



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

A. REVIEW & DISCUSSION

The workshop began at 4:46 pm.

Attendees:

- **Councilmembers:** Mayor Dowless, Councilmember Rader (via phone), Council President Horn, Councilmember Lomas, Councilmember McElroy, and Councilmember Steele.
- **Staff:** City Clerk, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, IT Manager
- **Consultant:** Tammy Campbell (McDirmitt Davis)

B. CALL TO ORDER

C. WORKSHOP

1. 2025-26 Budget Draft Review

The City Clerk presented the updated budget draft, noting the following changes since the previous workshop:

- **FRS Rates:** New FRS numbers showed a higher-than-expected rate for both officers and civilians. The rate for sworn personnel increased from 32.79% to 35.19%.
- **Police Department Costs:** The estimated cost for the Police Department's roof repair, received from Gold Key Roofing, will undergo competitive bidding. An adjustment to civilian personnel salaries in the Police Department was made, which offset the increased FRS rate for civilians.
- The cost for **Orange County Fire and Rescue** services was reduced.
- **Revenues:** Municipal Revenue Sharing was updated

2. Budget Discussion and Recommendations

- **Deficit and Reserves:** Council President Horn noted the proposed budget has a \$131,422 deficit. He explained that this could be covered by the ending reserves of \$5,873,000, which represents 2.3% of the budgeted reserves. He stated that this is not of particular concern and recommended holding the millage rate steady.
- **Auditor's Summary:** Tammy Campbell of McDirmitt Davis confirmed the use of approximately \$131,000 from reserves to balance the budget. She noted that the city typically budgets conservatively and expects to meet or be under budget this year.

- **Fund Transfers:** Transfers from the general fund include \$240,000 to other individual funds, \$254,000 to roads and streets, \$131,000 to the Police Department's capital fund, and \$35,000 to the storm reserve fund.
- **Police Vehicles:** Chief DeSchryver clarified that around \$5,000 from the PD capital fund is used annually for vehicles with existing contracts. Two vehicles need to be replaced. A \$10,000 grant will also be used to purchase a new vehicle, supplemented from reserve funds. The Chief clarified that the "lease" language used in past agreements meant the city owned the vehicles at the end of the term.
- **IT and Fire & Rescue:** Mayor Dowless noted that IT costs were reduced and that the most significant cost increase was a \$136,000 rise in Fire and Rescue expenses.
- **Consensus:** The council reached a consensus that a third budget meeting was not necessary. The City Clerk confirmed that the revenue for the ½ Cent Sales Tax had not yet been reported.

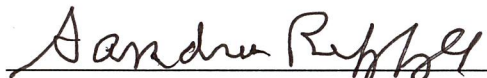
C. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 5:15 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk