



**City Council
Approved Minutes
September 11, 2023
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Councilmember Lori Wurtzel, Vice Mayor Vance Guthrie, Councilmember Michael Wilde, Councilmember Lindsay Hall Harrison, Mayor John Lowndes

Absent: 0 -

Mayor Lowndes called the September 11, 2023 meeting to order at 6:32 pm. City staff in attendance: City Manager Reggentin, Assistant City Manager Kifolo, City Clerk Hollingsworth, City Attorney Knight, Parks and Recreation Director Conn, Finance Director Gray, Public Works Director Tracy, Fire Chief Morton, Police Chief Manuel, Community Development Director Matthys and Public Information Officer Sargent.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Lowndes offered a moment of silence.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lowndes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTION WEEK - MARY VIRGINIA CABELL CHAPTER OF MAITLAND, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mayor Lowndes read aloud and presented the Mary Virginia Cabell Chapter of Maitland, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), with the proclamation for Constitution Week September 17 - 23, 2023.

Kathryn Campbell, Mary Virginia Cabell Chapter Regent, shared a brief history of DAR and highlighted the Chapter's current local service projects.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. RESOLUTION 11-2023 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (TAX YEAR 2023)

City Clerk Hollingsworth read aloud by title Resolution 11-2023 of the City of Maitland, Florida, adopting the tentative levying of Ad Valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2024; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Reggentin stated that on July 17, 2023, the City Council held the General Fund budget workshop. The rolled back rate and

proposed operating and voted debt service millage rates for the 2023 tax year were set on July 24th. The proposed operating and voted debt millage and the date and time of the tentative budget public hearing were included in the proposed tax bills sent out by the Orange County Property Appraiser in August.

The Fiscal Year 2024 budget draft was prepared based on the operating millage rate of 4.9464 or \$4.9464 per thousand dollars of taxable value, which is 0.6011 mills higher than the rate adopted for Fiscal Year 2023. The proposed tax rate set at the July 25th Council meeting was 4.9464. The FY 2024 tentative budget is \$39,377,000. Attached is the official Resolution to adopt the millage rates and General Fund Budget.

Below are the maximum millage rate options. The tentative millage requires only a simple majority vote as proposed.

The tentative millage rate cannot exceed the proposed millage rate from July 24, 2023 of 4.9464 unless the Property Appraiser mails each taxpayer a revised TRIM notice at the City's expense.

Maximum Millage Rate Options	Millage Rate
Majority Vote (Adjusted rolled back millage rate per State formula)	Up to 5.0703
2/3 Vote of the Governing Board (110% of Majority vote millage rate)	Up to 5.5773
Unanimous vote of the Governing Board <u>or</u> referendum - Any rate up to the statutory limit	Up to statutory limits

There are three separate motions required to comply with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process. The TRIM notice will be placed in the newspaper and the tentative budget placed on the City's website prior to the final public hearing on September 25, 2023, to adopt the Final Resolution.

After setting tonight's tentative millage rate, the Council may adopt that rate or any lower rate at the final public hearing.

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period.

Public comment was given as follows:
Barry Kalmanson, 500 N. Maitland Avenue
Dale McDonald, 108 Tangelo Court
John Book, 230 W. Ventris Avenue
Brad Giedd, 411 Manor Road
Frank Fulmer, 1596 Indian Dance Court

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Lowndes closed the public comment period.

A brief discussion ensued.

Move to adopt the tentative operating millage for the 2023 tax year as 4.9464, which is 21% above the rolled-back rate of 4.0861.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Vance Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Lindsay Hall Harrison
AYES:	Vance Guthrie, Lindsay Hall Harrison, Lori Wurtzel
NAYS:	Michael Wilde, John Lowndes

Move to adopt the tentative voted debt millage rate for the 2023 tax year as 0.2020 for a combined total of 5.1484 mills.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Lindsay Hall Harrison
SECONDER:	Councilmember Vance Guthrie
AYES:	Lindsay Hall Harrison, Lori Wurtzel, Vance Guthrie
NAYS:	Michael Wilde, John Lowndes

Move to adopt the tentative budget for the General Fund in the amount of \$39,377,000.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Vance Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Lori Wurtzel
AYES:	Lori Wurtzel, Vance Guthrie, Lindsay Hall Harrison
NAYS:	Michael Wilde, John Lowndes

Mayor Lowndes announced the date of September 25, 2023 to adopt the Final Resolution.

VI. COUNCIL MEETING RECESS - CONVENE CRA MEETING

Mayor Lowndes called a recess of the City Council meeting at 7:22pm for the purpose of convening the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Upon adjournment of the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting, Mayor Lowndes reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:26pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Reggentin provided a copy of the permit for 1350 Druid Isle Road, and current code requirements for propane storage tanks, confirming compliance with the City's Land Development Code (LDC), Florida Building Code (FBC) and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Code.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period for Consent items #2 through #6.

Public comment was given as follows:

Dale McDonald, 108 Tangelo Court
John Book, 230 W. Ventris Avenue

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Lowndes closed the public comment period.

A motion was made to approve the Consent agenda, as presented.

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Councilmember Lindsay Hall Harrison
SECONDER:	Councilmember Lori Wurtzel
AYES:	Vance Guthrie, Michael Wilde, Lindsay Hall Harrison, Lori Wurtzel, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

1. **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2023**
Move to approve the City Council meeting minutes of August 28, 2023, as presented.
2. **EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL RESILIENCE COLLABORATIVE**
Move to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.
3. **CANCEL NOVEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 25, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Move to cancel the regular scheduled City Council meetings of Monday November 27 and December 25, 2023.
4. **UTILITY REVENUE ENHANCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT - ISI WATER COMPANY**
Motion to approve the recovery contingency rate to 60% for a 36 month period, per the terms of Exhibit B of the Polk County, FL and ISI Water Company of America agreement, RFP 16-431.

5. RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE INDEPENDENCE LANE - MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INC.

Move to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement and proceed to closing for the acquisition of property from Maitland Presbyterian Church Inc.

6. RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE INDEPENDENCE LANE NORTH - RLP MAITLAND HOLDINGS

Move to authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement and Memorandum of Understanding regarding parking credit and proceed to closing for the acquisition of property from RLP Maitland Holdings.

IX. PUBLIC PERIOD

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period.

Public comment was given as follows:

Barry Kalmanson, 500 N. Maitland Avenue

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Lowndes closed the Public Period.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY ATTORNEY/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Guthrie stated there is a Maitland Community Cleanup for Lake Sybelia scheduled on Saturday, September 23 at 9:00am.

Councilmember Hall Harrison expressed enthusiasm towards the Farmer's Markets and the highly anticipated return of GetDown Downtown in October.

Councilmember Wilde recognized City Manager Reggentin's efforts regarding Independence Lane North expansion.

Mayor Lowndes stated there will be a City Council Workshop regarding the design for a new Maitland Public Library on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:30pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.