



# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - FIRST BUDGET HEARING FY 2024-25

City Hall – Council Chamber  
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida  
Monday, September 09, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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## MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle confirmed a quorum with four Councilmembers and Mayor Dowless present. Councilmember Rader was out of town and could not attend the hearing.

*Council President Horn made a motion to excuse Councilmember Rader's absence; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by voice vote (4/0).*

The following elected officials and staff were present:

#### Elected Officials:

John Dowless, Mayor  
Richard A. Horn, Council President  
Susan Lomas, Councilmember  
Casey McElroy, Councilmember  
Beth Steele, Councilmember

#### Staff:

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk  
Dean DeSchryver, Police Chief  
Miguel Garcia, Deputy Police Chief

#### Absent:

Chris Rader, Councilmember

### C. PUBLIC HEARINGS (FIRST READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

#### 1. Tentative Millage Rate and Budget Adoption

Mayor Dowless told the Council that Tammy Campbell with McDirmit Davis had no concerns about the proposed budget, including the revenues.

He explained that the transfers move funds from the general fund to dedicated funds. At the end of the year, there will be a budget amendment to move the reserves, which are mostly ARPA money.

Mayor Dowless said using reserves is not sustainable on a long-term basis and it is important to identify what projects need to be done. Council President Horn said that the Harbour Island bridge might require some repairs. Clerk Riffle will look for the latest bridge report.

**2. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON THE ASSESSED REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ROLLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council President Horn said he is fine with the proposed budget as he would prefer not to increase the millage rate this year.

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-18 in title only.

There was no public comment.

*Councilmember Lomas made the following motion, "I move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-18, setting the City of Edgewood's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 at 5.250 mills, which represents a 6.97 percent increase over the roll-back rate of 4.9077 mills." Council President Horn seconded the motion. Motion approved (4/0) by roll call vote.*

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Absent

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; CONFIRMING DATE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Attorney Smith read resolution 2024-03 in title only.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

*Councilmember Lomas made the following motion. "I move to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 a Resolution adopting the tentative budget and confirming the date of the second public hearing for Fiscal Year 2024/2025." Councilmember Steele seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote (4/0).*


Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Absent

Mayor Dowless thanked staff for producing a streamlined budget.

City Clerk Riffle reminded the Council that the final budget hearing would take place on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm and there would be the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

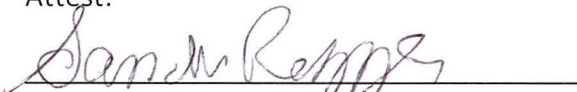
**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The hearing was adjourned at 6:42 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk

Approved in the 9/17/2024 City Council meeting.