

A Special Meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Former Apalachicola Municipal Library, 74 6th Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Despina George, City Manager Travis Wade, City Clerk Sheneidra Cummings, Finance Director Lee Mathes

Special meeting called to order by Mayor Ash followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Motion to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner George. Motion carried 5 to 0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **FDOT-MSCOP (Leslie Street) Construction Award**

Manager Wade provided an update on the Leslie Street Construction Services contract and provided bid information for the Commission to approve.

Mayor Ash read the bids aloud for the record. The Bids that were submitted were as follows:

Pyatt Asphalt & Site Work LLC: \$ 346,062.00

CW Roberts Inc.: \$ 611, 897.00

Roberts & Roberts Inc: \$ 422,293.35

North Florida Construction Inc.: \$ 320, 610.000

It was the recommendation of Staff to accept the bid from North Florida Construction Inc. for \$ 320, 610.00.

A motion was made to accept the Staff's recommendation to award the FDOT-MSCOP construction bid to North Florida Construction Inc. for \$320, 610.00, seconded by Commissioner George. Discussion, Commissioner George. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made to authorize Staff to enter contract negotiations with north Florida Construction Inc., seconded by Commissioner George. None opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

### **TENATIVE MILLAGE RATE ADOPTION**

Commissioner George informed the Board that the City has received the Certification of Taxable Value report from the County, stating that the City's gross taxable value has increased 13.08% from the prior fiscal year to the sum of \$276, 461.210. Commissioner George stated that with the current millage rate of 8.3457 mills and the 13.08% increase in taxable value, the ad valorem tax revenue that the City would receive this upcoming fiscal year would increase by approximately \$266,000.00. Commissioner George went on to state that she recommends the City lower its millage rate and adopt the current millage rate of 8.3457 as the tentative millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

Finance Director Lee Mathes concurred with Commissioner George.

A motion was made by Commissioner George to set the tentative millage rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, at 8.3457 mills, seconded by Commissioner Elliott with Discussion. Motion failed 2-1, Commissioner Elliott opposed.

Discussion held.

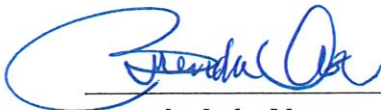
Motion made by Commissioner Elliott to adopt a tentative millage rate of 10 mills that was recommended in the Board action request, no second. Motion failed for lack of second.

Finance Director Lee Mathes informed the Board that a tentative millage rate must be adopted by August 1<sup>st</sup>, and if a tentative rate is not adopted at this meeting, the Commission would need to hold another special meeting to set the tentative rate before the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

A motion was made by Mayor Ash to reconsider the motion to adopt the tentative millage rate proposed by Commissioner George and Commissioner Elliott, which included a subsequent motion to adopt a tentative millage rate of 9 mills made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner George. None opposed. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner George. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Special Meeting adjourned.**



**Brenda Ash, Mayor**



**Sheneidra Cummings, City Clerk**