



**CITY OF CLERMONT**  
**Special Meeting**  
**6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Welcome to our Council meeting. In the interest of time efficiency and ensuring that everyone who wishes to address the Council is given the opportunity to do so, the following will apply to all comments made by the public. Each speaker will be permitted three (3) minutes to address the Council. These time limits may be changed by the Mayor or by a majority vote of the Council. Thank you for participating in your City Government.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Item No. 1 - Resolution No. 2023-036R

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-036R adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 5.06

Item No. 2 - Resolution No. 2023-037R

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2023-037R adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Budget \$172,385,865.00

**ADJOURN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Meeting agendas are available on the city website and are posted within the first floor of City Hall.

Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (352) 241-7331 (Voice) no later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at [cityclerk@clermontfl.org](mailto:cityclerk@clermontfl.org). TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service) no later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding.

Please be advised that if you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council or Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.



# AGENDA ITEM

<b>Meeting Date</b>		
Wednesday, September 20, 2023		
<b>Agenda Item Name</b>		
Resolution No. 2023-036R		
<b>Requested Action</b>		
<b>Staff Report</b>		
<p>As required by Florida Statue 200.065, Resolution No. 2023-036R provides for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 final ad valorem millage rate. The rate proposed in the resolution is 5.0600 mills, which is the maximum amount that was set at the first public hearing on September 6, 2023 and advertised on September 15, 2023.</p> <p>The general public must be allowed time for public comments prior to the adoption of the millage rate.</p> <p>Prior to the conclusion of the public hearing, the Council must adopt a final millage rate.</p>		
<b>Additional Analysis</b>		
<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>		
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Fund Number and Description</b>	<b>Available Budget Amount</b>
<b>Exhibits Attached</b> (copies of original agreements)		
1.	2023-036R Final Millage 9.20.23	2023-036R Final Millage 9.20.23.pdf



CITY OF CLERMONT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-036R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLERMONT OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, on September 20, 2022, adopted Fiscal Year Final Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the revenue for the City’s 2023-2024 fiscal year general government budget must be raised from the assessment and levy of an ad valorem tax on each dollar of taxable property in the City of Clermont, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lake County has been certified by the Lake County Property Appraiser to the City of Clermont as \$4,893,954,520.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 final operating millage rate is 5.0600 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.6205 mills by 9.51%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

CITY OF CLERMONT

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Tim Murry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Ackroyd Howe, MMC  
City Clerk

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Clermont has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

## Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy \$ 24,192,643
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$ 2,887,086
- C. Actual property tax levy \$ 21,305,557

**This year's proposed tax levy \$ 24,763,410**

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**at**

**City of Clermont  
City Hall Council Chambers  
685 West Montrose Street  
Clermont, Florida 34711**

**A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.**

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fruit, vegetables and milk. For months, Biden has touted "Bidenomics" to frame an economic agenda centered on the middle class. He has highlighted his efforts to expand domestic manufacturing, push through historic infrastructure spending and work with Democrats in Congress to cap the price of insulin and give Medicare the power to negotiate lower costs for prescription drugs.

The White House has tried to get credit for a near 50-year-low, robust job market, including 13.5 million jobs added under the Biden presidency, and annual inflation that, according to the Consumer Price Index, is down to 3.7% from a 40-year high of 9.1% in June 2022.

Yet only 34% of Americans said they approve of Biden's handling of the economy, compared with 59% who disapprove, according to the poll.

"Food prices are going up. The rental prices are sky-high. The fuel goes up and down like a yo-yo," said Javier Torres, 65, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, who is unsure he will vote for Biden in 2024 like he did in 2020.

"It's been pretty bad and I was a supporter of Biden, so I don't know what's going on," said Torres, who is married with three children and manages a warehouse and logistics company in South Florida. "Maybe it's not all his fault - or it is? I don't know. But something's got to give."

### More Americans trust Trump than Biden on economy

The poll, a survey of 1,000 U.S. adults by mobile and landline phones from Sept. 6-11, has a margin of error of 3.1 percent.



# AGENDA ITEM

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Resolution No. 2023-037R		
<b>Requested Action</b>		
<b>Staff Report</b>		
<p>As required by Florida Statutes 200.065, Resolution No. 2023-037R provides for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 final budget.</p> <p>The general public must be allowed time for public comments prior to the adoption of the budget.</p> <p>Prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Council must adopt a final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.</p>		
<b>Additional Analysis</b>		
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1.	2023-037R - Final Budget 9.20.23	2023-037R - Final Budget 9.20.23.pdf



*CITY OF CLERMONT*  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-037R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLERMONT OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, on September 6, 2023, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$203,106,262 included in Exhibit A, attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

CITY OF CLERMONT

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Tim Murry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracy Ackroyd Howe, MMC  
City Clerk

**BUDGET SUMMARY  
CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

**EXHIBIT A**

General Fund Millage per \$1000	5.0600						
CLASSIFICATION	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund	Total Budget
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>							
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 23,191,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,191,772
Other Taxes	\$ 6,895,000	\$ 5,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,095,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 4,361,000	\$ 10,674,738	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,087,014	\$ -	\$ 25,122,752
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,195,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ 7,445,200
Charges For Services	\$ 3,109,437	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,733,227	\$ 8,420,981	\$ 41,267,845
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 988,125	\$ 159,000	\$ 750	\$ 10,000	\$ 456,000	\$ 191,000	\$ 1,804,875
Interfund Transfers	\$ 2,275,000	\$ -	\$ 3,205,606	\$ -	\$ 331,319	\$ 125,000	\$ 5,936,925
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 47,080,534</b>	<b>\$ 16,037,938</b>	<b>\$ 3,206,356</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 41,857,560</b>	<b>\$ 8,736,981</b>	<b>\$ 116,929,369</b>
<b>NON-REVENUES</b>							
Beginning Reserves	\$ 15,514,317	\$ 17,174,564	\$ 1,888,677	\$ 4,315,236	\$ 44,603,513	\$ 2,680,586	\$ 86,176,892
<b>NON-REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 15,514,317</b>	<b>\$ 17,174,564</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,677</b>	<b>\$ 4,315,236</b>	<b>\$ 44,603,513</b>	<b>\$ 2,680,586</b>	<b>\$ 86,176,892</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 62,594,851</b>	<b>\$ 33,212,502</b>	<b>\$ 5,095,033</b>	<b>\$ 4,325,236</b>	<b>\$ 86,461,073</b>	<b>\$ 11,417,567</b>	<b>\$ 203,106,262</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
General Government	\$ 5,861,485	\$ -	\$ 2,805,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,386,505	\$ 16,053,659
Public Safety	\$ 29,375,924	\$ 4,211,858	\$ -	\$ 236,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,823,782
Physical Environment					\$ 56,464,895	\$ -	\$ 56,464,895
Transportation/Public Works	\$ 5,588,769	\$ 1,428,571	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,017,340
Economic Environment	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000
Human Services	\$ 1,253,962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,253,962
Culture & Recreation	\$ 4,561,520	\$ 2,877,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,438,520
Interfund Transfers	\$ 616,502	\$ 2,589,104	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,206,319	\$ -	\$ 6,411,925
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# BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA ARE 1.2%  
LOWER THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES (S.200.065(3)(I), F.S.)

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Labor Day in Philadelphia. "And guess what? It's working."

But 44% of Americans described the economy as either "horrible/terrible/awful" or "bad/poor/weak," compared with 18% who said the economy is "excellent/good/fine/ or "growing/ improving."

Dan McKinnon, of Ludington, Michigan, who owns an assisted living and home care company, said recent pay increases he has awarded his 50 employees have failed to keep up with their cost of living.

"With the cost of housing and food and everything, they just can't make it," McKinnon said, describing a "suffocating" economy for his workers and seniors who are having trouble affording his services.

Jared Bernstein, chair of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers in the Bi-

dent erased by Biden student debt forgiveness plan. But the Supreme Court's conservative majority blocked the plan which was challenged by six conservative states and two individual borrowers.

"It's putting a crimp on my bank account to 1 and support my family with also paying the student loans and my mortgage payment and everything else," he said.

The economy would be better, the Democrat said "if Republicans kept their nose out of my wallet."

But Brian Oestrick, a truck driver from Knoxville, Tennessee, who believes the economy would be better if Trump were still president, doesn't see any signs of improvement.

"It's going to get a lot worse," he said, "before it gets better."