

OCOEE CITY COMMISSION

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

September 18, 2024

MINUTES

6:00 PM

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

• **CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM**

Mayor Johnson called the final budget hearing to order at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was led by **Mayor Johnson**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner, Commissioner Oliver

Also Present: Acting City Manager Shadrix, City Attorney Griffith, City Clerk Sibbitt, Finance Director Roberts, Assistant Finance Director Lawitzke, and Chief Accountant Meruena

• **PUBLIC HEARING 6:01 PM**

A. Mayor's Announcement

This is an advertised public hearing to adopt a final millage rate and finalize the budget for the City of Ocoee for the fiscal year 24-25 commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. The City Commission has previously approved a tentative millage rate of 4.950 mills, which represents an 4.36% increase in millage over the roll-back rate of 4.743 mills. The advertised tentative millage rate of 4.950 mills is the maximum millage rate which may be adopted by the City Commission at this Final Budget Public Hearing tonight. I now ask the Director of Finance to make a brief presentation.

B. Briefing by Finance Director 6:02 PM

Director of Finance Roberts announced there have been no changes to the budget since the Tentative Budget Hearing. The budget is balanced at 4.950 mills which represents a 4.36% increase in millage over the rolled-back rate of 4.743 mills. The additional revenue generated will be used to fund the operational and capital needs of the City to balance the budget.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comments. No speaker reservation forms were received; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

Comments by Commissioners:

Commissioner Oliver raised a question about the police impact fees. **Finance Director Roberts** answered his question, stating that it is a projection over the course of a year.

C. Amendments to Proposed Tentative Budget — None

D. Announcement by Finance Director

As there were no amendments, refer to Finance Director Roberts briefing under Item B.

E. Adoption of Final Millage Rate 6:05 PM

City Attorney Griffith announced the name of the taxing authority is the City of Ocoee. The rolled-back millage rate is 4.743 mills. The percentage by which the proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate is 4.36%. The millage rate proposed by the Ordinance is 4.950 mills.

City Attorney Griffith read the title of the ordinance.

The ordinance as adopted carries the following title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCOEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 4.950 MILLS FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF OCOEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR MILLAGE ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES; PROVIDING FOR 4.36% INCREASE IN MILLAGE RATE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comments. No speaker reservation forms were received; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

Motion to Adopt an Ordinance Setting Final Millage Rate, followed by (TIME: 6:07 PM)

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-27 setting a final millage rate of 4.950 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. Moved by Commissioner Oliver, seconded by Commissioner Wilsen. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Adoption of Final Budget 6:08 PM

City Attorney Griffith read the title of the ordinance.

The ordinance as adopted carries the following title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCOEE, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for public comments. No speaker reservation forms were received; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

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Comments by Commissioners:

Mayor Johnson noted that in his 37 years, this was the first time he had seen no citizens attend a Final Budget Hearing. He expressed that he viewed this as a positive sign.

Motion to Adopt an Ordinance Adopting Final Budget, followed by Vote (TIME: 6:09 PM)

Motion: Move to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-28, approving a final budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. Moved by Commissioner Wilsen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Motion carried 5-0.

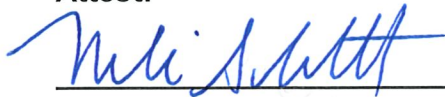
The Mayor and Commissioners thanked and commended City staff on their hard work and for making this budget a seamless process.

ADJOURNMENT 6:11 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

APPROVED:

Attest:



Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee


Rusty Johnson, Mayor