OCOEE CITY COMMISSION
Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

December 11, 2024 **MINUTES** **6:00 PM**

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

- **CALL TO ORDER** 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy called the final budget hearing to order at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. **City Clerk Sibbitt** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Mayor Pro Tem Kennedy asked for a 5-minute recess as Mayor Johnson was en route to the meeting. *Mayor Johnson arrived at 6:05 PM.*

The invocation was led by **City Manager Shadrix**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by **City Attorney Geller**.

Present: Mayor Johnson *(arrived at 6:05 PM)*, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Wilsen, Commissioner Firstner

Absent: Commissioner Oliver

Also Present: City Manager Shadrix, City Attorney Geller, City Clerk Sibbitt, and Finance Director Roberts

- **PUBLIC HEARING** 6:08 PM

Briefing by Finance Director

Finance Director Roberts briefed the City Commission on the non-compliance with the TRIM advertisement. She clarified that the TRIM notices submitted to the Property Appraiser and the millage rate provided to residents were accurate and complete. The error in the advertisement did not have any financial impact on the City's residents. She also confirmed that the budget presented to the City Commission remains structurally balanced. Additionally, she outlined the steps necessary to address the violation, which included re-advertising and readopting of the ordinances in accordance with F.S. 200.065.

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

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for Commissioner comments. No comments were made from the City Commission.

A. Re-Adoption of Final Millage Rate 6:10 PM

City Attorney Geller read the title of the ordinance.

The ordinance as re-adopted carries the following title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCOEE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 4.9500 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 Re-adopt an Ordinance Setting the Final Millage Rate, followed by Vote. **(TIME: 6:11 PM)**

Motion: Move to re-adopt Ordinance No. 2024-27 setting a final millage rate of 4.9500 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. Moved by Commissioner Wilsen , seconded by Commissioner Firstner. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Oliver absent.

B. Re-Adoption of Final Budget

City Attorney Geller read the title of the ordinance.

The ordinance as re-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.

Motion to Re-adopt an Ordinance for the Final Budget, followed by Vote. **(TIME: 6:13 PM)**

Motion: Move to re-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 Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Firstner. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Oliver absent.

- **ADJOURNMENT** 6:13 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

APPROVED:

Attest:

Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk

City of Ocoee

Rusty Johnson, Mayor