

MINUTES
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, Florida
Monday, November 25, 2024 5:00 PM

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ANY TOPIC ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA IS REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A CARD AND RETURN TO THE CITY MANAGER. SPEAKERS ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUIRED TO LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES.
THE CITY COUNCIL PROHIBITS THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND PAGERS WHICH EMIT AN AUDIBLE SOUND DURING ALL MEETINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ON CALL. PERSONS IN VIOLATION WILL BE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE MEETING.

"Please turn off cell phones"

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Nina Rodenroth, Vice Mayor Christine Thompson, Councilman Tony Brown, Councilman Elston "Speedy" Kussler and Councilman Dan Lewandowski

Absent:

Mayor Rodenroth called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Action Items:

1. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment

City Manager Van Zand briefed the Council on the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment.

Councilman Kussler moved to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Councilman Lewandowski seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0.**

2. Ordinance 2024-610

Councilman Kussler moved to read Ordinance 2024-610 by short title. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the motion.

City Attorney Komando read Ordinance 2024-610 by short title.

Mayor Rodenroth opened the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

Councilman Lewandowski stated the following: *"Clerk Silva, please record that this is an error on our property values we believe our property values in the city because of data from the County Tax Appraiser should be around 98 million because of some erroneous input somewhere the state believes our property values are 122 million and because of the discrepancy which has not been fixed and should be fixed we are forced into this action."*

Project Manager Beau Wright spoke to the Council about the roll back rate.

Councilman Lewandowski moved to approve Ordinance 2024-610. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0.**

3. Ordinance 2024-609

Councilman Lewandowski moved to read Ordinance 2024-609 by short title. Councilman Brown seconded the motion.

City Attorney Komando read Ordinance 2024-609 by short title.

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Mayor Rodenroth opened the floor to public comment.

No public comment.

Councilman Lewandowski moved to approve Ordinance 2024-609. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM.

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE 2024-610

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida law requires the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida to pass an ordinance or resolution levying the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the City Limits of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Florida law requires said ordinance or resolution to state the millage rate to be levied, and also, to state the percentage by which the millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate as computed pursuant to Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, has duly considered the budgetary requirements of the City; has adopted a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, based on a millage rate of 3.8847 mills on the taxable property within the City; and has acted in accordance with the terms, provisions, and procedures contained on Section 200.065, Florida Statutes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida in regular session assembled, that:

1. The ad valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes to be levied on the taxable property within the City Limits of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, is hereby set at the rate of 3.8847 mills.
2. The percentage by which this millage rate is to be levied is an increase of the rolled-back rate of 3.1216 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) by 24.45%.
3. This ordinance shall take effect October 1st, 2024, upon its passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.

DULY APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of November 2024, by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida.



Nina Rodenroth, Mayor

5:28 pm

ATTEST:



Charlie Van Zant, City Manager

5:28 pm

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE 2024-609

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1st, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 2025 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, has prepared a budget estimate of the expenditures and revenues of all City Departments, divisions and offices of said City for the Fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2024, and ending September 30th, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, will finalize the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025 on September 16th, 2024,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida in regular session assembled, that:

Section One: The budget, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted for the budget of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2024, and ending September 30th, 2025.

Section Two: This Ordinance shall not become effective until after its final reading, passage and adoption by the City Council at its meeting November 25th, 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION: This Ordinance will be adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 200, Florida Statutes. Public hearing after notice of the tax rate held on November 25th, 2024, after 5:00P.M. at City Hall in Keystone Heights, Florida.

ENACTED, PASSED AND ADOPTED after final reading by the City Council of Keystone Heights, Florida on the 25th day of November 2024.

**CITY COUNCIL OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS,
FLORIDA**

By: 
Nina Rodenroth, Mayor

Time: 5:29 pm

ATTEST:



Charlie Van Zant, City Manager

Time: 5:29 pm