



City Hall Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road SE
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

City of Bonita Springs
City Council
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 23, 2026
5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Gibson called the hearing to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Invocation** - Provided by Pastor Bill Gilmore of First Presbyterian Church.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call** - The Clerk called the roll:

Present: 7 Council Member Bogacz, Deputy Mayor Purdon, Council Member Carr, Mayor Gibson, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick, Council Member Fitzpatrick.

Absent: 0

5. **Public Comment on Budget Hearing Agenda Items**

Mayor Gibson opened the floor for public comment; however, no public speakers came forward.

6. **Adopt a Resolution for the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.** (Green Sheet 26-09-156)

The Clerk read the proposed Resolution into the record, including the percent by which the proposed millage rate of 0.8470 mills exceeds the rolled-back rate, and that the final millage rate is established to fund the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, and the resulting increase in ad valorem tax revenues is necessary to fund various storm water improvements, transportation improvements, environmental protection projects, community aesthetics projects, and other capital projects.

Council Member Corrie motioned to adopt the final millage rate of 0.8470 mills; Seconded by Council Member Fullick. Council Members discussed setting the prior year rate of 0.8470 mills versus adopting the rolled-back rate of 0.8411 mills, noting that the rolled-back rate would generate approximately \$109,000 less in ad valorem revenue.

The Clerk restated the motion to adopt the final millage rate of 0.8470 mills and conducted a roll-call vote. The results were: Aye – Fullick, Bogacz, Fitzpatrick, and Corrie; No – Carr, Gibson, and Purdon. **The Clerk announced that the motion failed 4-3, as it did not achieve the two-thirds majority required under Florida Statute 200.065.**

Council Member Fullick motioned to adopt the final millage rate at the rolled back rate of 0.8411; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Purdon. The Clerk conducted a roll-call vote. The results were: Aye – Bogacz, Gibson, Purdon, Fullick, and Carr; No – Corrie and Fitzpatrick. **The Clerk announced that the motion carried 5-2. Resolution 26-027 was adopted.**

7. **Adopt a Resolution for the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.** (Green Sheet 26-09-157)

The Clerk read the proposed Resolution into the record, including the appropriations and revenue estimates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Deputy Mayor Purdon motioned to adopt the final budget; Seconded by Council Member Fitzpatrick. Council Members discussed where the projected \$109,000 reduction in ad valorem revenue might be absorbed. City Manager Hunter advised that these adjustments did not need to be decided at this meeting and would not affect the adoption of the budget itself. The Clerk conducted a roll-call vote. **The motion carried 6-1 (Corrie opposed). Resolution 26-028 was adopted.**

8. **Public Comment:** Mayor Gibson opened the floor for public comment:

Ron George – Supportive of Council's adoption of the rolled back rate, stating it's a positive signal to send.

9. **Adjournment:** The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 10/17/26


Mike Gibson, Mayor

PREPARED AND ATTESTED BY:


Michael J. Sheffield, City Clerk