

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

IN MAYOR CALABRIA'S ABSENCE, VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER ELSON. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS BRUCE HOWRY, MAX ELSON, ARTHUR PENNY, AND VICE MAYOR GAIL NEIDINGER. ABSENT: MAYOR DAN CALABRIA. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK MARY BRAISTED, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GARRY ANDERSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAYTON SALTSMAN, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR NEAL SCHWARTZ AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS. ABSENT: CITY ATTORNEY DAVID OTTINGER.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Neidinger stated this is the second and final public hearing on the 2013-2014 budget. The purpose of this hearing is to amend, if necessary, and adopt a millage rate and final budget. The following will be accomplished:

1. Determine the millage rate to fund the budget; adopt a millage rate.
2. Receive both the public and City Commissioners' comments regarding the budget and answer questions.
3. Pass a resolution setting the millage rate to be levied and adopt a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Finance Director Graham read Resolution No. 2013-18 in its entirety.

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Vice Mayor Neidinger opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Resident Billie Williams, Pasadena Isle, spoke regarding the budget summary ad and asked for a breakdown of the budget.

Commissioner Penny stated that Finance Director Graham could provide a breakdown of the budget to Ms. Williams.

There being no further public comment, Vice Mayor Neidinger closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOWRY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2013-18.

Commissioner Howry thanked everyone for having a sound budget. He stated that the city has had the same millage rate for the last several years.

Commissioner Penny stated that aggregate property taxes have been on a downward trend since fiscal year 2006. He further stated that when property taxes go down, then revenue for the city decreases. He said that the city has been able to maintain the same millage rate for the last several years, but will have to use \$744,000 from Fund Balance to cover the budget.

Vice Mayor Neidinger stated the budget was a long and detailed process and that Department Heads kept expenses down.

Commissioner Penny stated that South Pasadena has the third lowest millage rate in Pinellas County.

Commissioner Elson stated that we are fortunate to have a solid reserve to draw from, but that it can't continue.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER HOWRY	AYE
	COMMISSIONER ELSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER PENNY	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
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- ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - THIRD AND FINAL READING.

Finance Director Graham read Ordinance No. 2013-02 by title.

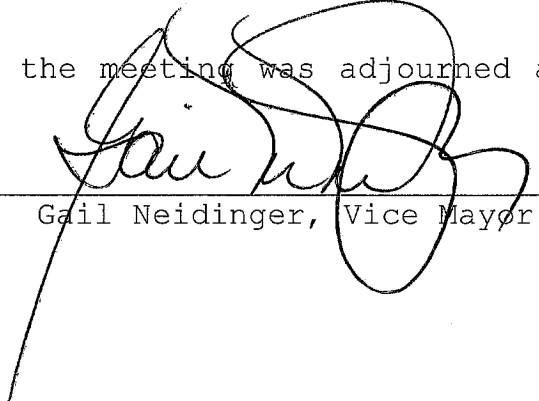
Vice Mayor Neidinger opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. There being no public comment, Vice Mayor Neidinger closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02 ON THIRD AND FINAL READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER ELSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER PENNY	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER HOWRY	AYE

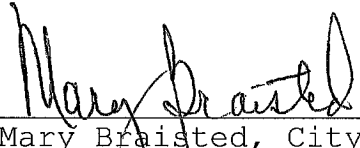
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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Gail Neidinger, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Braisted, City Clerk
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