

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:01 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date for the 2015/16 FY Tentative Budget Public Hearing at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Hepfer  
Vice President Ryan  
Councilwoman Bega  
Councilman McBride  
Councilman Hinkle  
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, Asst. City Manager Williams, Finance Director Chiodo, and City Clerk Davis.

The following Notice was served to all Council, Mayor, Media, publicly posted, and TRIM'S were mailed to each City of Inverness property owner by the Property Appraiser's Office.

**NOTICE**  
**INVERNESS 2015/16 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE CHANGES**

BE ADVISED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR THE 2015-16 FY ARE CALLED FOR BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, AT 212 W. MAIN STREET, INVERNESS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 5:01pm Tentative Budget Adoption – 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 5:01pm Final Budget Adoption – Final Public Hearing**

/s/ Jacquie Hepfer  
President of City Council

Council President Hepfer stated the purpose of this hearing was to tentatively adopt a property tax rate (or millage) and budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the City of Inverness. A proposed property tax rate was advertised on the TRIM notices of 6.9949 mills. The City Budget has been finalized using the rate 6.9949 mills. The Tentative millage rate is greater than the rolled back rate of 5.6679 mills by 23.41%. President Hepfer stated the ad-valorem taxes are increasing based on the addition of Citrus Memorial Hospital to the tax rolls increasing the property values by \$74,761,330 which represents 74.16% of the total property valuation increases for the ensuing year's budget. 95% of the increases in ad-valorem revenues from the hospital are dedicated to the

Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$481,770 and have been incorporated in the proposed budget.

Council input:

Councilman McBride questioned last year's millage rate being the same as last years, he asked why wouldn't we refer back to the rollback rate as being 6.9949 mills? City Manager explained that the roll back is defined in the state of Florida as the rate that brings in the exact same amount of money. In this case, based on the addition of the Hospital, it would push the rate to 5.6679 mills.

President Hepfer asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Council as to any item within the Budget or millage levy.

There was no one from the public that wished to speak.

President Hepfer advised that proposed budget was developed using the rate of 6.9949 mills. The next motion must be to adopt the tentative millage rate. Any budget amendments may be made after adoption of the tentative millage rate. She asked if there was motion to read the Tentative Mill Levy Resolution by title only.

**Councilwoman Bega motioned to read the Resolution by title only. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015- 12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF INVERNESS FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Councilman Ryan moved to adopt the Resolution, tentatively adopting the millage rate. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; Councilman Ryan, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

President Hepfer then stated the next item for consideration was the Ordinance to adopt the City Budget for fiscal year 2015/2016. She asked if there was a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. **Councilman Hinkle motioned to read the Ordinance by title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motion carried.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-711**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR PROPOSED EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING TAXABLE VALUES; PROVIDING FOR OPERATIVE FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURES DURING FISCAL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT HOLD OVER FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

President Hepfer asked if there was a motion to tentatively adopt the Budget Ordinance for 2015-2016 fiscal year as proposed on the first reading. **Councilman Hinkle motioned to tentatively adopt the Budget Ordinance for 2015/2016 fiscal year as proposed by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilman Ryan. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; Councilman Ryan, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

City Manager DiGiovanni stated the second (final) Public Hearing to adopt the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:01pm in the Inverness City Government Center, 212 West Main Street, Inverness, FL.

The meeting adjourned @ 5:07 pm.

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**City Clerk**

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**Council President**