



**Town of Ponce Inlet
Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2023**

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to proper notice, Mayor Paritsky called the meeting to
7 order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

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9 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Paritsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 **3. ROLL CALL:**

12 **Town Council:**

13 Mayor Paritsky, Seat #1
14 Councilmember Milano, Seat #2
15 Councilmember Caswell, Seat #3
16 Councilmember Villanella, Seat #4
17 Vice-Mayor Smith, Seat #5

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19 **Staff Members Present:**

20 Mr. Baker, Chief Building Official
21 Mr. Disher, Town Manager
22 Ms. French, Cultural Services Manager
23 Ms. Gjessing, Permit Technician
24 Chief Glazier, Police Department
25 Ms. Hall, Accountant/Grants Coordinator
26 Ms. Hugler, FD Office Manager
27 Ms. McColl, Finance Director
28 Chief Scales, Public Safety Director *pro tem*
29 Ms. Stewart, Assistant Deputy Clerk

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31 **4. RESOLUTION 2023-10, Request for transfer of appropriations.** Ms. Stewart read the
32 Resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA,
33 AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN'S BUDGET
34 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Chief Scales
35 stated that this request is to cover mission-critical equipment and draw from the capital
36 improvement funds to cover the costs of these items: town hall and police department HVAC
37 evaporator replacements, and fire department's HVAC system, and replacement of the PTO
38 (power-take-off) generator for the primary fire engine.

39 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment; hearing none, she closed public comment.

40 Councilmember Milano moved to approve Resolution 2023-10; seconded by Councilmember
41 Caswell. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Councilmember Milano – yes;
42 Councilmember Caswell – yes, Mayor Paritsky – yes; Councilmember Villanella – yes; Vice-
43 Mayor Smith – yes.

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45 **5. Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.** Mr. Disher noted that
46 the budget memo and proposed budget were distributed last week and questions from the public
47 have been answered and posted to the Town's [website](#). He reviewed his [presentation](#) which
48 recapped the budget process for tonight's meeting, noting the items that had been added and
49 removed since the Council reviewed the first draft of the budget this past July. He emphasized that
50 the proposed budget is to maintain and enhance the level of service for the Town, as embodied in
51 the Town's Vision Statement and Mission Statement. Council discussed the following items (A
52 and B) jointly and in greater [detail](#).

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54 **A. RESOLUTION 2023-11, Adopting a tentative millage rate for fiscal year**
55 **2023/2024.** Ms. Stewart read the Resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF
56 PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE
57 RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL
58 PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
59 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; STATING THE
60 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE TO BE LEVIED IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE
61 ROLLED BACK RATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
62 CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. It was
63 noted that the tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2023 through
64 September 30, 2024 is **6.2779 mills**, which is a **28.23% increase** above the rolled-back rate of
65 **4.8960 mills**.

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67 Councilmember Villanella moved to approve Resolution 2023-11 at a millage rate of 6.3 mills.
68 The motion died for lack of a second.

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70 Councilmember Milano moved to approve Resolution 2023-11 at the millage rate of 6.2779 mills;
71 the motion was seconded by Councilmember Villanella. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the
72 following vote: Councilmember Milano – yes; Councilmember Villanella – yes; Mayor Paritsky –
73 yes; Councilmember Villanella – yes; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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75 **B. ORDINANCE 2023-04, First reading incorporating the final audited budget**
76 **of fiscal year 2021/2022, amending the budget for fiscal year 2022/2023, and adopting the**
77 **budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.** Ms. Stewart read the Ordinance by title only. AN
78 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA INCORPORATING THE
79 FINAL AUDITED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER
80 1, 2021 AND ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL
81 YEAR 2022-2023 WHICH BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30,
82 2023; ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WHICH WILL BEGIN
83 ON OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR
84 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING
85 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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87 Mayor Paritsky opened public participation. The following residents asked questions and
88 commented on the proposed budget - Mike Mirage, 15 Mar Azul N; Councilmember-elect Skip

89 White, 4885 S. Atlantic Avenue; Steve Field, 6 Mar Azul N; and Mark Oebbecke, 4758 S.
90 Peninsula Drive. Mayor Paritsky closed public participation.

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92 Councilmember Milano moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 2023-04; the motion was
93 seconded by Councilmember Villanella. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote:
94 Councilmember Milano – yes; Councilmember Villanella – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes;
95 Councilmember Villanella – yes; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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97 **6. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Mayor Paritsky adjourned the meeting at
98 6:49 PM.

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100 Respectfully submitted by:

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102 Kim Cherbano

103 Kim Cherbano, CMC / Town Clerk
104 Prepared by: Peg Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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106 Attachment(s): None.