MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

October 11, 2022

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Three Cocoa Pastors provided the invocation and several V-Cops led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	Lavander Hearn	Deputy Mayor
	Rip Dyal	Councilmember
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director; Samantha Senger, Asst. to the CM/PIO; Evander Collier, Chief of Police; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Robert Beach, Chief Technology Officer; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director/Acting Growth & Economic Development Director; Commander Tony Marchica, Cocoa Police Department; Commander Pat Dovale, Cocoa Police Department; Erik Montgomery, Helpdesk Support Tech; and several members of the Cocoa Police Department.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022. (22-593)

2. Minutes: n/a

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn, to Amend the Agenda to Remove Item III.1, a presentation by Cocoa High School as they cannot attend tonight's meeting and will reschedule their presentation. Amend Consent Item V.6 (File ID 22-617), to include C & D and mixed waste per both contracts. There will be no additional budgetary impacts. Lastly, add City Business Item VIII.1 (22-624), which is an emergency item regarding repairs at the Dyal Water Treatment Plant. This will make the item under Multi-Year Contracts VIII.1(b).**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

~~1. Presentation by Cocoa High School. (22-558). (Mark Carstens, Cocoa High School Athletic Director)~~

- **This item was removed from the agenda.**

2. Presentation by the Brevard County School Board. (Sue Hann, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities)

Sue Hann with Brevard County Schools, provided a presentation[1] in regards to the millage rate being proposed on the ballot in the upcoming election. She advised that she was thankful for the City being a leader in the County for its partnership with the school board.

The item on the ballot would increase the millage by 1 mill for four years. She explained in furtherance what the increase would do and why it was being requested.

Mayor Blake noted for the record that Superintendent Mullins would not receive a pay increase from this and it will go directly to those programs noted in the

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1 EXHIBIT A: Presentation by Brevard County Public Schools

presentation. He thanked her for attending the meeting and for the precise presentation.

3. Proclamation: Proclaiming the month of September 15-October 15, 2022 as: "Hispanic Heritage Month". (22-600). (Deputy Mayor Hearn)

Deputy Mayor Hearn read the proclamation into the record. A representative, Samantha Rosario, received the proclamation and thanked the City. She spoke about this years' theme and noted it was their 25th anniversary.

4. Proclamation: Proclaiming the month of October 2022 as "Cybersecurity Awareness Month". (22-613). (Chief Technology Officer)

Rob Beach, Chief Technology Officer, read the proclamation into the record.

IV. Delegations:

Clarence Whipple, Jr. Cocoa resident, spoke on behalf of his family, as a citizen, and as President of the Central Brevard NAACP. He wanted to show support for the Mayor, City Manager and the Chief of Police, all who are of African American descent. He was supporting the Police Chief as there was too much bad publicity that he does not deserve. He loves what the Chief has done in the community and thanked all of them for the job they are doing.

Paul Kamus, Cocoa resident, mentioned the new fire truck that is on its way to be built. He felt they needed a booster reel on the truck and if anyone wanted to speak with him about it they could give him a call.

Rev. J.B. Dennis, National Action Network, Cocoa, mentioned the racist opinions that are a distraction to businesses. He was thankful for Resolution No. 2018-097 regarding the Police Advisory Board and spoke about issues with prior police chiefs. He felt that the distraction of the police union was not working. He believes the Police Chief will retire in Cocoa and the Union's vote of no-confidence would be rescinded.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Avenue, showed a framed photo of a card table that he was donating to the City. It was from 1892-1893. The table will be donated to the Florida Historical Society. He has donated four other framed photos of the City prior to this.

Pam Shaia, Cocoa business owner, spoke on behalf of the Historic Cocoa Village Main Street, noting that the Village is high density and the challenges vary day to

night. They work very closely with the Cocoa Police Department, who provides programs and education to the merchants on how they can protect themselves in the Village. Within the past year they have seen a reduction in the areas of concern due to the proactive policing.

Bobby McCulley, with Matthews Hope, shared information on Hurricane Ian. He stated that they housed about sixty people and could not have done it without the help of the Cocoa Police Department and the community. They were very appreciative of that.

Meredith Lidstone, Cocoa resident, asked what kind of team Cocoa is as she sees two type of teams. Issues from the City have been on Facebook and she believes that if she were a member of Team Cocoa she would think there was a problem with the amount of turnover and the reports of the IA supervisor. She felt that burying things was not the right way to handle it.

Kathy Hamilton-Brown, Cocoa resident, has lived in Cocoa for fifty-two years. She was on the committee to hire the Police Chief and they narrowed it down to five. Chief Collier was one of the five. The committee was a diverse ethnic group and they chose the right person to bring to the City. There are going to be trials and tribulations, but she thanked the Chief for doing a great job this last year. She further thanked him for the community walks he does. You cannot please everyone but you have to reflect on what you do.

George Brown, Jr., Cocoa, has lived in Cocoa for forty-eight years and feels it is a good place to live. He provided a history of the area he lives in and explained how it was back then compared to today. He has never had any problems because there is respect. He believed the choice of the Police Chief was the right one and whether you like it or not he is the boss. He believed things could be worked out.

Kevin Rude, owner of Motor Works (across from the Police Department), in Cocoa, stated there was a business next to him who was putting up a fence due to crime. There are massive amounts of drugs and needles and they had to move the dumpster to the back. They can see the homeless from their showroom. The crime in the City has gone up and has gotten worse since he bought the building in 2015. These are serious times and he felt you lead from the top down.

Brenda Fox, Cocoa resident, mentioned the meaning of "No-Confidence" and asked if they looked at the Police Chief's credentials. It sounds more like personal dislikes. Officers are supposed to be professional and are hired to serve and

protect the citizens of Cocoa. She mentioned the friendships with the previous chief and now that there is a new chief some are having to work harder. There is a new Chief with new policies and new expectations.

Robert Johnson, Cocoa resident, is a missionary and wanted to speak to the heart of everyone. They called on the Chief to be a change maker and that is what he is doing because there are problems here. He grew up here and spoke about past problems in the City. It is a toxic atmosphere. Some do not want change due to their sense of entitlement and they do not want accountability.

* **Motion by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Mayor Blake, to extend Delegations for thirty minutes.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Janis Smith, Cocoa resident, mentioned development and that some people do not want change. She spoke about clear-cutting and building in low lying areas and the flooding that could happen in those areas. The properties in question are on SR 524.

Donna Kettner, owner of Green Apples in Cocoa, spoke about the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 07-2022 and of the outcome of the meeting on March 22, 2022. She was at the meeting and there were a lot of people against the ordinance. She wished that when a big project like this becomes the future of the downtown there would be more meetings to go over things more thoroughly. Additionally, she mentioned that she is paying to park as there is no parking in the downtown.

Anita Gibson, Cocoa resident, voiced her support of Chief Collier. She stated that the crime rate was down and crime stats say it is down. She cannot fathom that if a business owner had a problem they cannot speak with the Chief. She hoped that in the future the Police Department comes together as one. She has requested a Cold Case Unit and understands that this will take time to develop. She feels comfortable with what the Chief has done with her personal case and it shows that he cares.

Dick Bankhead, Cocoa resident, challenged everyone to pull up Cocoa's crime rates when they get home tonight. You will see that they live in a very dangerous place and it is very serious. However, it was like that before and that is why they

tried to make a change. He also served on the hiring committee with Ms. Hamilton-Brown and they worked hard, as they were looking for the best person. One of his own conditions was to not color their skin and all five were excellent candidates. He believes the right choice was made. This year the crime rate was down by 14%.

Tammie Hilton, Rockledge resident, takes care of a lot of people in the City as a home health nurse. She has also been involved with the Cocoa Police Department for about eight years. In the past there were death threats to officers and she has watched officers not being family, become family. She has also watched officers pray together before leaving the Police Department because they were afraid for their lives. She does not know the Chief but knows of the changes she is seeing. She is the one that the Chief should be mad at and provided Council with a packet of information earlier in the day in regards to the Chief.

Terrence Thomas, Cocoa resident, was glad for the new Chief and feels he has been fair. He grew up here and the crime rate is down. He believes the department needs to come together with citizen patrols, and they should all come together in support of the Chief.

Pastor Steve Brock, shared a story about a person who was killed in police custody in Mississippi. His mother had been killed in police custody eleven years prior. There are always issues in the black community. He stated that he met the incoming Police Chief and felt that he has gone above and beyond to do things necessary to ensure citizens that they have a police department they can trust and that is supported due to the leadership and accountability they have been held to. People do not like change and they do not like leadership or to be held accountable.

V. Consent Agenda:

(A) General Consent Items:

1. Approve Task Order 2023-31 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to Prepare and Submit the Sellers Water Reclamation Domestic Wastewater Permit Renewal; Approve a Budget Resolution, Amending the FY2023 Budget, BAF #23-004-T in the amount of $50,913.68. (22-549). (Utilities Director)

2. Approval of an Agreement between the School Board of Brevard County, the Sheriff of Brevard County and the City of Cocoa for the Provision of Direct Radio Communication and Dispatch Services. (22-587). (Chief of Police)

3. Approval for the Mayor to sign the City's Tree City Application. Authorize the City Manager as the Mayor's designee to sign all subsequent Tree City Applications. (22-589). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

4. Approve and authorize an Exemption to Competitive Purchasing for the annual renewal of the Support Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc for the Aegis Public Safety software suite. (22-592). (Chief Technology Officer)

5. Approve a Budget Resolution adjusting the FY23 Budget, BAF# 23-009-T1&2, Transferring funds from the Growth and Economic Development Department to the Information Technology Department to fund the transfer of a GIS Analyst Specialist position from Growth and Economic Development to Information Technology. (22-611). (Chief Technology Officer)

6. Authorize the City Manager to issue the Notice to Proceed and issue Purchase Orders of $150,000 to Thompson Consulting Services, LLC. and $150,000 to CrowderGulf Joint Venture, Inc. for vegetative storm debris monitoring and removal. Authorize the City Manager to issue a total change order amount not to exceed $200,000 to be shared between both contractors, as needed. (22-617). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

(B) Multi-Year Contracts:

7. Approve participation in a Multi-Year Cooperative Purchasing Contract of the School Board of Brevard County (Brevard County COOP) for the purchasing of petroleum products utilizing contract number ITB 22-934-B-WH: (Diesel, Gasoline & Fuel Oils) with Glover Oil Company of Melbourne Florida. Authorize the City Manager to sign any contract renewal extension and authorize a Blanket Purchase Order to Glover Oil Company for city-wide fuel purchases FY23, and throughout the duration of the contract term, pending future budget approvals. (22-602). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Goins, to approve the Consent agenda.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

1. Ordinance No. 14-2022/ First Reading: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida; Amending Chapter 8 -Community Redevelopment; Adopting an Amendment to the Cocoa Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan to Authorize the City and Agency to Establish and Implement a Community Policing Program; Providing for the Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions, Incorporation into the Code, Severability, and an Effective Date. (22-573). (Community Services Director)

It was pointed out that this item was also brought forward to the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 14-2022 into the record, by title only, as follows. He noted this is first reading and the Cocoa CRA has recommended an amendment to their Plan, which has to be presented to both the City Council and Local Planning Agency.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 8 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COCOA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY AND AGENCY TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Neuterman spoke about the previous approvals and advised that this will come back for second reading at the meeting on October 25, 2022.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public. There being no further response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to approve the item.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Ordinance No. 05-2022/2nd & Final Reading: Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment - Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 05-2022 of the City of Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida readopting a Private Property Rights Element pursuant to Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes. (22-577). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 05-2022 into the record, by title only, as follows. He advised this was the second and final reading of the ordinance and he advised that this is the adoption hearing for this amendment. He provided a brief history of the Florida Legislature's change that requires cities to have a Property Rights Element.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCLUDE A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-2021, INCORPORATION INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND LEGAL STATUS OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public. There being no further response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded Deputy Mayor Hearn, to approve the item.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Ordinance No. 07-2022/2nd & Final Reading: Consideration of a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 07-2022 to create a comprehensive plan policy in the Future Land Use Element authorizing the City Council to approve by development agreement residential densities of up to 125 dwelling units per acre related to vertical mixed use projects within a very limited geographical area of approximately 4.5 acres, more or less, and designated mixed use on the future land use map and designated a Cocoa Village Subdistrict with a commercial/mixed use large (cl) building type on the Cocoa Waterfront Overlay District Regulating Plan; under certain terms and conditions deemed

necessary and acceptable to the City Council by development agreement. (22-575). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 07-2022 into the record, by title only, as follows. He advised this was the second and final reading of the ordinance. He noted this was the final reading and adoption reading. This was transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and the City received no comments from the agency. This ordinance only addresses maximum densities on just the limited properties identified.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A LARGE SCALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT; ADOPTING A POLICY IN THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE BY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES OF UP TO 125 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE RELATED TO VERTICAL MIXED USE PROJECTS WITHIN A VERY LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHICH IS GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG BREVARD AVENUE NEAR CITY HALL AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN BY PARCEL INFORMATION AND MAP THAT CONSISTS OF AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 4.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND IS DESIGNATED MIXED USE LAND USE ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND DESIGNATED COCOA VILLAGE SUBDISTRICT WITH A COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE LARGE (CL) BUILDING TYPE ON THE COCOA WATERFRONT OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATING PLAN; REQUIRING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE SUCH PROJECTS ON SUCH REAL PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS DEEMED NECESSARY AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO APPROVE SUCH PROJECTS BY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECT.

Mr. Smith added that this just addresses the densities and does not affect hotels, etc. and is limited to the areas depicted on the map shown. Each project will have a specific review when they come in and will require a Development Agreement, staff review, Planning & Zoning Board approval as well as Council approval. The height restriction comes in with the next item.

Councilmember Koss noted that Ms. Kettner mentioned this item and that there was overwhelming support for this at the March 22, 2022 meeting. She was also there and felt it was mixed support. She believed this is turning point and they needed to acknowledge the change. She moved here and knows many of her constituents moved here due to the charm of the Village. She has lived in big cities and scale makes a difference.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public.

Cole Oliver, Cocoa resident, spoke in favor of this item, although he knows that density causes concern. However, it provides flexibility to take projects by merit as they all still have to come back to Council. He has faith in them to judge each project by their merits and to hold those accountable that the projects fit what they are looking for.

Mac Osborne, owner of Travis Hardware, Cocoa, stated his family business has been here since 1885 and he has never seen this. People have been wanting to buy his property forever and he has said no. He has a problem when someone wants to come to the Village and develop straight up. Additionally, there is no parking.

Donna Kettner, Cocoa resident, was not against development but was against poor and ugly development. She believed that going eight stories high in the Village would kill it. She urged Council not to sell the Village to developers and to not change the interior part of the Village, as it is a jewel.

There being no further response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn, to approve the item, for discussion.**

Brief discussion was held on parking issues in the Village.

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins

NAYES: Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

4. Recommendation for the City Council to adopt on First Reading an amendment to Appendix A, Article XI, Section 13 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cocoa; adopting conforming zoning amendments to the Central Business District Regulations consistent with Ordinance 07-2022 adopting a policy in the Future Land Use Element Authorizing the City Council to approve by Development Agreement residential densities of up to 125 Dwelling Units per acre related to

vertical mixed use projects within a very limited area which is generally located along Brevard Ave. The affected parcels in the geographical area depicted on the map are ##s: 2426072, 2426071, 2426074, 2426037, 2426228, 2426229, and 2426230. (22-578). (Public Works Director/Interim Growth & Economic Development Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 10-2022 into the record, by title only, as follows. This is first reading and is a housekeeping ordinance since Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING APPENDIX A, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 13 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA; ADOPTING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH ORDINANCE 07-2022 ADOPTING A POLICY IN THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE BY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES OF UP TO 125 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE RELATED TO VERTICAL MIXED USE PROJECTS WITHIN A VERY LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHICH IS GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG BREVARD AVENUE NEAR CITY HALL AS DESCRIBED THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Garganese noted this ordinance makes reference to the Comp Plan amendment adopted in Ordinance No. 07-2022. He reiterated this is just a house keeping ordinance in order to reference in the CBD Zoning District.

Councilmember Koss questioned the hotel properties and their height level. Mr. Smith noted the hotel was already an approved use and this is residential. Councilmember Koss stated she is not against tall buildings and in the right location, they are great, her issue is where they put them.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public.

Pam Shaia, Cocoa business owner, asked the location of the project. In response, Mr. Smith showed the map of the properties and explained that these are not specific projects but if something comes in these are comp plan issues that would need to be reviewed.

Cole Oliver, Cocoa resident, reiterated his comments on the prior item and applauded Council for considering this.

There being no further response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn, to approve the item.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins

NAYES: Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

VII. Council Business:

1. Approval Resolutions No. 2022-105 and 2022-106, extending the declaration of emergency previously approved by the City Council pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-99 due to Hurricane Ian, retroactively, through October 14, 2022. (22-616). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman and Attorney Garganese explained the need of these resolutions and what the Resolutions entailed.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Goins, to approve Resolution No. 2022-105.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve Resolution No. 2022-106.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. City Business:

1. To Approve a Resolution Waiving the Competitive Bidding Process for the Purposes of Making Sole Source Purchases from Logan Diving and Salvage, Jacksonville, Florida, Atlantic Development, Cocoa, Florida, J. McKinnon, S&L Materials and DRMP, Inc. and Formaster to perform Emergency Assessments, Repairs Service and Materials to the Well Field Raw Water Pipes located on Weewahootee Road Project # ES22IN, and to approve a Resolution Amending the

FY2023 Budget to Reallocate $429,872 from the 39-00 Contingency Account to the Hurricane Ian Account (421-4011-525-46.00). (22-624). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh explained the item and noted that resolutions were being approved to make sole source purchases from at least five different vendors, as well as amending the budget to make repairs due to the hurricane. While the hurricane did not do much, it did flood out the wellfield at the Weewahootee Plant. Pipes were exposed but they did not break and he explained what they had to do to fix the problem very quickly. His goal was to stabilize the pipes and the second part of the emergency was explained in detail and was being done in order to protect the system.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy mayor Hearn, to approve the item.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Multi-Year Contracts:

None.

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Bi-Weekly Update Report: September 22-October 6, 2022. (22-615). (City Manager)

X. Reports:

Gregg Stoll provided information on the Space Coast TPO Citizens Advisory Committee representative. He shared that they have developed a Transportation Resiliency Master Plan and he explained in furtherance the plans' purpose. A short video was shown as well that was done by the TPO.

City Manager Whitten announced that the 29th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be held on November 5th. The City has one table budgeted as well as an ad for the program. There are five tickets for the event. He asked that Council let the City Clerk know if they plan to attend.

Chief Lamm provided an update Hurricane Ian and advised that we were blessed but the City did receive some damage. They assessed on Friday morning after

the storm and there was about a half a million in damages. It was further announced Brevard County would be receiving FEMA funding. There was standing water but nothing like Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. They will continue to monitor where the City is at in regards to emergency management and will report back to them as they move through the FEMA process.

Mayor Blake gave kudos to the Police and Fire Departments and all of the employees of the City, as he rode around with Lt. Dellatorre. Streets were clear and he thanked everyone, including citizens, for being proactive in the cleanup.

There is a Chief's Walk on Thursday, October 13, near A, B & C Street in District 2.

Councilmember Koss spoke about the Resiliency Plan and the flooding on Indian River Drive where about five homes were underwater for five days. This was a surge and is different than stormwater. It is a different situation than in other parts of the City.

She mentioned her attendance at an event by the Space Coast Economic Development Commission along with the Mayor today where they took part in a branding exercise. It was fun and called "Community Conversations". The information collected from the conversations and surveys from citizens will be divided into six focus groups to determine their brand.

In closing, she announced that the District 4 Town Hall meeting will be next Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6 pm at the Florida Solar Energy Center on Clearlake Road. It will be a no campaign zone.

Deputy Mayor Hearn attended an event at St. Marks called "River Kids" with Councilmember Koss. They took a lot of the younger kids to the river and they did a lot of experiments with the Lagoon. It was educational and they will continue this on a monthly basis.

He spoke about a modular unit at Endeavor for the Brevard Health Alliance. For the first couple of years it will be used for students and staff but in the future would be open to the community.

He shared that this Saturday he would be on Indian River Drive cleaning up the area as there is still a lot of debris. Anyone interested in joining him may do so and he will start around 8:00 a.m.

Councilmember Dyal appreciates the City staff for all they do.

He also asked about the timetable for the hotel. In response, City Manager Whitten stated that they had talked with Mr. Brown earlier in the day regarding the letter of credit, financing documentation and the bond for the contractor. There is no completion of any of those but they meet on Thursday for the bond document.

Councilmember Goins gave a shout out to Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration, Emma Jewel Charter Academy, the Police Department, and all others who stepped up for the National Night Out event. It was great and went well considering it happened so close after the hurricane.

He mentioned the gentlemen who spoke under Delegations from the Motor Works business and noted he would go by there tomorrow. Chief Collier advised that they were not aware of this and assured Council someone from the Police Department would go by as well.

Councilmember Goins believes that crime is not just a Cocoa thing. He mentioned a few organizations that came out this past weekend to feed and clothe the homeless. As a community everyone must step up and help. It is one thing to complain about the problem but you also have to get out and do the legwork. Everyone can do things better but it is up to the community as well.

He echoed the Mayor's comments about the staff and citizens work prior to the hurricane. They appreciate staff and what they do.

Councilmember Goins asked for a consensus from Council to request two extra tickets for the NAACP banquet.

* **CONSENSUS AMONG COUNCIL TO REQUEST TWO EXTRA TICKETS FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022.**

Mayor Blake showed photos from Jefferson Middle School where he attended the Tied Together Event. They taught kids how to tie a tie and how to give a person a firm hand shake.

He spoke of a meeting with the Brevard Homeless Coalition and gave kudos to all of them. He further mentioned his attendance at the branding event with Councilmember Koss.

Mayor Blake mentioned that he is reaching out to the Mayors of each community as well as Florida League of Cities to see how they can help kids in the cities that were deeply impacted by the hurricane in south Florida. They are working diligently to provide them with material things.

Mayor Blake thanked the Chief of Police for fixing the traffic light issue on Lake Drive.

In closing, he provided kudos to FPL as well as all other organizations who participated in the storm. He believes in Cocoa and Team Cocoa. He thanked everyone for what they do.

XI. Adjournment:

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Mayor Blake, to adjourn the Regular meeting of October 11, 2022.**

AYES: Blake, Hearn, Dyal, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Michael C. Blake

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF COCOA CORPORATE SEAL FLORIDA


Strengthening
Brevard's Future
Together
OUR MISSION
TO SERVE EVERY STUDENT WITH
EXCELLENCE AS THE STANDARD
Brevard
Public
Schools

WHO MAKES BPS GREAT!



Teachers – 4,009



Cafeteria Workers – 485



Instructional Assistants – 845



Bus Drivers – 275



Social Workers – 53



Custodial Staff – 604



ESE Specialists – 71



Media Specialists – 84

WHAT DOES BALLOT LANGUAGE SAY?

AD VALOREM MILLAGE TO INCREASE TEACHER PAY AND OTHER PURPOSES:
For increasing teacher and staff pay, funding for technical training for students, and other similar purposes, shall the School District of Brevard County authorize a one mill ad valorem millage for four years to ensure student achievement, recruit and retain teachers and staff with competitive salaries, and distribute funds as statute requires to charter schools based on their proportionate share of district enrollment, with all expenditures to be reviewed by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.

WAGE COMPRESSION

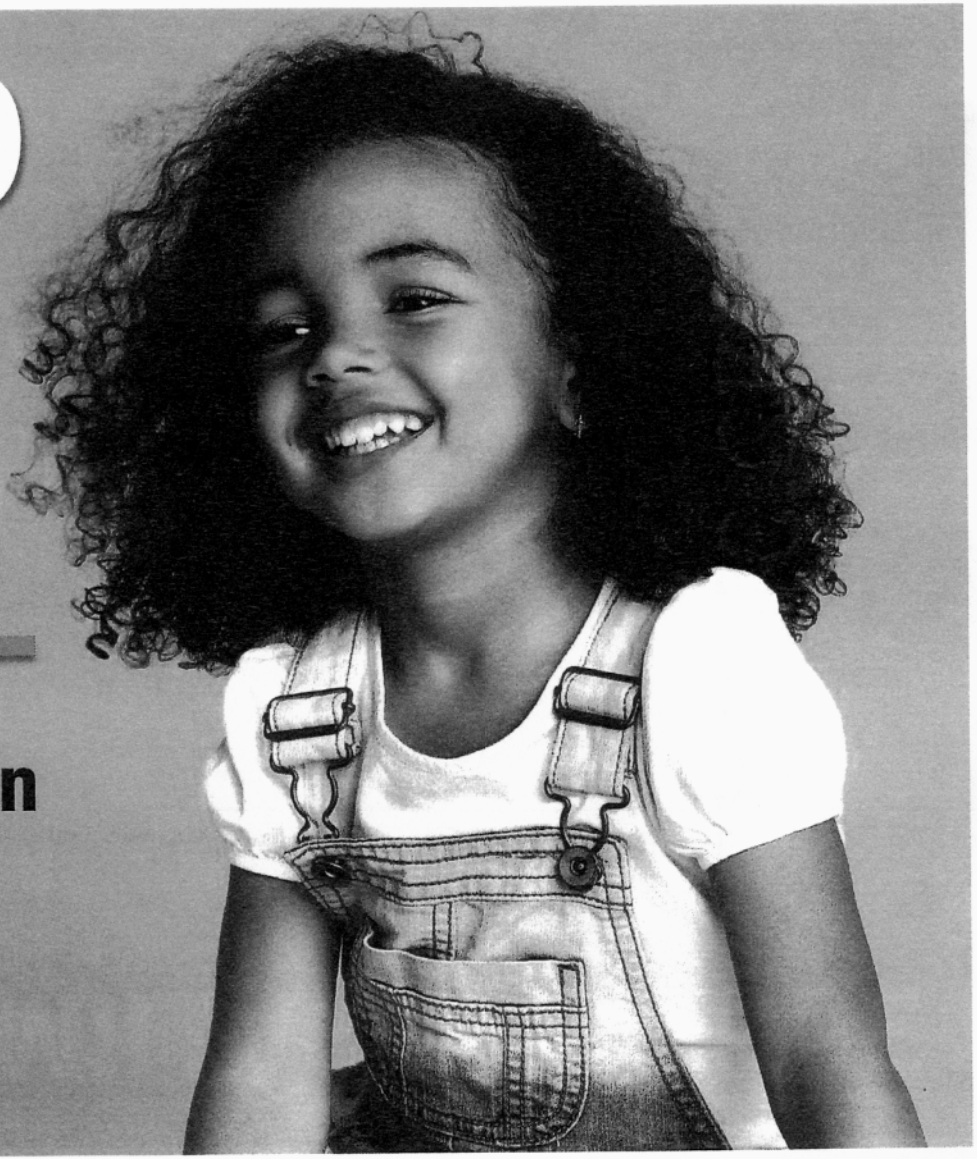
- **Teacher Salary Increase Allocation (TSIA) – Governor DeSantis Initiative**
- **Starting Teacher Pay Increased to $48,725 for 2022-23 School Year**
- **Average Teacher Pay: $51,599; 48th in the US***

  Source: FLDOE PK-12 Public Schools Data Publications and Reports
- **Voters Approved Minimum Wage Increase to $15.00 –**

  Effective October 1 / BPS Implemented August 30 (retro through July 1)

CHALLENGE: FINDING FUNDS TO EASE WAGE COMPRESSION

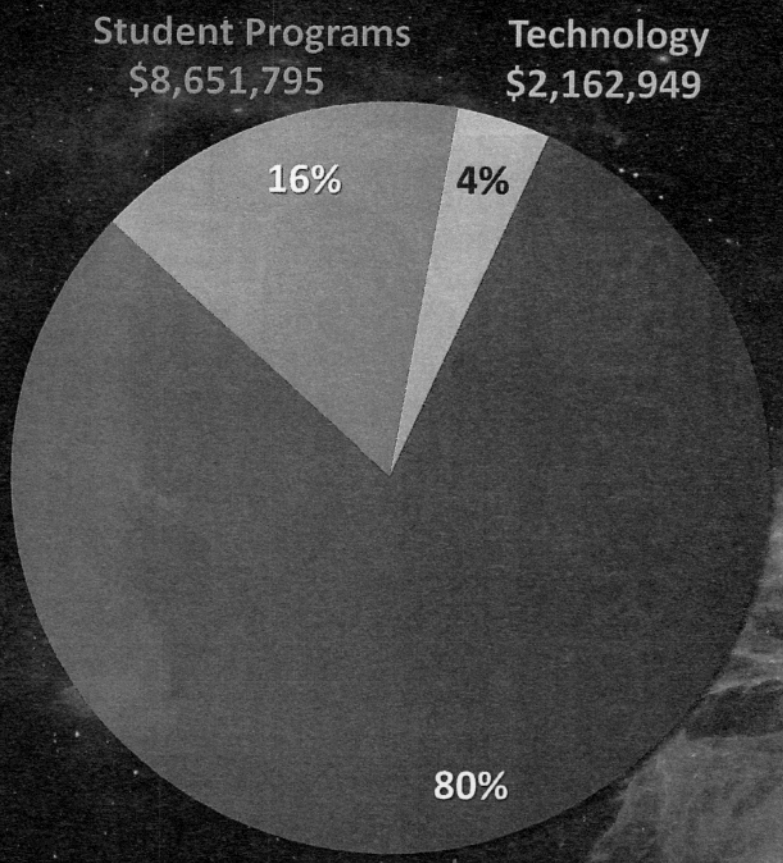
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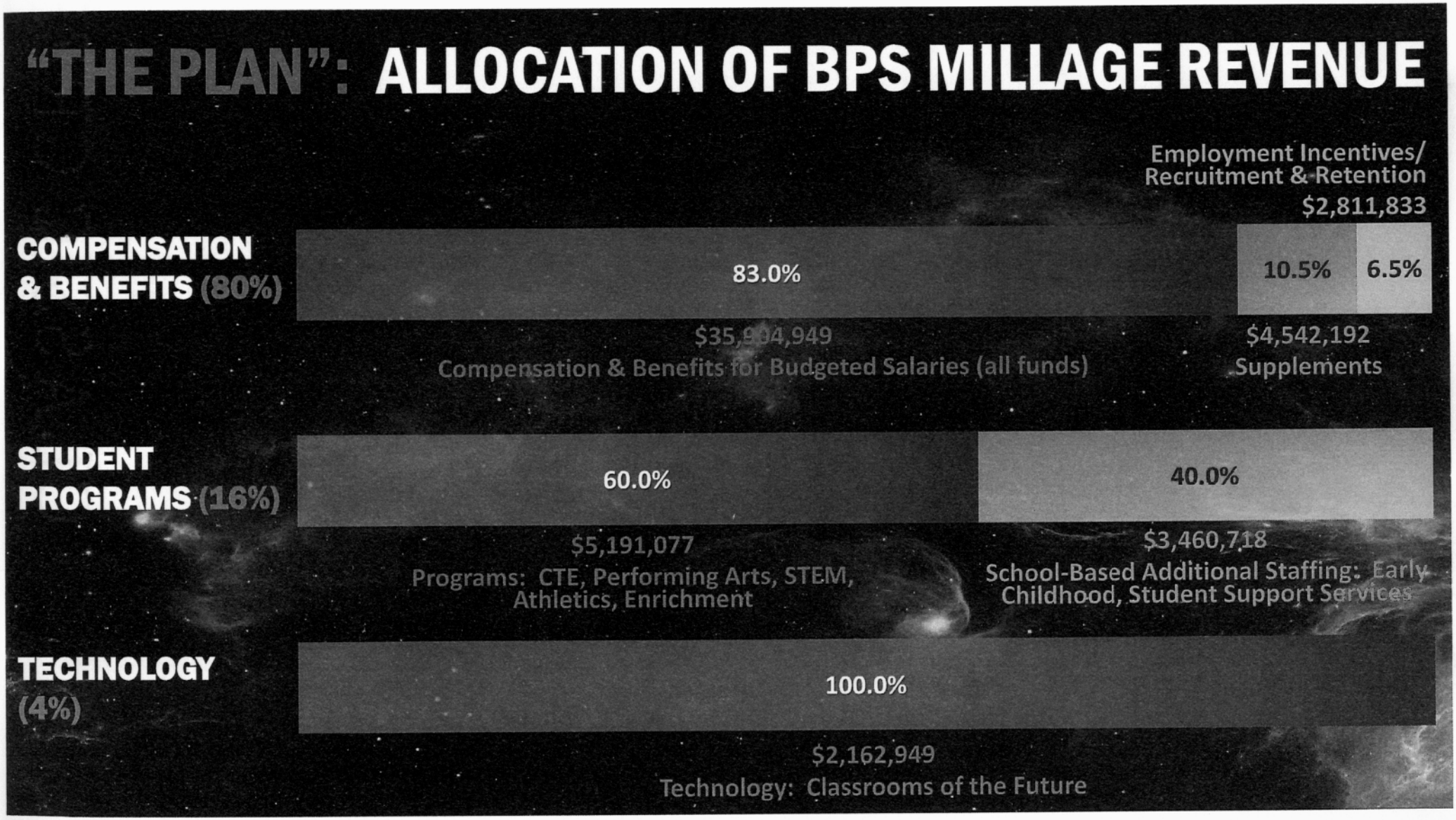
- 80% Employee Compensation
- 20% Student Programs

ALLOCATION OF BPS MILLAGE REVENUE

- Compensation and/or benefits for teachers and all employee groups
- Student program development, access, expansion and/or support
- Technology – Advancement of the Classroom of the Future initiative

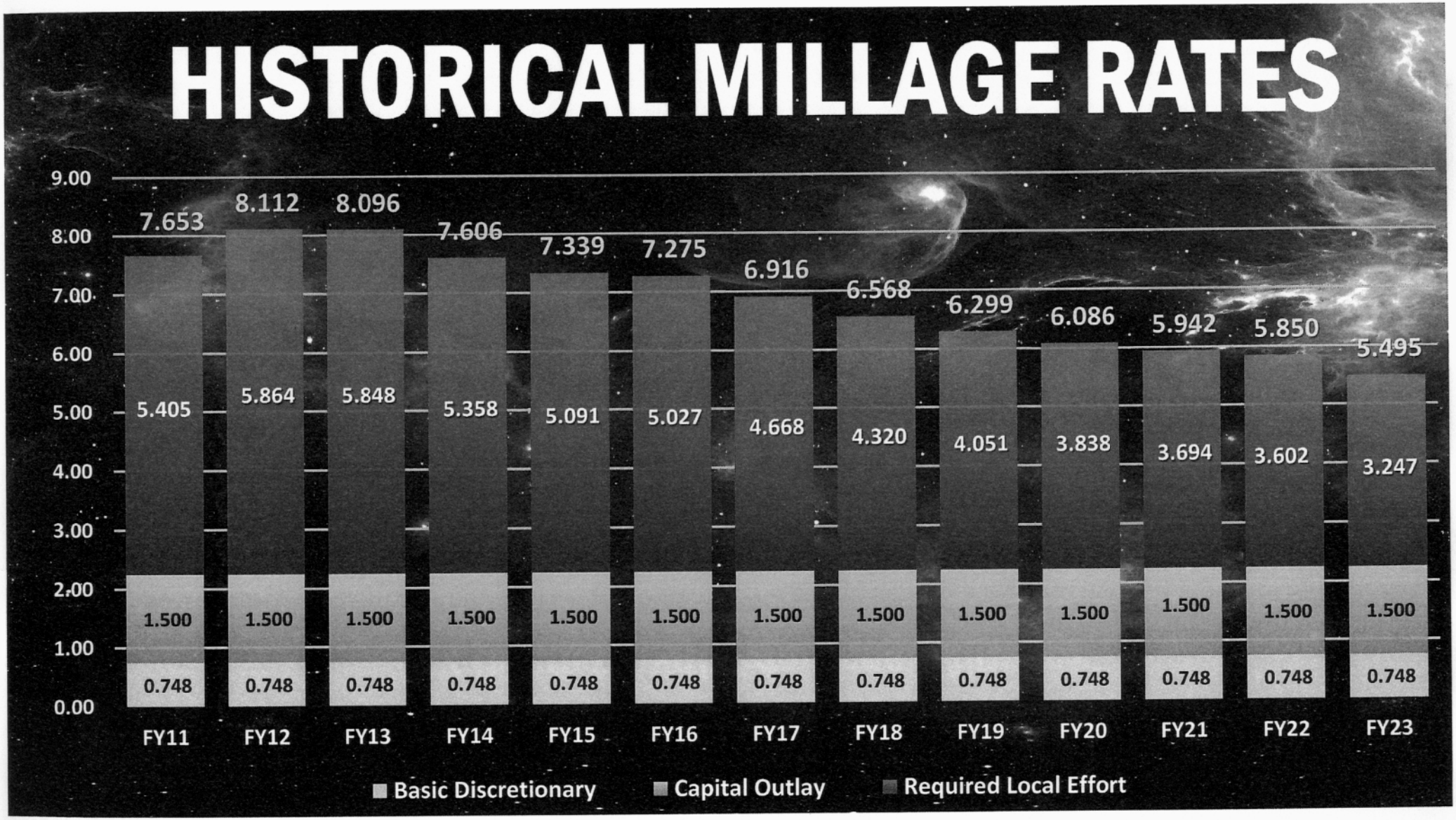


"THE PLAN": ALLOCATION OF BPS MILLAGE REVENUE



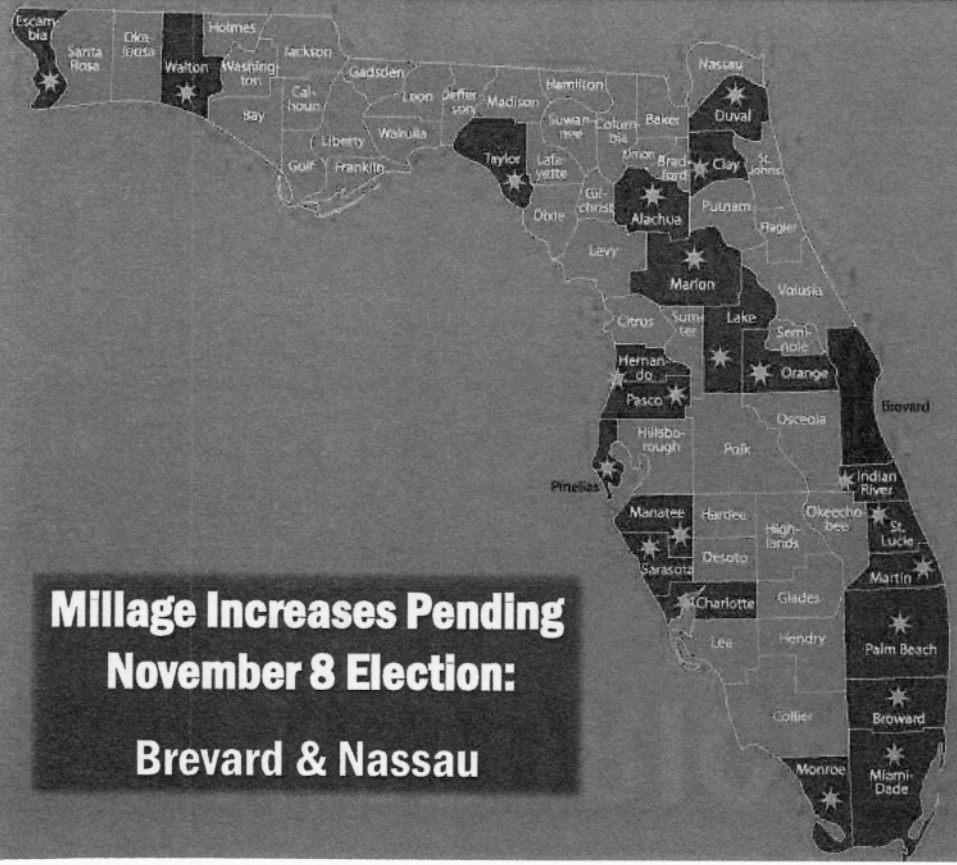
BREVARD'S SINGLE-FAMILY HOME

- Median Taxable Value: $153,100
- A 1 Mill Increase Impact = $153.10 Per Year or Approximately 42¢ Per Day


HISTORICAL MILLAGE RATES
9.00
8.00
7.00
6.00
5.00
4.00
3.00
2.00
1.00
0.00
7.653
8.112
8.096
7.606
7.339
7.275
6.916
6.568
6.299
6.086
5.942
5.850
5.495
5.405
5.864
5.848
5.358
5.091
5.027
4.668
4.320
4.051
3.838
3.694
3.602
3.247
1.500
0.748
FY11
FY12
FY13
FY14
FY15
FY16
FY17
FY18
FY19
FY20
FY21
FY22
FY23
Basic Discretionary
Capital Outlay
Required Local Effort

VOTER APPROVED MILLAGES IN FLORIDA

(22 Districts With Additional Millage)



Millage Increases Pending November 8 Election:

Brevard & Nassau

- Alachua
- Broward
- Charlotte
- Clay
- Escambia
- Hernando
- Duval
- Indian River
- Lake
- Manatee
- Marion
- Martin
- Miami-Dade
- Monroe
- Orange
- Palm Beach
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Sarasota
- St. Lucie
- Taylor
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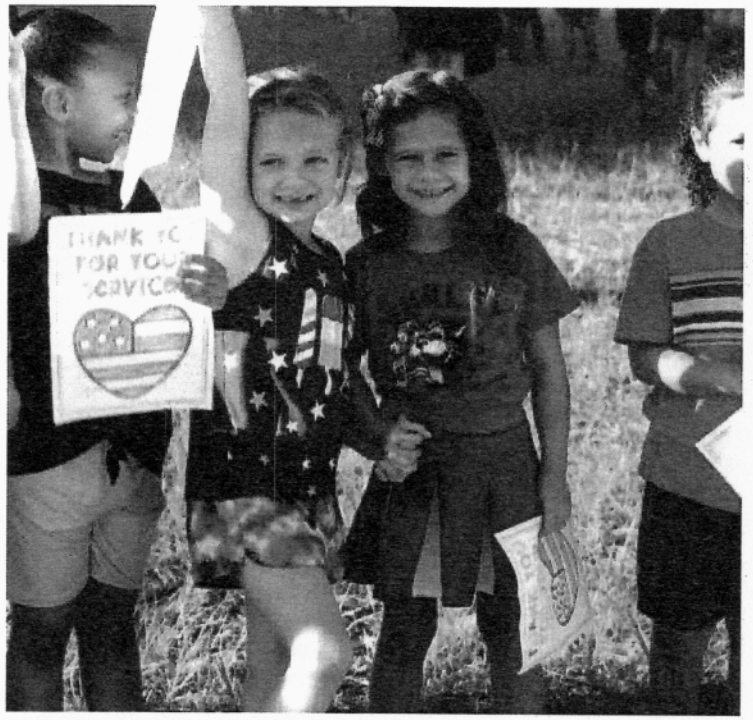


MILLAGE FAQS

Millage 2022

A Millage Referendum for BPS will be on the November 8th ballot.

Brevard Public Schools



HELPFUL LINKS

Email For Questions

Brevard County Voting Information


THANK
YOU
QUESTIONS