



Islamorada, Village of Islands

BUDGET WORKSHOP

September 12, 2023 - 5:30 PM
Founders Park Community Center
87000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Member Mark Gregg, Council Member Elizabeth Jolin,
Council Member Henry Rosenthal, Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney,
Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III,

ABSENT:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DPW Director A.J. Engelmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pinder began the meeting with a prayer.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Quick summarized the newly adopted Council Meeting rules of procedure, noting that public comment rules have been changed to require one comment card per topic .

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:

Van Cadenhead

Joan Scholz

Sue Miller

Jill Zima

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Charitable Contributions

Interim Village Manager Bryan Cook introduced the item, noting that Council asked for this item to be included on tonight's agenda. Finance Director Maria Bassett had divided the requesting organizations into humanitarian, environmental, and other categories.

Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney summarized a potential solution that allows the Village to support charities at set amounts of \$10,000 for A; \$5,000 for B, \$3,000 for C, and \$1,000 for E depending on their ranking. It doesn't spend the entire \$125,000 and acknowledges the work of the organizations. After deliberation, this was the process Council decided to follow. Each

Council Member agreed to send their rankings to the Village Manager's office for tabulation.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. First FY 23-24 Budget Hearing - Tentative Millage and Budget Resolutions

Adopt Millage Rate - TAB 1

Finance Director Maria Bassett noted the resolution in the packet left the millage rate blank for Council to determine a tentative millage rate tonight.

Ms. Bassett went over the regulations for adopting a millage rate and budget. The Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice specified a 3 mill rate, which cannot be exceeded tonight. The County Tax Collector cannot tax until the Village adopts a resolution.

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:

Joan Scholz

Sue Miller

Jill Zima

Van Cadenhead

Angel Borden

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION: Motion to adopt a millage rate of 2.9547 item V.A. by Elizabeth Jolin second by Mark Gregg;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

B. Approve the tentative budget - TAB 2

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III opened public comment.

Speakers included:

Sue Miller

Angel Borden

Van Cadenhead

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Pinder closed public comment.

ACTION: Motion to approve the tentative budget for fy24-25 item V.B. by Elizabeth Jolin second by Mark Gregg;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Mark Gregg, Elizabeth Jolin, Henry Rosenthal, Sharon Mahoney, Joseph B. Pinder III

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Henry Rosenthal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.