

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Roll Call:** Present were Councilmembers Julie "Jewels" Chandler, Pamela Gunn, and John Pietrowski; Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro, Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer, City Manager Nancy Gonzalez, City Clerk Patricia Gentry, and Finance Officer Melanie Kruszona. Councilmembers Jeril Cohen and Mitchell Krach were unable to attend.

**1. Consideration of setting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2017-2018.  
(Finance Officer) (see backup)**

Finance Officer Kruszona stated that typically each year Council sets the tentative millage rate a little higher, as legally you cannot increase the millage rate for your budget, you can only reduce it. However, based on the previous meetings, she believed it may be prudent to set the tentative millage rate at the millage rate the proposed budget is based on - 2.0394 mils. Then, when the Pinellas County TRIM notices go out they will reflect the proposed millage rate of 2.0394 mils, as the consensus of Council at the last budget workshop was to not raise the millage rate, but have it remain the same as the previous year.

Ms. Kruszona requested that City Council approve the Budget Calendar and the tentative millage rate.

**MOTION** was made by Vice Mayor Schwerer and seconded by Councilmember Chandler to approve the Budget Calendar and set the Tentative Millage Rate at 2.0394 mils.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by Councilmember Chandler to adjourn the meeting.

August 7, 2017  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Ford Notaro  
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor

ATTEST: Patricia A. Gentry  
Patricia A. Gentry, CMC, City Clerk