



THE TOWN OF KENNETH CITY FLORIDA

Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022

A. Call to Order

B. Moment of Silence by Councilmember Noble and Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present were Councilmember Roberts, Councilmember Noble, Vice Mayor Cummings, Councilmember Zemaitis, Mayor Howell, Interim Town Manager Duncan, Town Attorney Johnston

D. Consent Agenda

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Noble

Second was made by Vice Mayor Cummings

All in favor

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was passed

E. Persons Wishing to Be Heard on Items NOT Listed on the Agenda

Janice Stone, 4631 58th St N

Ms. Stone indicated that the traffic on 58th Street was getting heavy and that people were speeding up again. She said it was dangerous and kids cross the street there. She asked if the Town could replace the signage that was posted previously to help curtail speeding.

The Mayor closed public comment.

F. Action Agenda

1. Resolution 2022-06 for Final Millage Rate

The Interim Town Clerk read the Resolution 2022-06 by title.

Financial Consultant JP Murphy gave an overview of the FY 2022/2023 Budget. He indicated that the budget was balanced and discussed specific details on projected revenues and expenditures. There was a discussion about the Capital Improvement Fund and related projects. There was a

discussion about the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. He discussed the Budget At A Glance document and the glimpse.

Councilmember Roberts asked where money would come from if the Town had been hit directly by a storm. Financial Consultant JP Murphy indicated that the Town would utilize whatever fund balance available in the General Fund and the Infrastructure Fund. FEMA also has some programs that the Town could utilize. The Town will apply for FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Ian.

Councilmember Roberts asked about sandbags and would the Town have provided them if it were hit by a hurricane. Interim Town Manager Duncan indicated that this was an expense that the Town has not budgeted for in this fiscal year. There was a discussion about providing sandbags and locations nearby where residents could obtain sandbags.

Mayor Howell asked about whether the budget was balanced. Financial Consultant JP Murphy indicated that this was a balanced budget, but that reserves were still being used. He indicated that he didn't see anywhere in the budget where additional changes could be made this year. It was discussed that it had been 8 years since the Town had a balanced budget.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 was made by Councilmember Noble
Second made by Councilmember Zemaitis

Councilmember Noble Yes
Councilmember Roberts Yes
Councilmember Zemaitis Yes
Vice Mayor Cummings Yes
Mayor Howell Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 was passed

2. Resolution 2022-07 Second Reading of Budget

The Interim Town Clerk read the Resolution 2022-07 by title.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 was made by Councilmember Noble
Second made by Vice Mayor Cummings

Councilmember Noble Yes
Councilmember Roberts No

Councilmember Zemaitis No
Vice Mayor Cummings Yes
Mayor Howell Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 was passed

3. Resolution 2022-08 Ratification of State of Local Emergency

Financial Consultant JP Murphy read Resolution 2022-08 into the record.

Attorney Johnston explained the purpose of the resolution and that it needed to be approved as stated in the Town's charter. She indicated that the emergency declaration was only in effect for a period of 7 days.

There was no public comment.

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 motion made by Councilmember Zemaitis

A second was made by Councilmember Noble

All in favor

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 passed

4. Resolution 2022-09 Financial Management Policy

Financial Consultant JP Murphy and Interim Town Manager Duncan explained the Resolution and the Financial Management Policy. There was discussion between Council and staff regarding the Financial Management Policy.

There was no public comment.

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 motion made by Councilmember Zemaitis

A second was made by Councilmember Noble

All in favor

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-09 was passed

G. Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Howell thanked Imagine That Performance for getting the budget delivered on time and that he had learned a lot about how to manage the Town.

Vice Mayor Cummings said he appreciated the basic foundations and guidance that Imagine That Performance has provided for the Town.

Councilmember Zematis indicated that she loved the ease that the team has brought to the meetings. She also thanked the team for the presentations during the budget meetings as it made things easier to understand.

Financial Consultant JP Murphy said it has been a pleasure to create a budget that makes sense for the Town

Mayor Howell felt that the team had brought the Council together.

Vice Mayor Cummings said the Town had huge projects that needed to be done for years and now they're finally moving forward.

Financial Consultant JP Murphy thanked Chief Vieno and Public Works Supervisor Kenneth Moore for their work during the hurricane.

Councilmember Noble thanked the Police Chief and Police Department for their work on a recent case of car theft and for protecting the community.

H. Town Manager Comments

Interim Town Manager Duncan and Financial Consultant JP Murphy described how the Town prepared for Hurricane Ian. He felt that the Town was very lucky and there were lessons that could be learned from how the Town handled emergency management procedures. He felt that Police Department and Public Works responded very quickly, and clean-up started quickly. He indicated that he would provide an Incident Report to help improve the Town's Emergency Management Plan. He felt that it was a smooth and good operation. He thanked the Council for their support during the storm.

K. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Zemaitis

A second was made by Councilmember Noble

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned