

## **MINUTES**

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR PENNY. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BEN THOMAS, THOMAS REID, VICE MAYOR GAIL NEIDINGER, AND MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LYNDA THOMPSON. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY KRISTEN GRAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID MIXSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

### **REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Neidinger spoke regarding Public Safety Department activities including hurricane season preparedness and the grand opening of Fire Station 20.

Commissioner Thomas reported on Finance Department activities including the FY 2025 tentative budget, the proposed millage rate, the 2023 audit report, and the Pinellas County EMS true-up.

Commissioner Reid spoke regarding Public Works Department activities including local flooding, the Bay View Park pavilion project, and Hibiscus Hall rentals.

In Commissioner Thompson's absence, Mayor Penny reported on Community Improvement Department activities including permitting activity and business tax receipts.

Mayor Penny reported on Administration Department activities including the annual budget process, City events, and the upcoming South Pasadena Community Band concert.

### **PEOPLE'S FORUM**

NONE

### **AGENDA COMMENT**

NONE

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Gray read Resolution No. 2024-04 by title and approved it as to form and content.

Mayor Penny stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive input on the budget process from the public and the City Commission. He reported that this meeting will accomplish the following in accordance with State Statutes:

- a. Announce the proposed millage rate adopted by the City Commission on July 1, 2024.
- b. Receive comments and questions from the public on both the budget and the millage rate and answer the public's questions.
- c. Adopt a tentative millage rate.
- d. Adopt a tentative budget.

Finance Director Graham announced that the proposed tentative millage rate is 5.1750, which is a 9.4% increase over the roll-back rate. He said that the roll-back rate is 4.7305 mills compared to last year's millage rate of 5.0638 mills. He explained that the roll-back rate is the true millage rate necessary to collect the same total revenue as collected in the previous year on the same properties. He further reported that taxable values had increased by \$67 million.

Mayor Penny opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Penny closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, TO PASS RESOLUTION 2024-04.

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VOTE:	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - SECOND READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2024-05 by title and approved it as to form and content.

Mayor Penny opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Penny closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 ON SECOND READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Mayor Penny stated that the final adoption of the millage rate will be made by resolution and the third and final reading of the budget ordinance will be heard at the second public hearing to be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. He noted that the millage rate set tonight cannot be increased at the final public hearing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA MEETING, AUGUST 20, 2024; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, AUGUST 20, 2024; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, AUGUST 27, 2024.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER REID, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

**UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION**

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. MOTION - TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
FOR THE CREATION OF PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER THOMAS, TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

5. MOTION - TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDITOR  
SELECTION COMMITTEE, ISSUE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD THE  
BID TO MARCUM LLP FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES, AND  
AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCUM LLP.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER REID, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE, ISSUE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
AWARD THE BID TO MARCUM LLP FOR INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES,  
AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARCUM LLP.

VOTE:	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at  
7:20 p.m.

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*Arthur Penny*

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Carley Lewis*

Carley Lewis, City Clerk  
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