

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
JULY 23, 2007

The Niceville City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM, July 23, 2007 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members, except for Councilwoman Boudreaux and Councilman Smith, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; and City Clerk, Dan Doucet; a member of the press and visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Millage Rate:

Mr Doucet advised that the purpose of the meeting was to establish the Proposed Millage Rate for FY-08 and select a date for the Tentative Budget Hearing.

He provided an overview of HB-1B which implements the provisions of the new legislation. He advised that because of Niceville's Compound Annual Growth Rate of 15.32% the maximum millage rate that can be levied by a majority vote of the council is 91% of the rolled-back rate which is 2.9729 mills.

He further explained that the City Council has the option/authority to increase the rate as follows based on their voting during the final budget hearing.

**Millage x Gross Value**

Majority vote: (3 council members)	FY-08	FY-07	Gain/Loss
*2.9729 x 911,485,810 =	\$2,709,756	\$2,751,170	- \$41,414
Two-thirds vote: (4 council members)			
**3.2669 x 911,485,810 =	\$2,977,733	\$2,751,170	+ \$226,563
Unanimous vote: (five members)			
***3.50 x 911,485,810 =	\$3,190,200	\$2,751,170	+ \$439,030

\* This millage rate is 91% of the rolled back rate.

\*\* This millage rate is the rolled back rate.

\*\*\* This millage rate is the same as our current year millage rate.

Mr. Doucet proposed to set the rate at 3.2669 and work very hard to lower it to 2.9729 during our meetings with City Departments. He advised that department requests currently total approximately \$1,300,000 over projected revenues when applying the 2.9729 millage rate. He further requested that the Tentative Budget Hearing be set for September 13, 2007 at 6:00PM.

He explained that if we approve a proposed rate that is higher than 2.9729 we must have the required votes during our final budget hearing to approve the rate, otherwise we have to lower it to the 2.9729 millage rate.

Mr Corbin explained that once we set the proposed millage we won't be able to increase it without a first class mailing to all property owners. He advised that we will be receiving approximately \$129,000 less from State Funding next fiscal year. He explained that our health insurance expense for this fiscal year is approaching \$1,000,000. He expressed concern regarding the Super Homestead provision and the potential impact on essential services. Discussion followed.

Councilman Swihart moved to set the proposed millage at 3.2669 and to set the Tentative Budget Hearing date to be September 13, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Councilman Thomas seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Swihart-yes; Tislow-yes; Thomas-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK