



# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET HEARING

City of Greenacres, Florida

Tuesday, September 03, 2024, at 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

## MINUTES

### Mayor and City Council

Chuck Shaw, Mayor

Judith Dugo, Deputy Mayor

John Tharp, Councilmember, District I

Peter Noble, Councilmember District II

Susy Diaz, Councilmember, District IV

Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

### Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager

Christy Goddeau, City Attorney

Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

Tanya Earley, City Attorney

Quintella Moorner, City Clerk

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 6PM and City Clerk Moorner called the Roll. Councilmembers Noble and Bousquet were absent.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was taken for the accident taken place on the Florida Turnpike on September 3.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve the agenda. Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Humberto Esquivel was not in favor for the newly adopted tax assessment and questioned what the funds were allocated to.

## First Budget Hearing - Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2024-24: First Reading:** Establishing a taxable valuation and levying an ad valorem tax on property located within the corporate limits of Greenacres, Florida, as of the year ending December 31, 2024; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, severability, and an effective date. Teri Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorner read the ordinance by title.

Ms. McCue read the required Florida State Statute Chapter 200.065 into the record as required. She reviewed the operating millage rated summary. The millage rate was set at

6.3. Ms. McCue showed the rollback rate of 5.3. She also showed the City's millage history from 2016-2025. Staff recommended approval of ordinance 2024-24.

Mr. Humberto Esquivel asked why the millage rate changed and what caused the change since 2016. Ms. McCue stated the increases were due to operating expenses and materials.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2024-24 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2024-25: First Reading:** Adopting an operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 1, 2025; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. - Teri Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance by title.

Ms. McCue said the operating proposed budget was over \$58 million, with a millage of 6.3 mills. She also highlighted some changes such as the solid waste collection and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office contract. She mentioned the City currently had no debt.

Ms. McCue mentioned public safety was mostly the City's budget.

She highlighted some 2025 projects which included the Emergency Operating Center, Fire Station and maintaining current infrastructure.

Staff recommended approval of ordinance 2024-25.

Mr. Jose Siegel stated the City could do better by injecting more into local businesses. He felt it would be a great use of funds. He felt the City did a great job with funds and parks.

Mayor Shaw stated the City had one of the lowest millage in the County and the City had no debt and he was satisfied with the City.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2024-25 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- 3. Presentation:** Certificate of Recognition to Mayor Shaw. - Palm Beach County Commissioner Michael A. Barnett, District 3.

Commissioner Barnett said it was an honor to be present and he thanked the City for connection between the City and County.

He presented Mayor Shaw with a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding lifelong dedication to the County, School Board, and the City.

Commissioner Barnett read the proclamation into the record.

Photos were taken.

- 4. Proclamation:** Light it up Green for Muscular Dystrophy Awareness, September 2024. - Nadine Kirby.

Councilmember Tharp read the proclamation into the record.

Ms. Kirby was not present.

- 5. Proclamation:** Hispanic Heritage Month, September 2024. - Maricela Torres, Latinos Leadership Alliance.

Councilmember Diaz read the proclamation into the record.

Ms. Torres of the Latino Leadership Alliance and her colleagues thanked the Council for their recognition.

Photos were taken.

- 6. Proclamation:** Firefighter Appreciation Month, September 2024. - Chief Brian Fuller, Fire Rescue.

Deputy Mayor Dugo read the proclamation into the record.

She thanked all the Firefighters of Greenacres.

Chief Fuller stated the Firefighters collected \$105,000 for Muscular Dystrophy Association last week.

Photos were taken.

- 7. Proclamation:** Hunger Action Month, September 2024. - Amy Talbot Feeding South Florida, Seth Bernstein and Julie Krefle, United Way.

Councilmember Diaz read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Bernstein thanked the Council for the recognition and provided some statistics regarding hunger.

Ms. Krefle mentioned a few programs around the City during the summer and school year.

Ms. Shelby Coldiron thanked the City and also mentioned a food map finder for residents around the County. She welcomed everyone to volunteer and or take a tour of the warehouses

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 8. Official Council Meeting Minutes:** City Council Meeting Minutes and City Council Budget Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2024. - Quintella L. Moorner, City Clerk.

- 9. Resolution 2024-45:** Authorizing participation in the Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) supplemental payment program for Medicaid managed care patients; delegating authority to execute letter(s) of agreement with the State of Florida relating to intergovernmental transfers to the state; and delegating authority to execute other documents necessary to participate in the program. -Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Motion made by Councilmember Diaz, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Dugo to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**10. Ordinance 2024-20: First Reading:** Amending the defined contribution retirement plan for the general employees of the City of Greenacres, providing for conflicting ordinances and providing an effective date. - Teri Lea Beiriger, Director of Finance.

Ms. Moorer read the ordinance into the record.

Ms. Beiriger mentioned the total contribution schedule. She provided some plan comparisons. The City currently allowed five percent, the Ordinance recommended an increase to seven percent. Staff recommended approval.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Ordinance 2024-20 on First Reading.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

**11. Appointment of Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Member:** Appointing Leonard Grant to serve a three-year term. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue recommended Mr. Grant.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Tharp to approve Mr. Grant

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Dugo, Councilmember Tharp, and Councilmember Diaz.

**DISCUSSION ITEM - None.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Humberto Esquivel questioned why his grass was not being cut on his property and why was no parking allowed on the grass that he maintained.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:08PM.

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**Chuck Shaw**  
Mayor

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**Quintella Moorer, MMC**  
City Clerk

**Date Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_