

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2024, 1:30 PM**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Hatley called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Marilyn Hatley
JO Baldwin
Bubba Collins
Fred Coyne
Nicole Fontana
Trey Skidmore
Hank Thomas

A quorum was established.

2. BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING: On the FY 2025 proposed budget. Mayor Hatley stated the budget had been posted online. She stated the budget this year was \$208 million which included an increase in the millage rate to 48 mils. The budget also included adjustments to water and sewer rates based on increases from Grand Strand Water and Sewer, a 5% increase in the impact fee for City services, a \$2 per month increase for residential solid waste fees, and a corresponding increase for commercial solid waste fees. Councilman Collins asked how much the millage increase would be on a \$100,000 house. Mike Mahaney, City Manager, stated it would increase taxes \$12 per year. Mayor Hatley stated that was based on a 3 mil increase. Manager Mahaney confirmed the millage rate was increasing from 45 mils to 48 mils. Councilman Collins asked if 48 mils was the lowest in the area and Manager Mahaney stated 48 mils was one of the lowest in the state for full service cities.

Mayor Hatley opened the floor for public comment.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley closed the floor for public comment.

B. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: An ordinance setting the tax levy for FY 2025. Mayor Hatley asked Manager Mahaney to read the ordinance by title and she called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Coyne and seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilman Collins asked if this would be affected by the county assessments. Manager Mahaney stated that it would but not before the budget was passed.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

C. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: An ordinance to adopt the budget for FY 2025. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. Mayor Hatley stated she felt it was important for the public to know that many major projects were included in this year's budget including a new fire station, the Sports Complex expansion, the Emergency Operations Center, and the Stormwater Outfall 2nd phase.

Councilman Collins added that, as the City grew, more Public Safety adjustments were also needed. Mayor Hatley agreed and added the fire station would also need to be furnished.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hatley called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 17th day of June 2024