



**Minutes of the  
Crystal River City Council  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 12:45 p.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farley called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

**Council members Present:** Mayor Farley, Council member Gudis, Council member Fitzpatrick.

**Council members absent:** Vice Mayor Brown (Council member Holmes arrived at 12:48 p.m.)

**Staff Present:** City Manager Burnell, City Clerk Fink, Finance Director Michelle Russell.

Mayor Farley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Council member Gudis; seconded by Council member Fitzpatrick. Motion carried 3-0.**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

*(Time Limit of Three Minutes)*

**Robert Pitts – Crystal River-** Commented on the proposed millage rate of 4.5, commending staff and noting a raises should come with any increase in millage. He also discussed weekend overcrowding at city parks, and the potential to utilize trolleys to shuttle patrons to parking areas throughout the city.

Council member Gudis confirmed that the 4.5 figure was mills, rather than a percentage. Mayor Farley confirmed that the labor negotiations meeting, during which raises are discussed, was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. following the meeting.

*Council member Holmes arrives at 12:48 p.m.*

**4. CITY MANAGER**

*A. Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 18-R-20 setting Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) rate at 4.5 mills and Setting the Two Required Public Hearing Dates for September*

**Background:** [\[Agenda Sheet\]](#) **Requested Motion: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 18-R-20 setting Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) rate at 4.5 mills and Setting the Two Required Public Hearing Dates for September.**

**Summary:** City Council has been provided with copies of the Recommended Budget for FY2019. The recommended budget anticipates ad valorem revenues in the amount of \$2,036,806 and no change of the current millage rate of 4.5 mills. Council is being asked to take the following actions through adoption of Resolution 18-R-20.

**Adopt a Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) Rate of 4.5 Mills.**

Council is required to adopt a TRIM rate, which is the rate disseminated to the public to advise them of the potential tax levy for the upcoming year. The final millage rate adopted by Council can be lower than the TRIM rate, but not higher (unless an extensive public notice process is followed).

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**ATTEST:**

  
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MIA FINK, CITY CLERK

  
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JIM FARLEY, MAYOR

