property and asked that everyone listen to the actual facts being stated.

Ms. Neuterman explained that the subject property comprises approximately 212.10 acres at the southeast corner of SR 528 and Interstate 95 and was part of a project formerly known as the Barrera Shores. The property is subject to a Preceding Development Agreement, dated August 24, 2004 between the City of Cocoa and Barrera Shores, LLC.

Ms. Neuterman explained that the project would include approximately 418 units and in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan the developer agrees to abide by the plan. The development would have two access points, one at Friday Road and one at James Road. The developer agrees to work with the county in regards to those.

She explained the density of the property and according to the site plan received it is two houses per acre. The minimum lot size is $50 \times 120$. There will be a buffer area between the area of Friday Road and the residential units. Amenities that will be included are a walking trail and a dog park. Several technical provisions are still being worked out as well as additional revisions to the agreement. In the event those are needed they are asking Council for the approval for the City Manager and City Attorney to work with the developer on the agreement.

Andy Kirbach, 504 North Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, is the Civil Engineer for the project. They have been working with the City for the past five months or so to ensure that the agreement matches the original court ordered agreement. He advised he was in attendance to answer any questions.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public:

Toni Wilcox, 2740 Friday Road, Cocoa, noted that this would directly abut her property. Her concerns were that it is a very low area and they have had to purchase flood insurance. This is a rural, quiet area and they would like to see something a little less dense. She would like to know what the buffer would be and what materials will be used to keep the rural feeling.

Jim Hattaway, 5041 Ranchwood Drive, Cocoa, has walked the property and found evidence of a tortoise and there are also eagles in the area. There was illegal cutting of pine trees until they were ordered to cease and desist. He mentioned the number of units and that he did not believe they would be half acre units. If each unit has two cars that would be an additional eight hundred cars in the area. He was concerned the city was getting ahead of themselves and would like to see the county approve this first.

Susan Rollins, 2770 Pine Lily Lane, Cocoa, assumed that all of Council has seen the property. She is always walking her dogs and everyone in the neighborhood recognizes everyone. This is a rural area and she does not know how they will get out due to traffic lights. It is already hard enough. She wants to understand the
plan to help with congestion as there are only two ways out, Friday Road and Cox Road.

John Rollins, 2770 Pine Lily Lane, Cocoa, spoke in regards to density and disagreed that it would be half-acre lots. When you take out the wetlands it is actually .2 acres. Currently, there are about ninety homes on James Road and with an additional 418, it does not make sense to put that kind of traffic on James Road. They walk the roads and cannot imagine crossing the road during heavier times of the day; speed bumps do not help either. He believed more substantial homes could go in and better fit the current lifestyle of the area.

Paul Hunter, 2720 Friday Road, Cocoa, advised he owns parcels 27 \& 28 which border this project on two sides. There are going to be infrastructure upgrades and he asked if those would be done before the additional houses were complete or would it be completed after the homes were built.

James Tully, 2606 N. Pacer Lane, Cocoa, has parcel no. 66 on the map and that parcel would be directly affected by this. He noted his biggest concern was how to get in and out of the subdivision. The road would directly run behind their property. He bought the property in 1977 and they have been in the area ever since. People have bought there due to the openness of the land. He would like them to revisit how many homes were there to begin with.

Dale Holsington, 2610 Pinto Circle, Cocoa, had a copy of the subdivision map with all of the parcels. He is a retired firefighter and when he retired he bought a twoacre lot in a cul-de-sac. Currently there are about ten cars who go by their house and according to the map their property would abut where the clubhouse will be located. He urged Council not to approve this.

Mark W. Ward, 2410 Armadillo Court, Cocoa, asked that at a minimum they delay the approval of the agreement from 2007. A lot has happened since 2007 and he had sent an email regarding his concerns. He stated that his main issue was flood water run-off. he has lived in the house for six years and has seen an increase of flooding in the last two years. He has contacted the county and they sent a supervisor. They told him directly that the issues were due to the development taking place on SR 524. Cox Road is so busy that sometimes they have to wait two to three light cycles to get out. He understands that this is the approval of an existing agreement but requested that it be delayed until it is looked at in furtherance.

Alicia Weaver, 2270 Friday Road, Cocoa, has lived in the area for over fifty years and has seen a lot of changes. They all agree that this agreement does not meet what they want. It will affect the environment and wildlife. It will also be impacted by the highspeed rail and property owners already experience flooding. She stated they would have to build the homes up and additionally, they experience cars racing up and down the roads. She is not a resident of Cocoa property as they have not been annexed. They support growth but requested they look at this area again.

Sue Crowley, 2523 Meadow Lane, Cocoa, has lived in the area for sixteen years and loves the neighborhood. She has concerns after looking at the online map. They are describing this as low density housing occupied by single family homes with smaller units. Her concern was that 418 homes are on half-acre lots and a maximum of 35 feet tall. She further pointed out how many families and cars this could equate to. She further mentioned the buffer and voiced several other concerns.

Mark Stilley, 3401 Craggy Bluff Place, Cocoa, advised this was at the other end of James Road. He advised he did not get a notification and moved to the area about a year and a half ago. He moved due to it being rural and peaceful. There are problems with the flooding at the end of James Road as well. He felt that what was approved in 2007 is not what needs to be done now and a new study should be done.

Pat Scott, 1350 Friday Road, Cocoa, noted she is in the county and the city limits border her property. She spends 3 to $31 / 2$ hours a week picking up trash on Friday Road. They built in 1986 and chose to leave as much as they could native. They love all of the wildlife however now they have the Flying J and there are about four to five tractor trailer trucks a day on SR 524. She has called Cocoa and Brevard County and nothing gets done. Flooding is an issue and speeders are horrendous. If this development is allowed it will ruin the whole area.

Barbara Buzzo, 2760 Pine Lily Lane, Cocoa, was a part of the group that fought against this original development for some of the same reasons being stated tonight. She asked if this would be multi-family or rentals and mentioned the drainage on James Road. It is agriculturally zoned.

Alicia French, 2850 Friday Lane, advised this would be right behind her house and she felt that this did not make sense and would never work. She further mentioned
possible issues with traffic lights and that they love where they live due to it being rural and quiet.

Jennifer Therrien, 2790 Pine Lily Lane, felt this was provided last minute. They were not notified in a timely manner. She mentioned what the previous lawsuit stated and felt that Cocoa was missing the opportunity to put together the lot size and fits the character and lot size of neighboring properties. They like the properties spread out and she asked how the two entrances would work. There are many aspects from the previous agreement that needed to be looked into and recommended a team be put together to move forward. She further spoke about the buffer and the train and the sound it already portrays. Additionally, Amazon is coming and the Flying J is a disaster.

Jennifer Marren, 4245 Rector Road, Cocoa, stated it felt they were creating a bottleneck going into this area. There are safety concerns due to the kids in the area. They moved to this area so that they could live in a safe area and walk down the street. There is not one sidewalk on Friday Road and if someone was in a hurry and needs to get around a school bus it could possibly hurt a child. There needs to be a turning lane off of Friday Road. She reiterated that this would be a safety concern for wildlife and children and felt it was common sense that it would not work.

Bruce J. Mason, Sr., 2596 North Pacer Lane, Cocoa, was in $100 \%$ agreement with everyone who has spoken. He asked for the lot size again and it was noted it was $50 \times 120$. He felt this did not add up and it was impossible and could not be done. He further provided the math and stated that the drainage was a real problem.

There being no further responses from the public, the public portion of the hearing was closed and returned to Council.

Mayor Blake asked about flooding and traffic impact on Friday Road. In response, Ms. Neuterman advised that the flood plan was current and that it was a county road and could not speak to that but the developer and county would have to work out infrastructure improvements in that area.

Mayor Blake further asked about the density issue.
Mr. Kirbach, the Civil Engineer, spoke on behalf of the density, stating it was 418 units on 212 acres, which is less than two units per lot. In the original court ordered agreement over 600 units were allowed. In regards to the traffic study, the traffic
engineer is working on the methodology and they are in contact with them. It will be per the original stipulated agreement and any results will be implemented as part of the project.

City Manager Whitten clarified that the traffic study was in regards to traffic coming off of SR 524 going onto Friday Road. In response, Mr. Kirbach advised the study has many areas and they will look at SR. 524 and James Road. The traffic study is very specific in the stipulated settlement agreement. The County has already approved the study.

Additionally, Mr. Kirbach pointed out that the flooding and stormwater go hand in hand and they are preserving as many wetlands as they can and there will also be other areas studied.

Further discussion was held on infrastructure upgrades that have to occur and wetlands. It was noted that the infrastructure upgrades would be done and in place before the homes were constructed per the agreement. Also, the wetlands will be preserved as much as possible.

City Manager Whitten asked if this was single or multi-family units and in response, Mr. Kirbach advised it was single family only.

Deputy Mayor Goins knows that people are concerned with traffic, there are a lot of improvements on SR 524 moving forward.

Councilmember Koss asked when the environmental analysis was done and in response, Mr. Kirback noted it was done in the last couple of months by BioTech Consulting. She further asked about the wildlife. Mr. Kirbach mentioned that there were no endangered species that they found. During the process it will be reviewed again for all of the environmental requirements.

Attorney Garganese clarified that there was not a ten-day notice requirement for this. This is a refinement of what was done in 2007 and the City issued courtesy notices and advertised this in the newspaper. In addition, when the formal permitting process commences both City Code and statutory requirements have to be met so they will have to go before the Planning \& Zoning Board and City Council.

Councilmember Koss advised that she just got notice of this on Friday so she did not have the chance to go visit the area, but was trying to understand the urgency and when this many people come out, they really love their neighborhood.

* MOTION by Councilmember Koss delay this item.

Councilmember Dyal stated that of all of the questions he has heard he has not heard what these would sell for. In response, Mr. Kirbach pointed out that he was the engineer, not the developer, but from what he understands around $\$ 300,000$.

## Councilmember Dyal Seconded the Motion.

Attorney Garganese stated that the motion was to postpone but it is not clear. He recommended a date for when they want this to be heard again before City Council.

Deputy Mayor Goins clarified what the motion would be delaying.

Councilmember Koss explained that the item said several technical provisions were still being worked out and the fact that they did not get this until Friday did not give them much time to visit the property.

City Manager Whitten mentioned there were staff level issues that need to be worked out but would not concern the nuts and bolts of the agreement.

Attorney Garganese reiterated that there was a motion on the floor to postpone the item and he recommended providing a date as to when they would like it to come back to Council as the motion is incomplete. If the motion fails then it is in Council's prerogative to vote the item up and down.

City Manager Whitten explained some of the technical issues such as utilities and a few fine points. Mr. Walsh further explained some of the utilities issues in detail.

Furthermore, Attorney Garganese advised that there were some other issues on a utilities and drainage easement that they have not had the time to complete an analysis on. He reiterated they are just technical issues. There were also a couple of scriveners' errors on the plan. He also noted that the property to the north of SR 528 and this was annexed at the same time and that was when the City made the commitment to make points of connection. There are a lot of timely moving parts and they need to be correct in the agreement.

* MOTION was Amended by Councilmember Koss to table and bring this item back on October 26, 2021; Councilmember Dyal seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked if this would give utilities enough time to get this done. In response, Mr. Walsh answered in the affirmative and explained his reasons for that. They are working out language to make sure everyone is protected if things change.

AYES: Dyal, Koss
NAYES: Blake, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION FAILED (2-3)

* MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to Approve a Settlement Implementation Agreement between Beachline Partners, LLC and the City of Cocoa to approve conceptual plans, an amenity schedule, and construction timeline for a residential subdivision, consistent with PUD zoning on the following property, commonly known as the former "Barrera Shores" or "Silvestri Property", to implement that Stipulated Settlement Agreement, made and entered into December 11, 2007 and recorded in the Brevard County Official Records Book 5837, Page 2226: Parcel \#: 24-35-10-00-502; To the extent necessary, authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to complete any outstanding technical issues and record the Agreement.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn

NAYES: Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

Mayor Blake assured all that they would hold the developers accountable and it would be done right ${ }^{2}$.
2. 1. Ordinance No. 13-2021/2nd and Final Reading: Regarding updates to the Special Events Ordinance. (21-631). (Asst. to the CM/PIO)

[^0]Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 13-2021 into the record, by title only, as follows. He advised this was the second and final reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2021


#### Abstract

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE XI OF THE CITY CODE RELATING SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.


Ms. Senger explained there was some language changes to the special event ordinance and the biggest change was to authorize the City Manager to approve waivers of special event fees and adding some newer facilities into the agreement as well.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public. There being no response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to approve Ordinance No. 13-2021 on second and final reading.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3.2. Approve Resolution 2021-087 adopting the Final Millage Rate of 6.4532 mills for the City of Cocoa Fiscal Year 2022 commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022, which represents an increase of $9.84 \%$ over the rolledback rate of 5.8749 .

Mayor Blake advised there are two portions to this public hearing and the first part would be accepting the millage rate.

Ms. Bowman advised that this was the second public hearing for the adoption of the Final millage rate and Final budget for FY 2022 and the item would be done in two parts. She further pointed out that this process started in March and she shared a timeline of the budget process, which included several workshops and meetings that were held in order to discuss the budget. All of these deadlines are in accordance with TRIM guidelines that have to be followed.

She explained that the FY 2022 Budget was developed with assumptions of Ad Valorem Revenue at 6.4532 mills @ 97\% (State requires at least $95 \%$ ), to support the ongoing operational needs and wages, in an attempt to attract and retain staff and to maintain core governmental services.

Ms. Bowman provided a presentation ${ }^{3}$ and reiterated that tonight they would adopt a tentative millage and budget. The City must have a balanced budget by October 1, 2021.

Ms. Bowman explained the Fund Balance Policy and provided a historical review of the Ad Valorem Tax Base as well as a comparison of millage rates of other cities in Brevard County.

She reviewed what this impact would have for a single-family property owner and pointed out that about $89 \%$ of Cocoa property owners are under $\$ 200,000$. An example of a tax bill was shown and explained.

The FY 2022 TRIM Rate options were shared as well reductions to Ad Valorem due to the required TIF payments to the CRA's in the general fund.

Councilmember Koss pointed out that according to Florida Today the City of Titusville went back to their current rate.

Mayor Blake closed the hearing to Council and opened it to the public.
Mike Youngblood, 2239 Norwood Court, Cocoa, stated he was against the tax increase at this time as everything has gone sky high. He just received a raise for the first time in three years. Additionally, he keeps hearing about the splash pad at Junny Rios Park. In response, Ms. Bowman stated that the splash pad was funded through the use of fund balance and the tax increase was due to funding salary increases for employees. Mr. Youngblood was for the splashpad but did not want taxes to go up due to it.

Steve Murphy, 3733 N. Sherwood Circle, Cocoa, spoke at the prior meeting and is against the millage increase. He provided two points, one of which was references from the Finance Director that does not reflect the totality of what was approved for FY 2022. They should include everything such as the fire and stormwater assessments. Secondly, he mentioned those who rent in the city of Cocoa and that the information provided was in regards to homeowners, so
none of those numbers are applicable to homes used for rentals. This is a substantial increase for renters in Cocoa. He further pointed out that if you look at the cost of the splash pad and subtract that it would decrease and they could go back to the old millage rate.

Sara Ann Conkling, 1305 S. Lakemont Drive, Cocoa, wants the police and fire to have all that they want. She is a democrat and being a democrat does not exempt them from fiscal responsibility. She shared her thoughts on what Cocoa could have done in regards to fund balance. There are only two other cities along with Cocoa raising their millage rates. She further stated that there is about $\$ 24$ million in discrepancy. She noted that they should not be raising the millage rate to raise $\$ 800,000$. Additionally, she was not able to attend the meeting on September $14^{\text {th }}$ but felt it was appalling and the stormwater tiers were not okay. This was pointed out a few years ago and needs to be revisited. Lastly, she voiced disappointment that the budget does not include $\$ 60,000$ for a subsidized bus route for citizen transportation.

Frank Sullivan, 1705 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, advised that a few months ago the council was looking at $\$ 8$ million in the bank. Three members of the Council took care of that money in one day and are now asking residents to give them $\$ 800,000$ in tax increases. He believed they should be embarrassed and hoped that there has been some rethinking on how that is divided, and not have to go to the citizens for a tax increase. He felt that the money could be put towards the museum and urged them to rethink how that money is spent.

Linda Dolphin, 2100 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, represented by Kristin Lorti who spoke on her behalf. "I wrote an opinion piece in Florida Today suggesting that $\$ 650,000$ in funds budgeted for a splash pad at Junny Rios Park be reallocated to operating expenses so that the millage rate does not have to be increased. I was mistaken in that belief as I did not realize that assigned account dollars were not a part of this year's budget and did not even have to be presented at this council meeting or any council meeting for that matter. It would not be a good precedent to use these saved dollars on ongoing operational expenses. What I also believe is not good precedent is the spending of more than $\$ 8$ million dollars by this council with no recommendations from City staff on best use of these funds. It took the City of Cocoa approximately ten years to save the $\$ 8$ million dollars that this council reallocated from assigned account balance to other accounts in two workshops which were open to the public. There is no recording of these two workshops so we have no information on how the deliberation took place if we did not attend the workshops. I urge my fellow citizens to contact your representatives and request that $\$ 650,000$ for the Junny Rios splash pad approved at these
workshops be reallocated to the Sustainability and Resiliency account which lost $\$ 900,000$ from its account balance at these meetings. I also request that the $\$ 1.5$ million dollars set aside for Village parking be reinstated. For ten years we have been hearing that there is not enough village parking to sustain the shops in the village and yet, $\$ 625,000$ was removed from that account for other projects. What was considered more important as there are other questionable reallocated items as well. I am requesting Council put these items on an agenda for discussion at a future council meeting, as all of these spending projects can still be changed. Let's have open discussions about these projects. They are not a part of the budget being voted on tonight. Please council, tell us why you think spending $\$ 650,000$ on a splash pad at Junny Rios Park is the best use of our hard earned saved dollars."

Kristin Lorti, 5524 Brilliance Circle, Cocoa, advised that she has been in contact with Council and provided a background as to how she got here. She planned to attend two weeks ago but after reading Linda's letter to the editor she became interested. She was not aware of the monies and that meetings were not recorded. She mentioned the meeting on September $14^{\text {th }}$ and advised that she would be around next year during the budget process. She felt it was a preordained vote and reiterated that she would be involved next year as she does not appreciate that.

Linda Gombert, 2323 Elon Drive, Cocoa, is a small business owner. She reiterated what others had said and does not know how a property tax increase could be asked for when there was $\$ 8$ million. She noticed that at the September $14^{\text {th }}$ meeting the fire truck did not get funded and she did not understand how that was not funded but a splash pad was. She stated that this does not look right and looked to be a pre-ordained vote and was not good governance.

There being no further response from the public, Mayor Blake closed the public hearing and returned it back to Council.

Mayor Blake provided the following public announcement:

- The City of Cocoa is the taxing authority
- The rolled-back rate is 5.8749
- The millage rate of 6.4532 is a tax increase of $9.84 \%$ as a percent change of the rolled-back rate
- The millage rate to be levied is 6.4532
* MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to Approve Resolution No. 2021-087, adopting the Final Millage rate of 6.4532 mills. for the City of Cocoa, commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022. The motion was opened for discussion.

Councilmember Koss advised that she was going to vote the same way she did the first meeting and felt the process needed to be addressed a little bit more as she has been approached by a senior staff member as well as members of this council that she has somehow fallen out of the team and not consistent, and not voting with the group. She mentioned the executive session that they had a couple of months ago and in that session they learned about the drivers for increases in wages and she wants the city's workers to be paid well and the essential workers' pay grades to be brought up because we have not been competitive with other businesses such as Walmart and Amazon. There was a lot of reasons why wages needed to be brought up.

They looked at bringing up the tax rate and you have to post it high because you cannot go above it. You have to post at the maximum. They went into contract negotiations and then come back with the budget and see that we have capitol expenses equal to the $\$ 562,000$ so again, the whole idea is if we can spend $\$ 8$ million in assigned fund balance, with this policy, plus another $\$ 2$ million from the feds, in one year, that $\$ 8$ million is more than we gather in ad valorem taxes and property taxes in a year and that is big. More than the $\$ 562$ in the budget is discretionary. She noted there are a hundred different ways to get to a balanced budget and to get to the budget that is proposed without it being on the backs of tax payers.

Deputy Mayor Goins advised that in the session they spoke about millage and after that they conversed about salary negotiations for the unions. He pointed out that after Councilmember Koss voted for the millage, she then voted for the union contracts. He would have been with her had she voted against the union contracts.

Councilmember Koss felt that raising our tax rate was not based on raising salaries. In all fairness they did not know there would be a budget shortfall when they had the $\$ 8$ million. She felt that citizens have suffered this year on fixed incomes and are barely holding onto their homes. They are suffering and symbolically raising this is not good.

Councilmember Hearn asked for clarification as to when they negotiated the spending of the $\$ 8$ million and believed it was all done by staff recommendation. He was not sure who the three people were who spent the money.

In response, City Manager Whitten advised that there was the American Rescue Funding and other projects that they could spend fund balance on. The fund balances are the current fiscal year and having nothing to do with the proposed tax rate. The tax rate is to be able to give raises to staff and union members as they negotiated them. He noted the other issue is the $\$ 24$ million discrepancy. The budget numbers are different and revenue does not come in the same every month, so that is not factual. The millage rate proposed was specially outlined in two executive sessions and was to provide raises to union.

Mayor Blake added that non-union are included as well.
Councilmember Hearn believed that when we talk about men and women and laborers they deserve more and hoped that we can get to an even better place to pay more one day.

Mayor Blake was glad there was accurate information.
Deputy Mayor Goins felt that there were a few who do not know what projects fall under the $\$ 8$ million and he was proud of those projects. He spoke about the street paving, park renovations and housing projects. There were multiple meetings for the budget and we are not hiding anything. He does not like the tax increase but he is not ashamed of what they are doing in order to make sure the community is taken care of properly. He promises that if he is re-elected it will not go up again, but it is not just three people making decisions. He urged all of them to understand that they are trying to make the City better.

## AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn

## NAYS: Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

(b) Approve Resolution 2021-088 adopting the Final Budget and CIP for the City of Cocoa for the Fiscal Year 2022 commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022. (21-640). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman explained the Fund Balance Policy and discussed FY 2022 Revenues in detail, including the FY 2022 Final Budget versus the FY 2021 Adopted budget.

At the request of City Manager Whitten, Ms. Bowman explained the health insurance fund and noted that we are going to fully insured which would be paid out of the general fund. City Manager Whitten added that was because we are
going from self-insured to fully insured. He further spoke about the solid waste fees.

Ms. Bowman further discussed the FY 2022 General Fund Revenue, the Water/Sewer \& Impact Fee Funds by revenue funding source, and the Stormwater Fund revenue by funding source.

The FY 2022 Expenses were shown and the FY 2022 Budget versus the FY 2021 Adopted budget were explained by category as well.

In closing, Ms. Bowman pointed out that all five unions have new agreements which include pay plan adjustments as well as salary increases. There is also a new department/division which is IT.

Kristin Lorti, 5524 Brilliance Circle, Cocoa, spoke about the $\$ 8.8$ million and that she would have liked to have been more informed and invited to those workshops. She did receive a letter about the SR 524 improvements and felt she was missing out on being able to participate in meetings. She encouraged the city to revisit that spending and was disappointed with the process.

Mayor Blake noted there is a standard process and there is a diversity.
City Manager Whitten further clarified that each meeting is advertised to the public. Upcoming meetings are noted in the FYI, the NextDoor app, the City's website, and Twitter Page, so there are various places that these are advertised.

Ms. Lorti felt the legal requirements were met but there were other avenues the City could take to inform the public.

In response, City Manager Whitten advised that they had gone above and beyond the legal requirements. Recordings and minutes are on the website so the dialogue was there. Additionally, he pointed out that they have saved her a seat in the upcoming Citizens Academy if she would like to take advantage of that. He would also be willing to meet with her. Ms. Lorti asked about the recordings and in response, City Manager Whitten advised that by law we are not required to record meetings but would make sure all budget workshops are recorded next year.

Ms. Bowman also noted that some of the meetings or workshops are not held here in council chambers.

Ms. Lorti asked why this presentation was not online and in response, City Manager Whitten stated staff was getting used to his ways and he promised to do better in the future. Ms. Lorti thanked him for the conversation.

Marlene Weiss, 2450 Tulane Drive, Cocoa, has been a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board for years and has tried to figure out how to have a say. Her neighborhood has gone down because money is being taken away. She was at the budget meetings and felt they were confusing and it is frustrating that after all of these years they do not understand how it will have a positive effect. Ms. Weiss does not feel there is a lot of community support for the museum and other areas. She would like to see the whole community prosper, not just one area. She asked that when they think about services to consider them as a whole.

Mayor Blake closed the hearing to the public and returned it back to Council.

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to Approve Resolution 2021-088 adopting the Final Budget and CIP for the City of Cocoa for the Fiscal Year 2022 commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

## VII. Council Business:

4. Request approval of the Council appointments for the City Districting Commission. (21-620). (Interim Community Services Director)

- This item was removed from the agenda.

2. Staff is requesting direction related to the budgetary requests in the draft Operations and Maintenance Lease and Agreement between Brevard Museum and Sciences Center Inc. and the City of Cocoa. (21-633). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Smith provided a brief history of the Brevard Museum and pointed out that staff had entered into negotiations with them. There are six different items that staff needed direction on and he further noted that there was no budget approved this year for this item. The following six items need Council's attention:

- Removal of the trails from the leased premises. The City would then be responsible for all operations and maintenance related to these trails. Any events would have to be coordinated through the City's Special Event Process. All volunteers would also need to work through the City's volunteer process and be covered under the City's insurance policies. The City Council would also need to allocate reoccurring budget for the maintenance and operation of these trails by the Public Works Staff.
- What is the desired term date for this agreement? The previous term was intended to be 70 years but terminated less than two years after commencement.
- One-Time contribution from the City in the amount of $\$ 15,000$ for the purchase of various equipment and operating expenses.
- Reoccurring contribution from the City in the amount of \$30,000/year and assistance from the City to help evaluate and prioritize repairs and capital replacements.
- Initial 6-month contribution from the City in the amount of $\$ 12,500$ to help cover various utilities and contract services (electric, water, sewer, reuse, landscaping, pest control, security monitoring, fire monitoring, and solid waste services). Also seeking an additional $\$ 12,500$ if additional financial assistance is needed beyond the initial 6-month timeframe. This would be a budgetary impact of $\$ 25,000$ for the next fiscal year. Note that these estimated costs may not cover the complete costs related to the operation of the museum if the hours of operation are increased.
- Seeking assistance from the City to ensure that all ADA-related requests arising out of the Tenant's use of the leased premises are accommodated. The budgetary impact of this is unknown. This would likely equate to a large expense since the building predates most ADA Requirements.

He stated that these were the main requests that came out of the agreement and staff needs to know if they proceed and accept the agreement or re-negotiate. Mr. Smith further reminded Council that as of October $1^{\text {st }}$ there is not budget.

Gouncilmember Koss asked if an analysis would be done if they come to an agreement and what it would cost to disseminate the contents as we would then be left with an empty building that is already spiraling downward. Councilmember Koss asked if they don't come to an agreement with the 501c3 would an analysis be done on what it costs to disseminate the contents of the museum. Those costs would be in addition to being left with an empty building in a neighborhood that is already spiraling downward. ${ }^{4}$

In response, Mr. Smith advised they could maintain the building for about \$15,000. In regards to the disposition of assets, they would have to go out for bid and would bring someone in to evaluate it. They did this earlier this year and there was no interest so he was not sure what the costs would be. He felt we would gain revenue depending on the value of the assets.

Wilson Timmons, Jr., 111 Coquina Drive, Cocoa, stated he moved to Cocoa in 1963 and has seen a lot of changes. He appreciated what the City was doing with

[^1]the budget. He has been volunteering at the Museum since the 1980's. Due to Covid, they have had to shut down, so volunteering is limited. They need help to get up and running and costs for maintaining is not doable without the help. It is a tremendous asset to the City.

Phyllis Moscoso, 2209 Catawba Drive, Cocoa, spoke in regards to the trails and that for insurance purposes, they are classified as a park so it would be a risk if used outside of business hours. To her, the Museum does not seem right to be a part of the trails. The money would be for assistance for items such as credit card machine hookups, laptops, ac filters, phones and answering machines. Some of these items were taken from the predecessors. The phone services need to be transferred right away and maintenance done. The capitol repairs will get it back to where it should be and the ADA issues came up in a meeting.

Mayor Blake asked if they have acquired the 501 C 3 . In response, Ms. Moscoso advised they received that in mid-August and the website was up and running. They used Constant Contact for Museum Day and had a good response.

Mayor Blake asked about donations and in response, Ms. Moscoso stated they want to hold an event on October $23^{\text {rd }}$ which would be a BBQ and at that time they would take donations and admissions. Her company is also ready to make a donation and there are entities willing to step up as long as they know they are moving forward.

Mayor Blake advised that the building was costing the city and he originally would have suggested to flatten the building and put a comparable development in the area. However, he asked how much of a lease they would need to get themselves completely and totally away from the City. Ms. Moscoso could not provide a timeline but pointed out that if they were not satisfied there was a clause that either party could terminate per the agreement.

Mayor Blakes wants it up and running and completely independent.
Councilmember Koss noted that museums operate by grants and you cannot apply for grants until you are up and running. In a question posed by Councilmember Koss as to how this is serving the community, Ms. Moscoso provided statistics of attendance and shared that the visitor guest book has positive feedback. The word is getting out.

Councilmember Koss further commended that there was a Strategic Plan Connection to attract people here as well as Economic Development. This museum is worth a lot more than the money being requested. There is an opportunity to showcase Cocoa through these museums.

Deputy Mayor Goins felt that her passion was commendable and he appreciates that. He was not comfortable removing the trails and he clarified that they meant it was just from the lease. In response, Mr. Smith stated it was already on our insurance for property and for special events and volunteers. Maintenance is minimal but would be required.

City Manager Whitten stressed that the bottom line was that Public Works is already short staffed and the maintenance was just the bottom line. Mr. Smith agreed and mentioned it would have to be contracted out.

Deputy Mayor Goins felt this would not get voted down but there are a lot of unknowns and October $1^{\text {st }}$ is this coming Friday.

Councilmember Dyal asked how much money was in the Sustainability budget. In response, City Manager Whitten advised it was around \$125,000-\$150,000. Ms. Bowman advised it was $\$ 225,000$.

Councilmember Dyal stated that he recommended giving them \$50,000 out of the Sustainability budget with a one or two-year lease agreement. If people are visiting they will get sponsorships and this will guarantee it would be around at least one year.

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Koss, to take $\$ 50,000$ from Sustainability budget and a one-year lease. The motion was opened for discussion.

Councilmember Koss clarified the policy for use of assigned funds and after clarification from Ms. Bowman, Councilmember Koss stated the purpose of the sustainability funds and if they were using those she was going for the whole thing.

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to amend the motion and to use $\$ 70,000$ out of the Sustainability funds and a one-year lease.

Councilmember Hearn was inspired by her passion and remembers taking field trips there as a kid. He vowed to volunteer himself and hoped that all Council would do the same. He concurred with Councilmember Dyal.

Ms. Moscoso reiterated that if all of this goes through on October $23^{\text {rd }}$ there will be a re-grand opening.

City Manager Whitten clarified that the motion was for $\$ 70,000$, one time, for a one year lease and asked who would take the trails. He also asked that Finance be
included in the motion to make all necessary budget amendments and transfers to use funds.

Ms. Moscoso advised that volunteers who help with the trails have filled out City applications and it would be hard on a volunteer basis to make sure they are properly maintained all of the time. She spoke on other areas being worked on that still need to be cleaned up.

City Manager Whitten asked what the costs were for minimal maintenance for one year. He further spoke about the insurance and if we owned it, was the City still liable. In response, City Attorney Garganese stated that the trails were owned by the City and opened to the public so for all intentional purposes, you have a recreational trail that is opened to the public. Mr. Smith advised that maintenance would only be a couple of thousand a year and City Manager Whitten stated if they sync the hours of the museum and trails that item could come off of the list.

City Manager Whitten pointed out that this would be a two day turn around on the lease so the City Manager and City Attorney need authorization to sign it.

## THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS AS FOLLOWS:

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to use $\$ 70,000$ out of the Sustainability budget, one time for a one-year lease; to Authorize Finance to make all of the necessary budget adjustments, amendments and transfers to use funds; and to authorize the City Manager in conjunction with the City Attorney, to finalize the execute the lease.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

## VIII. City Business:

1. Approve the contract revisions effective Fiscal Year 2022 for the three-year contract between the City of Cocoa and the Teamsters Local Union 769 Cocoa Fire District Chiefs for the contract term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. (21-626). (Administrative Services Director)

Mayor Blake thanked the City Manager and staff for their commitment to making this happen.

* MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to approve the item.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve the contract revisions for the three-year contract between the City of Cocoa and the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association (CFPBA) Lieutenants for the contract term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, modifying Article 15 Wages to provide annual wage increases for Fiscal Year 2022. (21-627). (Administrative Services Director)

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve the item.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Staff recommends the approval of the following resolutions: (1) Resolution No. 2021-094 adopting a revised Master Fee Schedule for City Facility Rentals, Special Events and Parades; (2) Resolution No. 2021-093 approving a revised form contract as the City of Cocoa Special Events Permit Application and Agreement; and (3) Resolution No. 2021-092 approving a revised form contract as the City of Cocoa Facility Use Application and Agreement. (21-632). (Asst. to the CM/PIO)

Ms. Senger advised that these changes are being made based on the Special Events Ordinance that was approved on second reading tonight. This will update applications, the fee schedule and will add Lee Wenner Park and the Heart of Cocoa Meeting Room.

* MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to approve the item.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Approval of Ordinance No. 12-2021/first reading: Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, Firefighters' Retirement Plan of the Code by amending: Section 2-271, Definitions, adding definition of death in the line of duty; Section 2324, Disability, amending the benefit for a service incurred disability; Section 2-

325, Preretirement Death, amending to create a new pre-retirement death benefit for members killed in the line-of-duty. (21-614). (Administrative Services Director)

* This item was removed from the agenda. Ms. Gemmati asked to postpone this to the October $12^{\text {th }}$.
* MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to postpone this item until the October 12, 2021 meeting.


## AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

## THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

## Multi-Year Contracts:

None
IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $\$ 35,000$ and under $\$ 50,000$ for period 10/01/2020 to 8/31/2021. (21-613). (Finance Director)
2. Calls for service provided by the Cocoa Fire Rescue Department for the month of August 2021. (21-615). (Fire Chief)
3. Approved change orders to construction contracts that the City Council has authorized the City Manager, by resolution, to approve in excess of the City Manager's spending authority. (21-637). (Finance Director)
4. FY 2021 Budget Adjustment Report. (21-638). (Finance Director)
5. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (21-639). (Finance Director)
6. Indian River Drive Septic to Sewer. (21-646). (Utilities Director)
X. Reports:

Mayor Blake thanked everyone for being in attendance and participating tonight.

Ms. Senger reminded all of the railroad closure on Michigan beginning October $8^{\text {th }}$ at 7 a.m. until October $26^{\text {th }}$ at 7 p.m. Detours will be either to north on S.R. 528 or south on Dixon.

Chief Lamm provided an update on Covid-19. He noted that 57\% of Florida has been vaccinated and about 57\% in Brevard County has been vaccinated. He announced that a great friend of his who was the Chief of Police for Green Cove passed away today of Covid. Local hospitals are at $70-80 \%$ capacity and they continue to see the numbers increase in the younger population.

Mayor Blake brought up the upcoming Space Coast League of Cities Holiday Dinner in December and asked Council if they wanted to hold the event. Responses were as follows:

- Mayor Blake-no
- Deputy Mayor Goins-yes
- Councilmember Dyal-yes
- Councilmember Hearn-yes
- Councilmember Koss-yes

City Manager Whitten spoke in reference to Finance and the leadership under their Director, Ms. Bowman and Deputy Director Howell. They received the "Governor's Finance Office Distinguished Budget Award" for a third year in a row and that means a lot in governmental budgeting. They did this while utilizing a system that was new to them.

Ms. Bowman added that they did not have any "doesn't meet" markings, everything was outstanding.

Councilmember Koss thanked Chief Collier for the Carlton Terrace gathering and corrected a statement made earlier in the meeting about her not being present at a budget workshop. She was in attendance by phone for one of those meetings and was in the trauma center during another.

Councilmember Hearn gave kudos to the Cocoa Tigers and thanked staff and department heads for what they do every day.

Councilmember Dyal thanked staff for their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked Chief Collier if photos could be attached when code violation letters are sent. Most citizens do not understand why they are being citied and he felt that would help. Chief Collier agreed to look into that.

Deputy Mayor Goins addressed his statement made earlier in regards to Councilmember Koss and noted they were not all present, but all have the opportunity to be at the meetings. He advised they all chose to do those projects.

He believes if concrete solutions are not made they end up just talking and not moving forward with anything. He is not ashamed of the money spent and there are many who are appreciative of what they did.

Lastly, he asked for an update on Stradley Park and mentioned the football parking lot. In response, Mr. Smith advised that they had originally planned to pave the back of the maintenance area and there was extra money so they did another area. They have asked for costs to pave the areas not done. Deputy Mayor Goins pointed out that there is also a basketball goal (south goal) that is twisted and may not be screwed onto the pole correctly at the Joe Lee Smith Center.

He thanked citizens for being involved in the budget process as they appreciate the conversation back and forth.

Mayor Blake recognized the death of the Snow Cone Man, Mr. Lonnie Hall Brook and saluted and sent condolences to his family.

He further recognized Ms. Dorothy Reid Simms, who is 94 years old and thanked her family.

Lastly, he congratulated Councilmember Hearn for his appointment to the Young Elected Officials and thanked staff for a job well done.

## XI. Adjournment.

* MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to adjourn the Regular meeting of September 28, 2021.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at $10: 25$ p.m.


ATTEST:



 March 31, 2021 - Budget Kick Off (Staff) - Departments - at the direction of the City Manager are advised to keep operating budgets within FY 2021 levels and submit capital and new personal
requests for consideration. Finance - Prepares General Fund revenue assumptions, analyzing current year trends and the State of Florida shared revenue projections. Prepares estimated ad valorem revenue, Return on Investment revenue, Fire and Stormwater Assessment revenues, working with the financial consultant. Assigned Fund Balance April 26, 2021 - Budget Priority Workshop Continued (City Council)
June 1, 2021 - Council Workshop, review of the FY 2022 Capital Requests, Revenue Outlook,
April 16, 2021 -Budget Priority Workshop (City Council) - Review of FY 2021 Revenues and Preliminary "New Monies", for FY 2022 April 19, 2021 - Budge Apri 19, 2021 Budget Priority Workshop Continued (City Council) American Rescue Plan and American Rescue Plan, Parks Update, Health Insurance, Budget Process/Calendar and the FEMA Mitigation Grant
July 8, 2021 - Council Workshop on the Recommended FY 2022 Budget and Capital Improvements July 27, 2021 - TRIM Public Hearing, setting the Tentative Millage Rate at 6.4532, direction on proposed increases to Fire and Stormwater Assessment
August 10, 2021 - First Reading of the Fire and Stormwater Assessment Resolutions

> September 14, 2021 - Final Fire and Stormwater Assessment Resolutions and first Tentative Millage
and Budget Hearing
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$\square$ Adopt a Final Millage Rate for FY2022
$\square$ Adopt a Final Budget for FY2022
> The City must have a balanced budget by October 1, 2021
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Step 1

- Vote for and Adopt 6.4532 as the Final Millage Rate
(must be a super majority 4 out of 5)
The FY 2022 Budget was developed with assumptions of Ad Valorem
Revenue at 6.4532 Mills @ 97\% (State requires at least 95\%), to
support ongoing operational needs and wages, in an attempt to attract
and retain staff and to maintain core governmental services.
Step 2
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| COCOA | \$811,297 | \$943,299 | \$132,002 | \$815,828 | \$4,531 |
| DIAMOND SQUARE | \$167,263 | \$196,497 | \$29,234 | \$169,944 | \$2,681 |
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Total Water /Sewer:
$\$ 2,232,899$ -


## FY 2021 Adopted



$\$ 19,279$
\$1,830,548
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 8 Police Vehicles
Traffic Response Trailer
P25 Radio Replacement (Fire and Police) Fire Inspector Vehicle Nissan Frontier Excavator
Maintenance Truck Ford Ranger
Heavy Truck Column Lift Heavy Truck Bay Bridge Crane Elevator Control Boards Electric Transit Van Replacement Van Annual Paving Porcher House
ADA Kayak Launch
Total General Fund Capital : \$1,412,446
Fire Pumper Truck - Grant Revenue if Awarded or Assigned Fund Balance Fleet Faster Upgrade
Police Vehicles - (6) of the (14) requests moved to FY23



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## FY 2021 ADOPTED

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Personal Services,
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| DIVISIONS | INFRASTRUCTURE | MACHINERY \& EQUIPMENT | IT HARDWARE | TOTALS |
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| Dyal Plant | \$250,000 | \$200,000 | \$250,000 | \$700,000 |
| Engineering | \$1,715,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,715,000 |
| Sellers Plant | \$1,300,000 | \$0 | \$1,363,371 | \$2,663,371 |
| WFO/Waste <br> Water Collections | \$375,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$375,000 |
| TOTALS | \$3,640,000 | \$200,000 | \$1,613,371 | \$5,453,371 |


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| $\$ 573,350$ | $\$ 647,688$ | $\$ 74,338$ |
| $\$ 757,919$ | $\$ 640,240$ | $(\$ 117,679)$ |
| $\$ 480,000$ | $\$ 542,620$ | $\$ 62,620$ |
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## FY 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET

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[^0]:    ${ }^{2}$ At the Request of Mayor Blake a 5 minute recess was taken, it began at $7: 52 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and the meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ Minutes amended by Councilmember Koss at the Regular City Council Meeting held on 11/09/2021

