



# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Manager's Office

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Town Council Meeting of September 13, 2021 was called to order at 5:01 p.m. On roll call, council member Crampton, council member Cooney, President Pro Tem Lindsay and President Zeidman were found to be present. Council member Araskog was absent.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Zeidman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve the agenda. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT PLEASE

There were no comments from the public.

### V. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, TENTATIVE FY22 BUDGETS AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

President Zeidman read the required legal verbiage into the record.

A. Notice of Proposed Property Taxes

B. Proposed Operating Millage Rate

C. Reasons for Proposed Operating Millage Rate Increase over the Rolled-Back Millage Rate

Town Manager Blouin explained fiscal year General Fund budget increased \$8,225,000 from fiscal year 2021 budget. The increase is mostly the result of transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund for the reconstruction of the North Fire Rescue station for \$5,500,000. Property tax revenue increased by \$2,529,700 to

cover \$1,500,000 of the North Fire Rescue station cost, and the balance to cover salary and contractual cost increases for landscaping, rental of trailers to house firefighters during the construction of the North Fire station, and contractual hiring. The transfer to the Coastal Protection fund increased by \$143,310 and the transfer to fund Risk insurance increased by \$163,048.

D. Comments and Questions from Public

There were no comments from the public.

E. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of Proposed Operating Millage Rate for FY22.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 095-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate Necessary to Fund the Tentative General (Operating) Fund Budget for the 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read the resolution 095-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution No. 095-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

F. Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

1. Commercial Solid Waste Fee Assessments  
[H. Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 096-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Collection and Disposal of Commercial Solid Waste; Establishing the Solid Waste Cost and Rate of Assessment; Imposing Solid Waste Service Assessments Against Certain Assessed Property Located Within the Town of Palm Beach; Approving the Updated Solid Waste Assessment Roll; Confirming the Preliminary Rate Resolution; Providing for Severability and Providing an Effective Date.

Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works provided the proposed rates for Commercial Solid Waste collection: Apartments current rate of \$12.80, the proposed rate of \$12.80 dollars per unit per month. Low volume, five day, current of \$0.028 to a proposed \$0.029 dollars per square feet per year. Medium volume, five day, current

of \$0.189 proposed \$0.190 dollars per square feet per year. High volume, five day, current of \$0.826, to a proposed \$0.832 dollars per square feet per year. Low volume, seven day, current of \$0.035 to a proposed \$0.035 dollars per square feet per year. Medium volume, seven day, current of \$0.234 to a proposed \$0.235 dollars per square feet per year. High volume, seven day, current of \$1.025 proposed \$1.030 dollars per square feet per year. Mr. Brazil noted the Public Works department has not received any public comments regarding the proposed rates.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 096-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 096-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

2. Worth Avenue Commercial District Improvement Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 097-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Worth Avenue Improvement Project; Providing Authority and Definitions; Approving the Final Assessment Rolls; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Improvement Assessments to Fund the Worth Avenue Improvement Project and Imposition of the Maintenance Assessments to Fund the Related Maintenance Services; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing for the Effect of this Resolution; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, explained Resolution No. 97-2021 adopts the annual rate resolution for the proposed improvement, which is a debt service and maintenance assessments for Worth Avenue Commercial District assessment area for 2022. The total net assessment is \$1,018,000.090.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 097-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Zeidman to approve Resolution No. 097-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

3. Via Fontana Underground Conversion Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 098-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Via Fontana Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Via Fontana Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, explained Resolution No. 098-2021 implements the assessment for Via Fontan Underground assessment area, the total assessment for this area is \$14,168.45

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 098-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Zeidman to approve Resolution No. 098-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

4. Everglades Island Underground Conversion Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 099-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Everglades Island Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Everglades Island Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, explained Resolution No. 99-2021 adopts the annual rate resolution assessment for the Everglades Island Underground Conversion; the total assessment is \$59,820.14.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 099-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by President Pro Tem Lindsay and seconded by Council President Zeidman to approve Resolution No. 099-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

5. Peruvian Avenue 400 Block Streetscape Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 100-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Peruvian Avenue Improvement Project; Providing Authority and Definitions; Approving the Final Assessment Rolls; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Improvement Assessments to Fund the Peruvian Avenue Improvement Project and Imposition of the Maintenance Assessments to Fund the Related Maintenance Services; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing for the Effect of this Resolution; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance explained Resolution No. 100-2021 this is the final assessment resolution, which is a debt service and maintenance assessment for the Peruvian Avenue Streetscape project. The total assessment \$124,708.10.

There was no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 100-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Zeidman to approve Resolution No. 100-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

6. Town Wide Underground Utility Project Assessments  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 101-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Townwide Underground Utility Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Townwide Underground Utility Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance discussed the assessment for the Town Wide Underground Utility Project. Resolution No. 101-2021 is the annual rate

resolution for the assessments for the Town Wide Underground Utility Project, the total assessment for fiscal year 2022 is \$4, 8400,049.24.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 101-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Lindsay and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 101-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

7. Nightingale La Puerta Underground Conversion Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 102-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements within the Nightingale-La Puerta Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Nightingale – La Puerta Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, indicated Resolution No. 102-2021 is the annual rate resolution for the assessment for the Nightingale La Puerta Underground assessment area. The total assessment for 2022 of \$42,097.72.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 102-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Cooney to approve Resolution No. 102-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

8. Lake Towers Underground Conversion Project  
[Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance]

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 103-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Relating to the Provision of the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Lake Towers Assessment Area; Approving the Updated Assessment Roll; Providing for the Continued Imposition of the Assessments to Fund the Underground Utility Improvements Within the Lake Towers Assessment Area; Providing for Collection of the Assessments Pursuant

to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; Providing Severability and an Effective Date.

Jane Le Clainche, Director of Finance, explained Resolution No. 103-2021 adopts the proposed assessments for the Lake Tower assessment area for 2022. The assessment is \$11,375.13.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 103-2021 by title into the record.

**Motion made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council President Zeidman to approve Resolution No. 103-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

G. Discussion and Adoption (with changes, if any) of a Tentative Operating Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Budgets for Other Funds for FY21.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 104-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative General (Operating) Fund, Debt Service Fund and Budgets for Other Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 104-2021 by title into the record.

There were no public comments.

**Motion made by Council Member Cooney and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 104-2021. On roll call, the motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.**

H. Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Budgets will be on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:01 p.m., in the Town of Palm Beach Council Chambers.

## VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Town Council Meeting of September 13, 2021 adjourned at 5:23 p.m. without benefit of a Motion.

APPROVED:

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Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council President

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

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Date