



**MINUTES
BUDGET HEARING
840 WEST 11TH STREET
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 5:01 P.M.**

1. Opening Prayer with Commissioner Josh Street, Finance Pastor, Northstar Church.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll Call.

City Clerk-Treasurer Janette Smith called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Allan Branch, Commissioners Brian Grainger, Josh Street, Robbie Hughes and Janice Lucas. Also present: City Manager Jonathan Hayes, City Attorney Nevin Zimmerman and Assistant City Managers Jared Jones and Brandy Waldron.

4. Audience Participation **(Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes).**

There was no audience participation.

5. Consideration and approval of Resolution 20250909.2 to adopt the tentative millage rates for the City of Panama City and Downtown Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mayor Branch announced the public hearing.

Commissioner Grainger moved for approval of Resolution 20250909.2 to adopt the tentative millage rates of 4.7999 mills for the City of Panama City and 3.0000 mills for the Downtown Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2026. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Brian Grainger, Josh Street, Robbie Hughes, Janice Lucas and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION 20250909.2

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA AND THE PANAMA CITY DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR OPERATING PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

6. Consideration and approval of Resolution 20250909.3 to adopt the tentative Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Panama City and Downtown Improvement District.

Mayor Branch announced the public hearing.

Gregory Dossie, PO Box 358942, Panama City; Dr. Rufus Wood, 1911 E 10th St., Panama City; addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Lucas moved for approval of Resolution 20250909.3 to adopt the tentative Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Panama City and Downtown Improvement District. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Brian Grainger, Josh Street, Robbie Hughes, Janice Lucas and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution was read by title only as shown below:

RESOLUTION 20250909.3

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, AND THE PANAMA CITY DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

7. Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Grainger motioned to adjourn. On a roll call vote, Commissioners Brian Grainger, Josh Street, Robbie Hughes, Janice Lucas and Mayor Allan Branch voted "YEA". "NAYS" - none. The City Clerk certified the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.