

MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 27, 2021

The City Commission met this date for a special meeting in the Commission Chambers. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance.

Mayor	:	Hubert B. Smith
Commissioners	:	Christine Wasdin (late arrival)
	:	Edward Crosby
	:	Kay Hamilton
	:	Jay Denney
City Clerk	:	Tammy Johnson
Police Chief	:	Joe Hart
Fire Chief	:	Tommy Mayville
Library Director	:	Hope Willis
VBCS General Mgr.	:	James Butler (camera)

No residents nor non-residents in attendance.

Mayor Smith opened the meeting and asked for Mrs. Johnson to go over the budget.

Mrs. Johnson said we have proof of publication of our announcement for tonight's meeting it ran in the Northwest Florida Daily News on September 23, 2021, was notarized by Vicki Felty.

**1. Final Budget Hearing**

**a. Resolution No. 06-09-27-21 Final Mileage**

Mayor Smith read Resolution No. 06-09-27-21. **COMM. HAMILTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-09-27-21 AS READ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. COMM. CROSBY SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0 THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6:08 PM.**

Mrs. Johnson said the final budget includes the 5.024 ad valorem tax rate, life & health insurance increase, 10% increase for auto, general liability, property, and workers' comp insurances.

Mrs. Johnson said the question has been what to do about COLA and merit raises? Are we going to wait until the human resources survey is completed? Comm. Hamilton and Mayor Smith both said yes. Mrs. Johnson said with the exception of a few employees that are part time earning less than \$10, those employees will see the increase to \$10 hourly per minimum wage requirements. Comm. Wasdin joined the meeting. After a brief discussion involving the Commission and Department Heads, it was agreed that there will be no COLA or merit at this time, waiting on the results of the study before moving ahead with any wage changes. **COMM. DENNEY MADE A MOTION TO WAIT ON THE MERIT/COLA WAGE INCREASES UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED THE PAYROLL STUDY BACK. COMM. HAMILTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 5 TO 0.**

**1           b. Ordinance No. 712 Adopt FY 2022 Budget Final Reading**

2 Mayor Smith read Ordinance No. 712. COMM. DENNEY MADE A MOTION TO  
3 APPROVE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 712 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE  
4 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
5 COMMENCING 1 OCTOBER 2021; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND  
6 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE COMM. HAMILTON SECONDED THE  
7 MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION THE 27<sup>TH</sup>  
8 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6:35 PM.

9 ADJOURN

10 With no further business before the Commission this evening, the budget hearing adjourned at  
11 6:35 PM.

16 Hubert B. Smith  
17 Mayor

21	Katherine Hamilton
22	Chair, VCA

25     ATTEST:

29 Tammy Johnson, CMC  
30 City Clerk

31 \*\*\*A recording of the September 27, 2021, Commission meeting will be kept on the City's  
32 secure file server as a permanent part of these minutes.\*\*\*