

**CITY OF PALMETTO  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 26, 2017  
5:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present:

Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Jonathan Davis, Commissioner-at-Large 1  
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1—(Entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.)  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Elected Officials Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Vice Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All persons intending to address the City Commission were duly sworn.

1. CITY COMMISSION AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion:**           **Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the September 26, 2017 Agenda. Commissioner Smith was absent for the vote.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

3. PUBLIC HEARING—FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

**Vice Mayor Williams opened the public hearing to discuss the final millage rate and final FY 2018 budget (Resolutions 2017-22 and 2017-23 of the agenda).**

- We are here tonight to adopt the City of Palmetto final millage and budget for FY 2018 that begins on October 1, 2017.
- The City proposes to adopt a FY 2018 millage of 5.9671 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is 5.52% greater than the rolled-back rate of 5.6550. The rolled-back rate is the rate that will allow the City to collect the same amount of revenues in comparison to the prior year.
- Taxable value in the City for the FY 2018 budget is \$811,588,615 which represents an increase of 6.3% compared to the prior year.
- The overall City-Wide budget is \$27,094,891 which is 2.5% higher than last year. The General Fund budget is \$11,304,651. Additional revenues are being used to fund capital expenditures, personnel costs, public safety and infrastructure needs within the City.

**Vice Mayor Williams closed the public hearing after hearing no public comment.**

**A. RESOLUTION 2017-22 FINAL MILLAGE RATE (read in its entirety)**

**Motion: Commissioner Varnadore moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2017-22.**

**B. RESOLUTION 2017-23 FINAL FY 2018 BUDGET (read in its entirety)**

**Motion: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2017-23.**

Vice Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes approved: October 16, 2017

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk