



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Town Council Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all council members were found to be present. Council Member Araskog arrived at 5:06 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Zeidman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Crampton 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

V. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FY22 BUDGET

A. Proof of Publication

Proof of Publication received by the Town Clerk's office and provided to Town Council for review.

B. Announcement of Proposed Operating Millage Rate

President Zeidman stated at the September 13, 2021, Public Hearing, the Mayor and Town Council, tentatively approved the proposed millage: General Fund Operating Millage 2.8966 mills. The Town of Palm Beach Fiscal Year 2022 General proposed operating millage rate of 2.8966 mills represents a 2.95% increase from the "rolled-back millage rate" of 2.8135 mills.

C. Reasons for Proposed Operating Millage Rate Increase from 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. RESOLUTION NO. 120-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting the Final Millage Rate and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022; Setting Forth Certain Information Regarding the Rolled-Back Millage Rate; Directing the Town Manager or the Finance Director to Adjust the Adopted Millage Rate in the Event of Changes in the Assessment Roll and Taxable Value; Providing an Effective Date.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 120-2021 by title.

Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay to approve Resolution No. 120-2021. On roll call, the Motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Araskog absent.

- F. RESOLUTION NO. 121-2021 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting a Final Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and Ending September 30, 2022; Providing for an Effective Date.

There were no public comments.

Town Manager Blouin read Resolution No. 121-2021 by title.

Motion made by Council President Pro Tem Lindsay and seconded by Council Member Crampton to approve Resolution No. 121-2021. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

VI. ORDINANCES

A. First Reading

1. ORDINANCE NO. 25-2021 An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town

of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida Amending Ordinance 18-2021 at Section 2 Relating To Section 34-56, Notice To The Qualified Voters of the Town Of Palm Beach, To Delete The Reference To The Time Of The Caucus; Adding A New Section 3 Providing For An Amendment To Section 34-81 Titled Petition Confirming Nomination Required; Form; Amending The Form of the Petition To Substitute the Month of December for the Month of January To Conform To The New Caucus Date; Providing For Severability; Providing For Repeal Of Ordinances In Conflict; Providing For Codification; Providing For An Effective Date.

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Deputy Town Manager Jay Boodheshwar explained Ordinance No. 25-2021 addressed some needed housekeeping issues. In addition, updated a section of the Code, omitted in recently adopted Ordinance 18-2021. Noted the deletion of a start time for the Caucus would provide council some flexibility regarding scheduling.

There were no comments from the public.

Deputy Town Manager Jay Boodheshwar read Ordinance No. 25-2021 by title.

Motion made by Council Member Crampton and seconded by Council Member Araskog to approve Ordinance No. 25-2021 on first reading. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Town Council Meeting of September 23, 2021, adjourned at 5:11 p.m. without benefit of a Motion.

APPROVED:

Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council President

ATTEST:

Queenester Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk

Date