***HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL***

***Final Public Budget Hearing***

***September 30, 2020 5:30 pm***

***Member(s) Present:*** Decorkus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Janice Hart, Cathy Johnson, Warkeem Jordan and Dwight Vickers

***Member(s) Absent:*** N/A

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Allen.

Invocation was led by Rev. Clifford Hill followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to read Ordinance No. 384, Ad Valorem Tax Rate, one time by title only. Town Clerk Shelia Evans read the title of the ordinance. Mayor Allen recognized visitors that wanted to address the council. With there being no visitor’s comments, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Jordan to approve the final reading of Ordnance No. 384, Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert to read Ordinance No. 385, FY 20/21 Budget, one time by title only. Town Clerk Shelia Evans read the ordinance by title. Mayor Allen inquired if there were any visitors that would like to address the council. Rev. Clifford Hill, 40 Sweet Street, voiced his concern about the rate increase. Mr. Johnson explained the rate increases are tied to infrastructure. The Town received a grant to assist with the wastewater treatment facility but will have to pay out of debt services. The current rate structure is tied to sustainability and the rate structure must be compatible. Motion made by Councilwoman Jordan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bert to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 385. FY 20/21 Budget. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

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***ATTEST:***

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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk