

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL**

October 2, 2024

Council Chambers

5:05 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gunter at 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Roll Call:** Mayor Gunter, Councilmembers Carr, Cosden, Hayden, Long, Sheppard, Steinke, and Welsh were present.

**CITIZENS INPUT TIME**

No speakers

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - Legislative Hearings (Note: Input received as follows: 1. City Staff presentations are limited to five (5) minutes; 2. Applicant(s) presentations are limited to five (5) minutes; and 3. Resident input is limited to three (3) minutes per individual with a maximum of sixty (60) minutes total. All three are subject to the following statement: Unless otherwise extended by City Council.)**

Ordinance 59-24 Second and Final Public Hearing –  
Rescheduled from September 26, 2024

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, to establish and levy ad valorem taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, for the tax year 2024; providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes in the amount of 5.2188 mills (\$5.2188 per \$1,000) based on the assessed value on non-exempt real and personal property located within the city limits of the City of Cape Coral; providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes in the amount of 0.1791 mills (\$.1791 per \$1,000) based on the assessed value of the appropriate real and personal property located within the city limits of the City of Cape Coral, for funds for annual debt service for the City of Cape Coral, Florida, General Obligation Bond (Bank of America), Series 2019 and the City of Cape Coral, Florida, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; providing for the manner of assessment and collection. (Brought forward by City Management)

City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Ordinance.

Interim Assistant City Manager Mason noted Ordinance 59-24 is adoption of the millage rate. Ordinance 60-24 which is the adoption of the final budget will be presented separately. He pointed out that the millage rate must be approved prior to the budget. Slides consisted of the following:

- FY 2025 City of Cape Coral Final Public Hearing
- Ordinance 59-24 Adopt Millage Rates
- Purpose
- 1. Adopt Final Millage Rates – Ordinance 59-24
- 2. Adopt Final Budget – Ordinance 60-24
- TRIM Notice of Tentative Millage Rate
- 1. Not to exceed rate of 5.2188 mills established on July 24, 2024
- 2. 5.2188 rate included in TRIM notice mailed in August 2024
- 3. Tentative millage rate of 5.2188 set during the First Public Hearing on September 12, 2024
- 4. Tentative millage rate is 2.55% increase over Rolled-Back Rate of 5.0888 mills
- 5. Proposed Millage Rate for the Parks General Obligation Bond is 0.1791 mills
- Millage Rates to be Adopted
- 1. General Operations – Adopt at 5.2188 mills
- 2. Debt Service – Adopt at 0.1791 mills

- Next steps
- 1. At the conclusion of the public hearing for Ordinance 59-24, City Council must adopt final millage rates prior to the adoption of the final budget.
- 2. Final millages rate cannot exceed the tentative millage rates set at the first public hearing.
- Questions and Discussion

Public Hearing opened.  
No speakers  
Public Hearing closed.

***Councilmember Hayden moved, seconded by Councilmember Steinke, to adopt Ordinance 59-24, setting the Operating Millage Rate at 5.2188 mills which is 2.55% increase over Rolled-Back Rate of 5.0888 mills and the millage rate of the Parks General Obligation Bond at 0.1791 mills.***

***Council polled as follows: Long, Sheppard, Steinke, Welsh, Carr, Cosden, Gunter, and Hayden voted "aye." Eight "ayes." Motion carried 8-0.***

Ordinance 60-24 Second and Final Public Hearing –  
Rescheduled from September 26, 2024

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cape Coral, Florida, adopting the City of Cape Coral operating budget, revenues and expenditures, and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 for the City of Cape Coral, Florida. (Brought forward by City Management)

City Clerk Brunns read the title of the Ordinance.

Interim Assistant City Manager Mason presented the following

- FY2025 City of Cape Coral Final Public Hearing
- Ordinance 60-24 Adopt Budget
- FY 2025 Tentative Budget Summary \$1,058,403,269
- FY 2025 Budget Highlights: Public Safety, Infrastructure, Parks, Environment
- Next Steps
- At the conclusion of the public hearing for Ordinance 60-24, City Council must adopt a final budget.
- Questions and Discussion

Public Hearing opened.

Laurie Lehmann inquired if the \$12M for the parks shoreline was in addition to the \$18M for Jaycee Park.

Interim Assistant City Manager Mason responded it was not.

Public Hearing closed.

***Councilmember Hayden moved, seconded by Councilmember Steinke, to adopt Ordinance 60-24, establishing the Operating and Capital Budget at \$1,058,403,269.***

***Council polled as follows: Long, Sheppard, Steinke, Welsh, Carr, Cosden, Gunter, and Hayden voted "aye." Eight "ayes." Motion carried 8-0.***

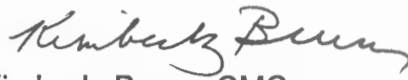
#### TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A Committee of the Whole was scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by,



Kimberly Bruns, CMC  
City Clerk