

MINUTES

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 9:00 A.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:03 A.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR PENNY. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS GAIL NEIDINGER, MARK MCALEES, VICE MAYOR THOMAS REID, 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

In lieu of individual commission reports, Mayor Penny presented a report on behalf of all departments. He spoke regarding the annual budget process, ongoing audit activities, permitting, and hurricane preparedness. He noted the upcoming closure of City offices in observance of Independence Day.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

NONE

AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY OF INCIDENT COMMANDER, SUBSECTION (A); PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE INCIDENT COMMANDER'S \$50,000 EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2025-02 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 ON FIRST READING.

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

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Mayor Penny commented that the proposed tentative millage rate listed in Resolution 2025-08 is 5.5470. He added that the millage rate determined today cannot be increased in the future but it can be decreased.

Vice Mayor Reid stated that in light of budgetary concerns he would not be opposed to staff's recommended millage rate of 5.8709.

Commissioner Neidinger stated that South Pasadena does not have the same revenue options as other cities.

Commissioner McAlees spoke in favor of balancing the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding millage rate options for FY2026.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR REID, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER MCALEES, TO AMEND AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.
2025-08 WITH A PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 5.8709.

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

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at
9:18 a.m.

Thomas Reid

Thomas Reid, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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